

## **2023 Minutes of the Somerville City Council**

**Kimberly M. Wells**  
**City Clerk**

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# **CITY OF SOMERVILLE**

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CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS: *Judy Pineda Neufeld, Matthew McLaughlin, Willie Burnley, Jr., Naima Sait, Wilfred Mbah*

EQUITY, GENDER, SENIORS, FAMILIES AND VULNERABLE POPULATIONS: *Kristen Strezo, Judy Pineda Neufeld, Jesse Clingan*

FINANCE: *Jake Wilson, J.T. Scott, Naima Sait, Willie Burnley, Jr., Jesse Clingan*

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: *Kristen Strezo, Wilfred Mbah, Jesse Clingan*

LAND USE: *Matthew McLaughlin, Lance Davis, Ben Ewen-Campen, Judy Pineda Neufeld, Jake Wilson*

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS: *Lance Davis, Willie Burnley, Jr., Wilfred N. Mbah, Ben Ewen-Campen, J.T. Scott*

LICENSES AND PERMITS: *Willie Burnley, Jr., Wilfred Mbah, Ewen-Campen*

OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY: *Wilfred Mbah., Naima Sait, Kristen Strezo, Jake Wilson, J.T. Scott*

PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY: *Matthew McLaughlin, Lance Davis, Naima Sait*

PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS: *Jesse Clingan, Matthew McLaughlin, Kristen Strezo*

TRAFFIC AND PARKING: *Naima Sait, Judy Pineda Neufeld, Jake Wilson*

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CHARTER REVIEW (SPECIAL): *J.T. Scott, Jake Wilson, Matthew McLaughlin*

RODENT ISSUES (SPECIAL): *Jesse Clingan, Jake Wilson, Matthew McLaughlin*

RULES (SPECIAL): *Willie Burnley, Jr, Lance Davis, Ben Ewen-Campen*

SCHOOL BUILDING FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE (SPECIAL): *Lance Davis, Jesse Clingan, Naima Sait*

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 ANTI-DISPLACEMENT TASK FORCE: Kristen Strezo  
 ARPA ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Judy Pineda Neufeld  
 BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Willie Burnley, Jr.  
 COMMUNITY CABINET: Kristen Strezo  
 HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE: Lance Davis  
 MEMORIALIZATION COMMITTEE: Jesse Clingan  
 MUNICIPAL JOB CREATION AND RETENTION TRUST: Wilfred Mbah  
 PARKING STUDY TASKFORCE AND WORKING GROUP: Kristen Strezo  
 PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING WORKING GROUP: Naima Sait  
 PEDESTRIAN AND TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Wilfred Mbah  
 PILOT ADVISORY TASK FORCE: Jesse Clingan  
 POLICE CHIEF SELECTION COMMITTEE: Jake Wilson  
 PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING COMMITTEE: Matthew McLaughlin  
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 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND INSTRUCTION: *Emily Ackman, Laura Pitone, Ellenor Barish*  
 FINANCE AND FACILITIES: *Sarah Phillips, Andre Green, Leiran Biton*  
 RULES MANAGEMENT: *Ellenor Barish, Leiran Biton, Laura Pitone*

**SPECIAL SUBCOMMITTEES** (*Chair listed first, vice chair second*):

LONG RANGE PLANNING: *Ilana Krepchin, Sarah Phillips, Emily Ackman, Andre Green, Laura Pitone, Ellenor Barish, Leiran Biton, Katjana Ballantyne, Ben Ewen-Campen*





# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## City Council City Council Organizational Meeting

### Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 3, 2023

6:00 PM

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#### 1. OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Ward Five City Councilor Beatriz Gomez Mouakad.

- 1.1. Roll Call                      Call of the Roll.  
(ID # [23-0001](#))

**RESULT:**      **PLACED ON FILE**

#### 2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- 2.1. Election                      Election of a President for 2023: Motion, That Councilor Ewen-Campen be elected President of this Council..  
(ID # [23-0002](#))

Councilor Ewen-Campen was nominated and elected as President of the City Council for 2023. City Clerk Kimberly Wells administered the oath of office to Councilor Ewen-Campen, who then assumed the chair.

**RESULT:**      **APPROVED**

**AYE:**              City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:**        City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

- 2.2. Election                      Election of a Vice President for 2023: Motion, That Councilor Pineda Neufeld be elected Vice President of this Council..  
(ID # [23-0003](#))

Councilor Pineda Neufeld was nominated and elected as Vice President of the City Council for 2023. City Clerk Kimberly Wells administered the oath of office to Councilor Pineda Neufeld.

