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City Council Ad Hoc Budget Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, June 3, 2025
7:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Chairman Stanganelli.

Roll call was taken, present were Councilor Claudel Frederique, Councilor Pamela Gilday, Councilor Michael Hogg, Councilor Jessica Redfern, Councilor Anthony Rinaldi, President Mandeville, Councilor Nicholas Wheeler, and Chairman Steven Stanganelli.
Absent was Councilor Amanda Haggstrom

Act on Minutes

Councilor Gilday offered a motion to continue the minutes from May 15, 2025, May 20, 2025, May 21, 2025, and May 28, 2025 minutes. Councilor Hogg seconded.

Councilor Wheeler offered a motion to amend to continue these minutes to no later than July 3, 2025. Councilor Hogg seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

The main motion passed as amended unanimously, 8-0.

- Mayor Gove spoke to the fact that the expenses need to be balanced with revenues and shared that the revenues are already feeling tremulous.

2025-001 An order to adopt operating budget for FY26. -Mayor Sponsor

- Chairman Stanganelli reviewed the Kauffman Ordinance and the fact that the council can approve up to, but not exceed, the School Committee's budget and other budgets.
- Chairman Stanganelli read Mayor Gove's FY26 proposed budget order and the following objections were offered:

Total Library (610)

- **President Mandeville offered an objection to the Library Personal Expenses, Library Other Expenses, and Total Library line items.**

*****President Mandeville recused himself and passed the gavel to Councilor Gilday at 7:34 PM.**

Councilor Gilday offered a motion to approve the Library Personal Services amount of \$701,985. Councilor Rinaldi seconded, and the motion passed 7-0, President Mandeville recused.

Councilor Gilday offered a motion to approve the Library Other Expenses amount of \$235,685. Councilor Hogg seconded, and the motion passed 7-0, President Mandeville recused.

Councilor Hogg offered a motion to approve the Total Library amount of \$937,670. Councilor Rinaldi seconded, and the motion passed 7-0, President Mandeville recused.

*****President Mandeville rejoined the meeting at 7:36 PM.**

Councilor Gilday offered a motion to accept and recommend the unquestioned items totaling \$82,904,289 back to City Council. President Mandeville seconded, and the motion passed 7-1, Councilor Wheeler opposed.

Councilor Rinaldi offered a motion to accept and recommend the Total General Fund amount of \$83,841,959 back to the City Council. Councilor Frederique seconded, and the motion passed 7-1, Councilor Wheeler opposed.

Councilor Rinaldi offered a motion to recommend back to City Council a total appropriation of \$92,459,026, comprised of \$81,085,559 to be raised by taxation and \$2,756,400 to be applied by free cash, sale of cemetery lots, ambulance receipts, youth revolving receipts, cemetery trust interest, and various enterprise funds. Councilor Frederique seconded.

- Councilor Wheeler questioned why leans are higher as opposed to previous years. CFO Marisa Batista shared that this revenue was always collected, but this year the order was prepared differently with more of a breakdown. Ms. Batista further noted that this is not a significant increase in what leans are collected.

After a roll call vote, the motion passed 7-1, Councilor Wheeler opposed.

Adjourn

Councilor Rinaldi offered a motion to adjourn at 7:51 PM. The motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously, 8-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jasmine Looney

June 23, 2025