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**Finance and Property/City Council Committee of the Whole**  
**Minutes**  
**Monday, April 11, 2022, 7:00PM**  
**Conference Room A, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Beverly City Hall, 191 Cabot St.**

Houseman call to order the Finance and Property meeting at 7:00 pm.

Members present: Scott D. Houseman, Chair; Julie R. Flowers; Matthew J. St. Hilaire  
Committee of the Whole was called to order at 7:01 pm

Other Councilors present: Hannah Bowen, Steven Crowley, Brendan Sweeney

No action was taken on Orders 024; 058; 062;064; 076.

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

Houseman reintroduced the purpose of Order #060 as an opportunity for the Council to discuss what they priorities they may have regarding the FY2023 budget and how they see their role in the budget process.

All Councilors expressed interest in increasing the amount of money going for roads and sidewalks. There was general discussion about how the amount of free cash that remains after the Council approved the Mayor's recent free cash transfers in the amount of \$3,802,908.

St. Hilaire expressed interest in knowing the status of the ARPA fund administration, and there was general discussion about what Councilors knew or did not know about that. All Councilors expressed interest in hearing more from the administration more frequently about that.

Houseman asked Councilors what other budgetary priorities they had for the coming budget, and there was general conversation about the items Councilors mentioned.

All Councilors said they would like to meet soon with the Mayor and the Finance Director to discuss APRA and share budget priority ideas. Agreement was expressed to request both of them to join the next subcommittee meeting for that purpose. Houseman agreed to formally invite them.

A motion to adjourn Committee of the Whole was made (Bowen) and seconded (Crowley). A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously. A motion to adjourn the Finance and Property meeting was made (St. Hilaire) and seconded (Flowers), and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.