**RESULT:**      **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

### 3. RECESS FOR THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The meeting was recessed at 6:14 PM and reconvened at 6:26 PM.

### 4. ADDRESSES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

- 4.1. Officer's Communication  
(ID # [23-0004](#))
- School Committee Chair's Address.

School Committee Chair Andre Green's address is available for viewing via the City Council's meeting portal and the City's YouTube channel, [youtube.com/SomervilleCityTV](https://youtube.com/SomervilleCityTV).

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

- 4.2. Communication  
(ID # [23-0005](#))
- President's Address.

President Ben Ewen-Campen's address is available for viewing on the City Council's legislative portal and the City's YouTube channel, [youtube.com/SomervilleCityTV](https://youtube.com/SomervilleCityTV).

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

- 4.3. Mayor's Communication  
(ID # [23-0006](#))
- Mayor's Mid-Term Address.

Mayor Katjana Ballantyne's address is available for viewing on the City Council's legislative portal and the City's YouTube channel, [youtube.com/SomervilleCityTV](https://youtube.com/SomervilleCityTV).

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

### 5. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

- 5.1. Order  
(ID # [23-0007](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin  
That this City Council adopts for 2023 the Rules of the City Council as approved on February 10, 2022.

**RESULT:** APPROVED



- 5.2. Order By Councilor Pineda Neufeld  
(ID # [23-0008](#)) That this City Council hereby revives all business pending before this Council or its Committees at the end of 2022 and recommits the revived items back to this Council or its proper Committees, except the item that was pending in the Special Committee on Flood Forum is committed instead to the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, as attached.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 5.3. Order By Councilor Scott  
(ID # [23-0009](#)) That the bonds of the City Treasurer/Tax Collector be hereby accepted and approved.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 5.4. Order By Councilor Wilson  
(ID # [23-0010](#)) That the City Treasurer is hereby authorized to appoint Deputy Tax Collectors.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 5.5. Communication By Councilor Ewen-Campen  
(ID # [23-0011](#)) In his capacity as President, conveying this City Council's Standing and Special Committee assignments and Commission appointments for 2023.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

**6. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

**7. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

- 8.1. Election Drawing of Seats for 2023.  
(ID # [23-0012](#))

President Ewen-Campen appointed Councilors Wilson and Strezo to draw the seat assignments:

1. Matthew McLaughlin
2. Lance L. Davis
3. J. T. Scott
4. Kristen Strezo
5. Jesse Clingan
6. Jake Wilson
7. Willie Burnley Jr.
8. Beatriz Gomez Mouakad
9. Charlotte Kelly
10. Judy Pineda Neufeld
11. Ben Ewen-Campen

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

**9. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

**10. LATE ITEMS**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was Adjourned at 7:39 PM.



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## City Council

### Meeting Minutes

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**Thursday, January 12, 2023**

**7:00 PM**

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#### **1. OPENING CEREMONIES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen.

The City Council entered into recess at 9:04 PM and returned at 9:15 PM.

- 1.1. Roll Call                      Call of the Roll.  
(ID # [23-0089](#))

Councilor Strezo arrived at 7:04PM.

**RESULT:     PLACED ON FILE**

- 1.2. Remembrances              Remembrances.  
(ID # [23-0090](#))

Councilor McLaughlin requested a moment of silence for Alfred "Al" and Joan Snow.

President Ewen-Campen requested a moment of silence for Sayed Faisal.

**RESULT:     APPROVED**

- 1.3. Minutes                      Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, November 22, 2022.  
(ID # [23-0091](#))

**RESULT:     APPROVED**

#### **2. CITATIONS**

#### **3. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

#### **4. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

- 4.1. Order  
(ID # [23-0055](#))
- By Councilor Clingan
- That the Director of Engineering and the Superintendent of Water and Sewer appear before this Council's Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works to discuss the notification protocols for street work and water shutoffs.
- Councilor Clingan wants to address the timeliness of notification given to residents so that they can plan for the lack of water.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
- 4.2. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0056](#))
- By Councilor Clingan, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson
- That the Administration update this Council on the cable franchise contract negotiations with Comcast and explain what the process entails.
- Councilor Clingan noted that negotiations have been ongoing for months and he is seeking information on the process and what the city is getting in return, as this is in the public interest. The current contract expires March 31, 2023. Council Scott spoke about some areas of the city have only one provider, while some areas have two and he believes that this is a result of franchise negotiations.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
- 4.3. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0057](#))
- By Councilor Clingan
- That the Administration update this Council on the contract renewal process with TZE and discuss how the process works.
- Councilor Clingan noted that TZE is the city's general contractor and he thinks that they are taking some liberties with how things are done in Somerville. He wants to know what factors are in the contract renewal and who is monitoring TZE's actions. Councilor Wilson spoke about the number of late invoices submitted to the city by TZE.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

