



City of Malden

Malden City Hall
215 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148

Meeting Minutes - Final Finance Committee

Councillor Murphy, Chair
Councillor Condon, Vice-Chair
Councillor-at-Large Karen Colon-Hayes
Councillor Jadeane Sica
Councillor Christopher Simonelli
Councillor Stephen Winslow

Tuesday, December 20, 2022

5:30 PM

City Hall
Room #108
215 Pleasant Street

Roll Call

Present: 4 - Councillor Barbara Murphy, Councillor Paul Condon, Karen Colon Hayes and Jadeane Sica
Absent: 2 - Chris Simonelli and Stephen Winslow

Also Present: Council President Spadafora
Alisha McNeil, Assistant City Solicitor
Dan Grover, Treasurer
Paul Hammersley, Addiction Recovery Specialist

Councillor Murphy called the meeting to order at 5:50 PM.

Minutes to be Approved

[519-22](#) Minutes of September 20, 2022 to be approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Condon, seconded by Councillor Sica, that the Committee Minutes of September 20, 2022 be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Business

[512-22](#) Order: That the sum of Twenty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$22,500) is appropriated from available general fund free cash and transferred to Board of Health Recovery Coaches, account number 0010-510-5103

Sponsors: Barbara Murphy

Councillor Murphy said although this money is in free cash it actually came out of an Opioid Settlement the City recieved. One of the ways we would like to utilize this money is to hire a full-time recovery coach. There is a part-time position already and this money will merge with the existing money which has been funded already to create a full-time position.

Dan said the funds from the Opioid Settlement were not able to be deposited to a revolving fund so they are deposited as General Fund Revenue from the DOR which is why they ended up in Free Cash. the amount of \$22,500 represents half a year salary

since there is only half the fiscal year left.

Councillor Murphy said with the Board of Health there is a tremendous outreach in the community and the amount of people they are helping is incredible. Our overdoses and fatalities are down significantly from last year.

Paul said he has been doing this job since 2017. He is the Addiction Recovery Resource Specialist. It has been so busy and City Hall closes at 5:00 on Thursday and he has been working every weekend as the calls don't stop. It has been nights and weekends for the past five years and he needs an assistant. This new position if granted would cover weekends and nights. Malden Cares is a big part of what he does right now and it is funded by ARPA. He is at the warming center till 10:00 at night and it's seven nights a week. It would be a huge help to the City and beneficial to him. Councillor Colon-Hayes asked if this position is a new hire full-time or if there is someone already working? She also said ARPA is funding Malden Cares so who oversees Malden Cares?

Paul said there are 10 recovery coaches currently working not under the City Budget they are funded by ARPA. He oversees Malden Cares through the Board of Health. It is a collaboration between Malden Overcoming Addiction and the City of Malden. The funds are run through the City and he answers to Chris Webb, BOH Director, Anthony Chiccuarelli, HR Director, Chuck Ranaghan, CFO and Dan Grover, Treasurer.

A motion was made by Councillor Sica, seconded by Councillor at Large Colon Hayes, that the Order be recommended favorably to the City Council. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[513-22](#)

Order: That the sum of One Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,200,000) is appropriated from available water sewer enterprise fund retained earnings and transferred to Water Sewer Capital, account number 6010-450-5860

Sponsors: Barbara Murphy

Dan explained Mike Neville is the new supervisor in the Water Department has done an analysis of what his needs are. This money would be used to fund a vector truck, a sewer jet, a valve turning truck, a dump truck and two pick-up trucks the money would come from Water Sewer retainer earnings. Based on his recommendations he found these trucks would be a real value to the Water Department.

A motion was made by Councillor Sica, seconded by Councillor Condon, that the Order be recommended favorably to the City Council. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Other Business

Tabled Papers

[246-22](#)

Minutes of April 19, 2022 to be approved.

[381-22](#)

Minutes of June 14, 2022 to be approved.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Councillor Jadeane Sica, seconded by Councillor Paul Condon, That this meeting be adjourned at 7:05 PM. The motion carried unanimously.