

City of Salem, Massachusetts



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The City Council Committee on Administration & Finance

met in the Council Chamber on Thursday, March 24, 2011 at 6:00 P.M.

for the purpose of discussing the matter(s) listed below. Notice of this meeting was posted on

March 17, 2011 at 6:15 P.M.

(This meeting is being recorded.)

**ATTENDANCE**

**ABSENT WERE:** Councilor Rorain.

**SUBJECT(S)**

- (#146) - \$7500.00 approp. to Veterans Accounts
- (#145) - \$63,054.20 transfer to Fire Dept.
- Monthly and/or YTD Financial Reports - See Tracking Form (attached)

Mr. Martineau testified that out of the two appropriations. The \$2,000 amount is to offset the costs that the City incurred for the Sgt James Arpke funeral. The state will not reimburse the \$5,000 ground maintenance is to refurbish the flag poles on Ruelley Plaza which hasn't been done since they were installed in 1993.

Councilor Prewer asked if the appropriation was to cover Veterans Day or Memorial.

Martineau to Approve Prewer  
 Second by Councilor Pintauro  
 Moved and seconded 4-0

Order # 145

Mr. Viscay testified that the order was a result of contract negotiations with regard to Health Care Plan concessions. For every dollar saved the result was almost a 50 cent increase. A 1% raise resulted in the agreement.

Councillor Pinto asked what the savings were. The City saved approximately \$160,000 in health care costs. The net ~~savings~~ savings was in the \$70,000 dollars range.

Councillor Prevey asked about how much money is left in the account from where the money was transferred.

Mr. Viscay testified that the account was set up during the budget process with 650,000 dollars to cover expenses due to negotiations with the unions. If passed the account will have approximately \$20,000 dollars left in it.

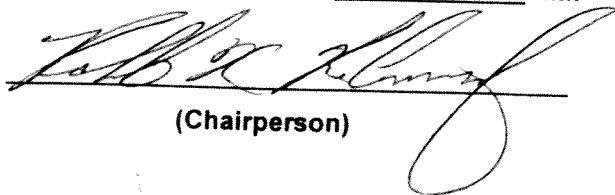
Councillor Pinto moved for approval

Second by Councillor Prevey

Moved approved 4-0

On the motion of C. Prevey

the meeting adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

  
(Chairperson)