



Lowell City Council

Finance SC Minutes

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City Clerk

Date: September 28, 2021
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: City Council Chamber/Zoom
City Hall – Lowell, Ma.

PRESENT:

Present on Roll Call were Chairman Elliott, C. Conway and C. Nuon. Also present were Conor Baldwin (CFO); C. Drinkwater; C. Mercier; Mary Callery (HR); and Allison Chambers (Asst. CFO).

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

C. Elliott called the meeting to order noting those in attendance and purpose of meeting to discuss school bills and selection of City Auditor.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Mr. Baldwin provided a presentation entitled “City Council Finance Subcommittee Meeting 9/28/21” which outlined bills from prior school year related to special education services (tuition and support) and related to homeless students (transportation costs). Mr. Baldwin noted that information regarding invoices comes into the district later in time due to the nature of the services. Mr. Baldwin noted all bills were to be funded through the current school budget with no additional funding from City; however, Council will need to vote approval to honor those bills. C. Elliott requested examples of some of the services being provided. Mr. Baldwin noted that schools can provide example before vote is taken regarding approval by Council. C. Elliott noted that the money follow the special education students coming in and out of the district. C. Conway commented on the presentation and noted that there is much fluidity in the system. C. Mercier had confirmation that bills are only for prior year. C. Nuon commented on the type of services provided. Mr. Baldwin noted some administrative issues within the system concerning homeless students. **Motion** by C. Conway, seconded by C. Nuon to recommend to Council to vote in favor of payment of school bills from prior year. Adopted per Roll Call vote 3 yeas. So voted.



C. Elliott introduces second item on agenda being the selection of the City Auditor. Mr. Baldwin outlined the history of the search by use of consultants who provided candidates to the screening committee established by the City. Mr. Baldwin noted candidates and the recommendation of the committee would be current City Treasurer, Kelly Oakes. C. Elliott noted that vote would be on tonight's Council agenda and each member can make their choice. Mr. Baldwin noted that current Assistant CFO Allison Chambers would be Acting City Treasurer.

C. Elliott introduced a discussion regarding school resource officers. Mr. Baldwin noted that they are budgeted through the City and is part of Net Spending.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to Adjourn by C. Conway, seconded by C. Nuon. So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.

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