4.4. Order  
(ID # [23-0052](#))

By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson

That this City Council's Committee on Land Use work with the Director of Planning, Preservation and Zoning to draft an amendment to the Zoning Ordinances to remove the prohibition on more than four unrelated adults living together.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld assumed the Chair. Councilor Ewen-Campen spoke on the item and made a series of arguments why the prohibition should be removed. He commented that the law is unevenly enforced throughout the city and believes that it is discriminatory to low-income people and students. Councilor Wilson asked how this might interact with the state's Lodging House laws. Councilor Gomez Mouakad commented that this is one way to make housing more affordable.

**RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

4.5. Order  
(ID # [23-0054](#))

By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson

That the Director of Mobility formally petition the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to lower the speed limits on all state roads in Somerville to 25 miles per hour.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld assumed the Chair. Councilor Ewen-Campen spoke on the item saying that City Councils may now petition MA DOT to have speed limits lowered within their municipalities. Councilor Wilson commented that lower speed limits would make the city better and safer.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

4.6. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0053](#))

By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Scott, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson

That this City Council calls on the Administration to reverse its decision to remove the Somerville Media Center and the Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers from the city-owned building at 90-92 Union Square, and to work with these community partners to find them suitable homes in Somerville before any further action is taken.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld assumed the Chair. Councilor McLaughlin spoke on the item saying that the point has been reached where someone will get hurt. He spoke about how the Media Center was influential in his life growing up in Somerville and he thinks that this is basically a tenant/landlord issue, with the city being the landlord. He said that the Media Center and MAPS needs a home and that they are being forced out by the city to make room for a new non-profit entity. He pointed out that the Media Center is a Somerville organization that has benefited the city. He said that if this isn't resolved, he won't support the FabLab coming into the city and he will take steps to keep the building vacant. Councilor Scott noted that the disrepair of the building has been going on for 5 years and he believes that the city has used this strategy to displace MAPS and the Media Center. Councilor Ewen-Campen acknowledged that the current city administration inherited this problem from the prior administration. Councilor McLaughlin pointed out that the city has several properties that were taken by eminent domain, so he feels that there are options available. Legislative Liaison Carrillo stated that the Administration is committed to resolving this situation.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

4.7. Order  
(ID # [23-0064](#))

By Councilor Strezo, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Scott

That this City Council's Committee on Housing and Community Development discuss the attached letter from the Somerville Fair Housing Commission regarding the current Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination backlog.

Councilor Strezo noted that there is a backlog of complaints at MCAD. Councilors Wilson and Scott commented on the possibility of passing enabling legislation to help to relieve the problem.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

- 4.8. Order  
(ID # [23-0061](#))
- By Councilor Strezo  
That the Commissioner of Public Works report on the maintenance schedule of street and traffic lights, including the number damaged or burned out.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
- 4.9. Order  
(ID # [23-0062](#))
- By Councilor Strezo, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development and the Environmental Health Coordinator discuss the feasibility of including neighborhood-specific rat control funding in Community Benefits Agreements.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Rodent Issues Special Committee
- 4.10. Order  
(ID # [23-0063](#))
- By Councilor Strezo, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Scott and Councilor Clingan  
That the Environmental Health Coordinator and the Director of Inspectional Services discuss resident reports of cars damaged by rats over the past five years.
- Councilor Kelly queried how much residents are paying to repair the damages and believes that the city should be responsible. Several Councilors related stories of constituents having vehicles damaged by rats.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Rodent Issues Special Committee
- 4.11. Order  
(ID # [23-0067](#))
- By Councilor Strezo  
That the Director of Housing discuss the feasibility of small home pocket neighborhoods to help address the affordable housing crisis.
- Councilor Strezo explained that these are small home collaboratives and might be useful as a way to aid the housing shortage.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

4.12. Order  
(ID # [23-0066](#))

By Councilor Strezo and Councilor Pineda Neufeld

That the Director of Parking create a special parking designation for the area surrounding Holland Street, to accommodate seniors visiting the Council on Aging between the hours of 8 AM to 3 PM, Monday through Friday.

Councilor Clingan commented that Tufts has been enforcing parking rules at their lot and he feels that they should be making concessions for seniors visiting the Council on Aging facility. Councilor Pineda Neufeld noted that there will be a meeting next Tuesday to discuss possible options.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

4.13. Withdrawn  
(ID # [23-0065](#))

Withdrawn.

