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Finance Committee Minutes 03/14/05

ARLINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
7:30 PM O'NEILL ROOM COMMUNITY SAFETY BUILDING
3/14/05

ATTENDEES:

McGaffigan	Fey*	Dunn*	O'Neill*	Mahoney*
DeCourcey*	Connors	Simmons*		
Tosti*	Foskett*	Deyst*	Ronan*	
Piandes*	Franclemont*	Jones*	Olsen*	
DuBois*	Howard*	Fanning*		Kneeland*

^{*} Indicates present

VISITORS: none

MINUTES of 3/7/05 & 3/9/05 approved as corrected. Unanimous.

GENERAL: An override steering committee has been appointed: Lyons, Thielman, Foskett.

TRANSFERS

CLERK: \$8000 GenGovt SubCom to complete study COMPTROLLER: \$60000 Finances SubCom to study

BUD 21d COA: Lib/HumServ SubCom (Deyst) recommended the budget as printed. He noted that the COA Board policy on spending the Sevoyan Trust is more restrictive than the bequest that established the trust. The salary increase of the social worker, part grant, is unclear. SubCom to investigate.

BUD 16 PUBLIC WORKS: PubWks SubCom (Olsen) reviewed this budget using a handout. He has made many corrections. He proposes to zero out holiday lighting & apply these funds (\$15k) to Snow & Ice. He recommends gradually increasing the Snow & Ice budget to a more realistic size (\$500k). He also suggests the clothing allowance be removed from the salary section of the budget book where it is confusing. SubCom to find out what services PW provides to the W&S EP (for \$902k). Also to find out if another \$300k can be expected from the Tip Fee Stabilization Fund. VOTED \$6,501,807 with possible future correction. 15-0-1

BUD 25 INSURANCE: Finances SubCom (Dunn) reduced the indemnity insurance by \$25k. A general discussion followed about health insurance. The Chair appointed an ad hoc committee (Fey, Dunn, Jones) to consider interest & pension options. VOTED \$12,259,672. Unanimous.

BUD 8 ASSESSORS: Finances SubCom (Dunn) recommended several salary corrections (see handout). VOTED \$288,444. Unanimous.

COMMITTEE: Next mtg 3/16 budgets. 3/21 School Committee. 3/23 PAYT, Minuteman. 3/28 Capital planning. Future mtgs w/ Treasurer, ConCom

Peter B Howard Secretary 3/15/05

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