

CITY OF GARDNER, MASSACHUSETTS  
CITY COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING OF APRIL 26, 2023

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The Finance Committee meeting was called to order by Council President Elizabeth Kazinskas at 8:00 AM in the City Council Chamber, Room 219, City Hall.

Finance Committee Members Councillor Aleksander Dernalowicz and Ronald Cormier were also present.

Also participating were Mayor Michael Nicholson (via telephone conference); Community Development and Planning Director Trevor Beauregard; and City Clerk Titi Siriphan.

**Review and Approval of the Meeting Minutes**

On a motion made by Councillor Ronald Cormier and seconded by Councillor Aleksander Dernalowicz, it was voted viva voce, to waive the reading and to accept the Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of April 3, 2023

**FIRST TIME ON THE AGENDA**

**10966 A Measure Authorizing an Intermunicipal Agreement Between the City of Gardner and the Town of Templeton- Veterans Services.**

Mayor Nicholson informed the Committee that this agreement is to extend the Veterans operations to the Town of Templeton for three years. This is an agreement similar to the ones they have with the Town of Princeton, Ashburnham and Westminster.

On a motion made by Councillor Ronald Cormier and seconded by Councillor Aleksander Dernalowicz, it was voted to recommend to the City Council to APPROVE the AUTHROIZATION:

AUTHORIZING AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GARDNER AND THE TOWN OF TEMPLETON FOR VETERAN'S SERVICES

**VOTED:**

To authorize the Mayor of the City of Gardner to enter into an Inter-Municipal with the Town of Templeton for the purpose of providing Veteran's services among the two communities for the remainder of this fiscal year and through Fiscal Year 2026, under such terms and conditions as the Mayor deems appropriate and in accordance with the provisions of Section 4A of Chapter 40 of General Laws.

**10967 A Notification from the Mayor Regarding the Sale of City Properties Authorized by the City Council since 2020.**

Mayor Nicholson informed the Committee that this notification was to give the Council an update as a follow-up on properties that the Council has voted to

declare surplus. He wanted them to know the process, bids proposed, the people who were awarded the properties.

On a motion made by Councillor Aleksander Dernalowicz and seconded by Councillor Ronald Cormier, it was voted to recommend to the City Council to PLACE ON FILE, *A Notification from the Mayor Regarding the Sale of City Properties Authorized by the City Council since 2020.*

**10968 A Notification from the Mayor Regarding Information about District Improvement Financing Study.**

Mayor Nicholson informed the Committee that the City received grant funding from Community One Stop for Growth program to study whether or not the City should adopt District Improvement Financing areas.

On a motion made by Councillor Aleksander Dernalowicz and seconded by Councillor Ronald Cormier, it was voted to recommend to the City Council to PLACE ON FILE *A Notification from the Mayor Regarding Information about District Improvement Financing Study and schedule an informal meeting.*

**10969 An Order Appropriating \$350,000.00 from Available Funds-Bonds Proceeds Capital Projects Reserved to Downtown Improvement Capital Project.**

Mayor Nicholson informed the Committee that this appropriation is for Phase III of a six-phase infrastructure improvement project for the greater downtown area. This phase involves upgrades to the North Central Pathway Bike Trail and new ADA compliant sidewalks along Monument Park with new Victorian light posts.

On a motion made by Councillor Ronald Cormier and seconded by Councillor Aleksander Dernalowicz, it was voted to recommend to the City Council that the following ORDER ought to pass:

AN ORDER APPROPRIATING A SUM OF MONEY FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS-BONDS PROCEEDS CAPITAL PROJECT RESERVED.

ORDERED: That there be and is hereby appropriated the sum of THREE HUNDRED, FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS and No Cents (\$350,000.00) from Available Funds-Bonds Proceeds Capital Reserved to Downtown Improvement Capital Project.

REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE

**10958     An Order Authorizing \$5,109.19 Payment of Prior Year Operating Expenditure for Various Departments.**

Mayor Nicholson informed the Committee that this appropriation was owed in the last fiscal year that wasn't paid out because the budget ran out. It is the difference of what was included in the budget versus what they ended getting charged for when electric rates were a lot higher due to inflation.

On a motion made by Councillor Aleksander Dernalowicz and seconded by Councillor Ronald Cormier, it was voted to recommend to the City Council that the following ORDER ought to pass:

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF PRIOR YEAR OPERATING EXPENDITURE

ORDERED:        To authorize payment of prior year VARIOUS DEPTS operating expenditure account for prior year, as follows:

FY2022	VARIOUS DEPT ENERGY&UTILITY ACCTS	\$5,109.19
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**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Councillor Aleksander Dernalowicz and seconded by Councillor Ronald Cormier it was voted to adjourn at 8:20 a.m.