**RESULT:** **WITHDRAWN**

4.14. Order  
(ID # [23-0082](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Wilson

That the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator, the Director of Inspectional Services, and the Director of Planning, Preservation & Zoning explain to this Council how the City provides oversight for compliance with Fair Housing Act Design Guidelines, the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board CMR 521 and the ADA Standards for Accessible Design, from plan review through building and occupancy permits.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad spoke about an issue at 165 Cedar Street, saying that the relevant departments are not on the same page. She feels that accessibility needs to be looked at during the planning process. Councilor Scott sponsored Holly Simione, Somerville Commission for Persons with Disabilities, to address the Council. Ms. Simione spoke about the things that could be done to make areas accessible and noted that there is a tremendous backlog in the city of areas needing accessibility and said that some of the corrections might have been avoided, had things been done right the first time.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee



- 4.15. Order  
(ID # [23-0083](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly and Councilor Strezo  
That the Director of Mobility consider improvements to deficient conditions impacting the safety and pedestrian accessibility of Cedar Street.
- Councilor Gomez Mouakad listed several deficiencies and would like to bring them to the attention of the Traffic Commission.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee
- 4.16. Ordinance  
(ID # [23-0075](#))
- By Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Kelly  
Amending Chapter 2, Article VI, Division 2 of the Code of Ordinances by adding a new section establishing Paid Leave for Survivors.
- Councilor Burnley spoke about the number of domestic violence incidents reported in MA. He feels that Somerville needs to do more than it's doing to assist survivors of violence.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee
- 4.17. Ordinance  
(ID # [23-0076](#))
- By Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Kelly, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Scott  
Amending Chapter 8, Article I of the Code of Ordinances by adding a new section regarding Closed Captioning Accessibility.
- Councilor Burnley explained that this would be a way to reduce communication barriers for people with hearing loss. He sponsored Holly Simone, who spoke in favor of the proposal and about the importance of being able to communicate when you can't hear. She acknowledged that closed captioning has its limitations, but said it is a valuable resource. Councilor Gomez Mouakad asked what it would take to have the city change to the Zoom platform, so that closed captioning made be used. City Clerk Kimberly Wells responded that the city is close to signing a contract for closed captioning and expects it to be available for the February Council meetings.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee
- 4.18. Order  
(ID # [23-0081](#))
- By Councilor Burnley Jr.  
That the Board of Health deliver its annual report to this City Council in January, in compliance with Section 6-20 of the Code of Ordinances, with emphasis on the work to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

4.19. Order  
(ID # [23-0080](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Kelly, Councilor Scott, Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the Director of Procurement and Contracting Services update this Council on the status of the citywide disparity study.

Councilor Scott commented that the Administration has not been moving this matter forward.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee

4.20. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0077](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr.  
In Support of Survivors.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

4.21. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0078](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Kelly, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Scott  
Supporting Closed Captioning Accessibility.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

4.22. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0079](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Kelly, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson  
Supporting the Eradication of Medical Debt.

Councilor Burnley spoke about people drowning in medical debt through no fault of their own, adding that the impacts are disproportionately felt by Black, Latino and veteran populations. He believes that the city should take steps to eradicate medical debt by using ARPA funds, adding that the city has a moral obligation to do so. He believes that this would be a win for Somerville and its residents and he called on the city administration to work on this. Councilor Kelly asked for support from the Council to urge the administration to allocate funding for this proposal.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

- 4.23. Order  
(ID # [23-0068](#))
- By Councilor Wilson, Councilor Kelly and Councilor Pineda Neufeld  
That the Director of Mobility and the Director of Engineering update this Council on the possibility of increasing installation of traffic calming measures beyond the number of projects currently planned for 2023.
- Councilor Wilson noted the increase in speed humps in the city and he would like to ramp up the number this year.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee
- 4.24. Order  
(ID # [23-0069](#))
- By Councilor Wilson and Councilor Kelly  
That the Environmental Health Coordinator update this Council on any past pilots and any future plans for use of rodent hormonal birth control.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Rodent Issues Special Committee
- 4.25. Order  
(ID # [23-0070](#))
- By Councilor Wilson and Councilor Pineda Neufeld  
That the Director of the Office of Sustainability and Environment update this Council on plans for a pilot of on-street direct current fast charging stations for electric vehicles.
- Councilor Wilson comment on the need for having available charging stations.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee
- 4.26. Order  
(ID # [23-0071](#))
- By Councilor Wilson  
That the Director of the Office of Sustainability and Environment and the Commissioner of Public Works update this Council on plans for household hazardous waste collection.
- Councilor Wilson would like to hear the city's long-term plans on this issue.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
- 4.27. Order  
(ID # [23-0072](#))
- By Councilor Wilson, Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Kelly  
That the Director of Human Resources update this Council on the number of current job vacancies and the number of positions filled in 2022.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

