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BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

A Sub-Committee of the Lawrence City Council

MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026 AT 7:00 p.m.

200 COMMON STREET

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LAWRENCE, MA

**Note: This meeting is also being conducted as a hybrid meeting.
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**Voting Members to be determined prior to meeting.
Agenda will be updated once Committee appointments are made.**

Chair and Vice-Chair to be selected

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Minutes for Council Approval: N/A

AGENDA:

NEW BUSINESS: December 16, 2025

- 479/25 Appropriation of Funds [\$2,000,000] for Schematic Design Phase, Massachusetts School Building Authority Accelerated Repair Program – Odanis Hernandez, Chief Operating Officer, Lawrence Public Schools
- 480/25 Auth to Expend [\$232,000.00] MA Office on Disability FY26 ADA Improvement Grant
– Richard Rodriguez, ADA Coordinator
- 481/25 Auth to Expend [\$408,474.00] MASS DOT Grant – Daniel McCarthy, Planning Director
- 482/25 Appropriation Transfer [\$280,400.65] from FREE CASH to the Rail Trail Project Acct (050910-5059)
– Daniel McCarthy, Planning Director

TABLED - NEW BUSINESS: May 6, 2025

- 164/25 Fiscal Year 2026 Municipal Budget – Ramona Ceballos, Acting CAFO and Mayor Brian A. DePeña
- 169/25 Submission of the Annual Audit Report to the City Council
[FY24 Financial Statements and FY24 Reports on Federal Award Programs] – Ramona Ceballos, Acting CAFO

TABLED - NEW BUSINESS: April 1, 2025

117/25 Review of Lawrence Redevelopment Authority's Financials – Counc. Vice President Stephany Infante

TABLED - NEW BUSINESS: February 4, 2025

44/25 Opioid Settlement Funds Update – Modelo Application Development – Counc. President Jeovanny Rodriguez

TABLED - NEW BUSINESS: December 3, 2024

568/24 Transfer [\$400,000] from ARPA/Free Cash [Previously allocated to Hispanic Federation,

See DOC # 76A/24] to Small Business through the Prospering Lawrence Grant

[NOTE: See DOC # 121A/24 for established conditions of Prospering Lawrence Grant]

– Octavien Spanner, Senior Advisor, Mayor Brian A. DePeña

TABLED - NEW BUSINESS: May 7, 2024

76B/24 Resolution Amending and Rescinding the Reimbursement Requirement for the Creating a Thriving Lawrence Grant

Awardees: [\$150K] to Greater Lawrence Family Health Center and [\$100K] to Lawrence General Hospital

– Octavien Spanner, Senior Advisor to Mayor Brian A. DePeña

TABLED - NEW BUSINESS: February 6, 2024

59/24 Amend City's Housing Development Incentive Plan (HDIP) by Amending the Tax Increment Exemption

(TIE) Percentage – Daniel McCarthy, Land Use Planner

TABLED - NEW BUSINESS: MAY 17, 2022

173/22 AARPA Funding – Education - Councilor Payano

TABLED - NEW BUSINESS: October 5, 2021

234/21 Tax Collection and local receipts update for fiscal year 2024 - Councilor Rodriguez

TABLED - NEW BUSINESS: October 20, 2020

201/20 Real Estate Non-Utilization Tax on Vacant and Abandoned Property Citywide [Home Rule Petition] - Mayor Dan Rivera

TABLED - NEW BUSINESS: December 26, 2019

397/19 Review of State Funds Received by City of Lawrence for Fiscal Operation - Counc. De La Cruz

TABLED - NEW BUSINESS: June 4, 2019

193/19A Appropriation Transfer Year End Transfers between Departmental Accounts-Mark Ianello,

Finance Director - Budget & Fin. Cmt.

TABLED - NEW BUSINESS: October 16, 2018

342/18 Pavement Cost Recovery Agreements – Review – Council Vice Pres. Rodriguez

TABLED - NEW BUSINESS: June 16, 2015

197/15 Properties with outstanding taxes due the City of Lawrence – review of Payment, tax title and disposal process

– Councilor Laplante (also ref. to Housing)