

CITY OF GARDNER, MASSACHUSETTS  
CITY COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUNE 20, 2023

---

The Finance Committee meeting was called to order by Council President Elizabeth Kazinskas at 6:30 PM 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 phone conference); Fire Chief Greg Lagoy; City Auditor John Richard; Building Commissioner Thomas Zuppa and City Clerk Titi Siriphan.

**FIRST TIME ON THE AGENDA**

**11018 An Order Authorizing \$150,000.00 from Golf Surplus Retained Earnings Enterprise Fund Account to Golf Supplies Expense.**

Mayor Nicholson informed the Committee that this order is out of the golf retained earnings account. It's the golf enterprise account version of free cash. This appropriation is to cover some overages that were occurred in the current fiscal year deficit in the Golf Department's supplies account.

On a motion made by Councillor Ronald Cormier and seconded by Councillor Elizabeth Kazinskas; Councillor Aleksander Dernalowicz abstained; to recommend to the City Council that the following ORDER ought to pass:

**11019 An Order Appropriating \$89,547.00 from Free Cash to the Fire Department – Overtime Salary Expense Account.**

Fire Chief Greg Lagoy informed the Committee that due to ongoing staffing issues; it has been drawing down the overtime account. Every year he needs to come before the Council to replenish that account.

Mayor Nicholson also informed the Committee that this is the complete balance remaining free cash.

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

AN ORDER APPROPRIATING FROM FREE CASH TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT – OVERTIME SALARY EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

ORDERED: That there be and is hereby appropriated the sum of Eighty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Seven Dollars and No Cents (\$89,547.00) from Free Cash to the Fire Department – Overtime Salary Expense Account.

CITY OF GARDNER, MASSACHUSETTS  
CITY COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUNE 20, 2023

---

**11020 An Order Appropriating \$31,408.47 from Available Water Funds-Vari-  
ous Receipts Reserved to Salary Account for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2023 to  
June 30, 2024.**

City Auditor John Richard informed the Committee that he was working on the budget, he factored in one employee for that salary line item instead of two positions. It should be for two positions. This appropriation is for the difference.

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:

AN ORDER APPROPRIATING AN ADDITIONAL SUM OF MONEY FROM AVAILABLE WATER FUNDS-VARIOUS RECEIPTS RESERVED TO SALARY ACCOUNT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024.

*ORDERED:* That there be and is hereby appropriated for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 the additional sum of THIRTY-ONE THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED EIGHT DOLLARS 47/100 CENTS (\$31,408.47) from Available Water Funds-Receipts Reserved to the following accounts:

Water Dept Clerk Salary & Wages	\$31,408.47
---------------------------------	-------------

**11021 An Order Transferring \$14,000.00 from City Hall Custodian Salaries & Wages to  
Operating Expenditures.**

Building Commissioner Thomas Zuppa informed the Committee that this surplus was created when they had a night custodian who resigned. This appropriation is needed to cover the rising costs of utility expenses.

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:

AN ORDER TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS FROM CITY HALL CUSTODIAN SALARIES & WAGES TO OPERATING EXPENDTURES.

*ORDERED:* That there be and is hereby transferred the appropriations sum of Fourteen Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$14,000.00) from City Hall Custodian Salaries & Wages to Operating Expenditures.

REPAIRS&MAINT	\$8,000
ENERGY & UTILITIES	\$6,000

CITY OF GARDNER, MASSACHUSETTS  
CITY COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUNE 20, 2023

---

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Councillor Aleksander Dernalowicz and seconded by Councillor Ronald Cormier it was voted to adjourn at 6:39 p.m.