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**FINANCE AND PROPERTY / CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
 MINUTES**

Monday, March 28, 2022, 6:30PM
 Conference Room A, 3rd Floor, Beverly City Hall, 191 Cabot St.

Houseman called to order the Finance and Property meeting at 6:32pm.

Members present: Julie Flowers, Matthew St. Hilaire, Scott Houseman

Committee of the Whole was called to order at 6:39pm.

Other Councilors present: Hannah Bowen, Steven Crowley, Kathleen Feldman, Estelle Rand, Todd Rotondo, Brendan Sweeney

Order Number	Date to Committee	Description	Action Taken
#024	1/18/2022	Councilor Houseman-Letter regarding the Financial Forecast Committee	
#058	2/22/2022	Councilor Bowen and Councilor Houseman-Rodent infestation in downtown and other neighborhoods	
#060	2/22/2022	Councilor Houseman-A letter to meet with Finance & Property for discussion on the budget	
#062	2/22/2022	Councilor Houseman-National Grid Cable Transmission Project	
#064	2/22/2022	Councilor Houseman-Rodent Control	
#076	3/7/2022	Community Preservation Committee-9th Round CPA Project Funding Recommendations	Public hearing 4/4/22 at 7:30pm

Order #060-Councilor Houseman-A letter to meet with Finance & Property for discussion on the budget

Houseman gave an introduction and stated that this is an opportunity for the Council to discuss what they would like relative to this budget and how they see their role in the budget process. Houseman stated this is an opportunity for the council to organize around its own priorities and agenda with the budget.

Several councilors expressed their support for more money going to roads and sidewalks.

Houseman stated he would like to see a capital projects fund.

City Council Budget Analyst Gerry Perry reviewed the Board of Assessors role and the increases in residential property values.

There was some discussion on the option for a different rate for non-owner occupied properties.

Rand stated another priority for her is that the counselors in training for parks programs do not get paid which is not equitable.

Feldman stated she had mentioned that in the equity audit and thought it might be changed this year.

Perry offered to speak to the finance director about possibly adding more to roads and sidewalks even this year with free cash.

The motion to adjourn Committee of the Whole was made and seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously. The motion to adjourn the Finance and Property meeting was made and seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion carried (3-0). The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.