- 4.28. Resolution (ID # [23-0073](#)) By Councilor Wilson, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Scott  
That the Administration and School Department prioritize fully meeting Somerville Public Schools families' demand for after school and vacation programming in the 2023-24 school year, including expanding the offerings of after-school enrichment clubs.
- Councilor Wilson wants to begin a conversation on this well before budget season. He sees a huge demand that exceeds capacity and he wants to explore alternative of ways of funding community schools. Councilor Gomez Mouakad noted the lack of staff for after school programs.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**6.A. CHARTER REVIEW SPECIAL COMMITTEE**

- 6.A.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-0047](#)) Report of the Charter Review Special Committee, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on January 11, 2023.
- Councilor Scott presented the Committee Report and spoke about the voting recommendations of the Review Committee. The next meeting will deal with some balance of power issues.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- 6.A.2. Resolution (ID # [23-0098](#)) By Councilor Scott  
Supporting the recommended language by the Charter Review Committee on expanding voting rights to non-citizen residents.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- 6.A.3. Resolution (ID # [23-0099](#)) By Councilor Davis  
Supporting the recommended language by the Charter Review Committee on expanding voting rights to 16- and 17-year old residents.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- 6.A.4. Resolution (ID # [23-0100](#)) By Councilor Burnley Jr.  
Supporting the recommended language by the Charter Review Committee on reducing signature requirements for several elected officials.
- RESULT:** APPROVED

- 6.A.5. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0102](#)) By Councilor Kelly  
That language be added to the Charter that the City Council President or designee and School Committee Chair or designee be included in the composition of all study committees.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

## 7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 7.1. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0087](#)) Requesting ordainment of an amendment to the Code of Ordinances, Section 1-11 (Penalties and violations), to codify Traffic & Parking fines.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

- 7.2. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0084](#)) Requesting the adoption of the Specialized Energy Code, 225 CMR, Sections 22 and 23, including Appendices RC and CC, in their entirety as the minimum energy code for the City.

Liaison Carrillo noted that the expected implementation date is July 1st and the Administration would like to begin discussions on the matter next week.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

- 7.3. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0060](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Cynthia L. Amara as City Solicitor.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

- 7.4. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0059](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Charles J. Breen, Jr. as Fire Chief Engineer.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

- 7.5. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0049](#)) Requesting authorization to borrow \$4,545,827 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for streets and sidewalk reconstruction.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading and asked that this item be referred to the Committee on Finance.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0016](#)) Requesting approval to appropriate \$100,000 from the Encore Artist and Cultural Support Stabilization Fund to support Local Cultural Council grants to artists, organizations, and schools.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading and asked that this item be referred to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0037](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$5,000 from the Office of Sustainability and Environment Ordinary Maintenance Account to the Office of Sustainability and Environment Personal Services Account to reallocate approved funding for interns to the appropriate budget line.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading and asked that this item be referred to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0043](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$1,050 gift with no new match required, from Tufts University Technology Support Center to the Council on Aging to reduce the cost of a luncheon for older adults.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading and asked that this item be referred to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0046](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$95,474.26 using available funds in various Department of Public Works Ordinary Maintenance Accounts for various services.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading and asked that this item be referred to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0017](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$3,332 using available funds in the Office of Sustainability and Environment Ordinary Maintenance Professional and Technical Services Account for preventative maintenance of solar arrays.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading and asked that this item be referred to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.11. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0044](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$796.67 using available funds in the City Clerk Office Supplies Account for various supplies.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading and asked that this item be referred to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.12. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0035](#)) Requesting approval to extend a contract with the Community Action Agency of Somerville for an additional four months to 2/29/2023 for housing search and stabilization services.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading and asked that this item be referred to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.13. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0048](#)) Requesting that the City Council petition the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to modify the posted speed limit on State Route 38 in Somerville.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee
- 7.14. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0050](#)) Requesting that the City Council petition the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to modify the posted speed limit on State Route 28 in Somerville.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee
- 7.15. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0051](#)) Requesting that the City Council petition the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to modify the posted speed limit on State Route 16 in Somerville.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee
- 7.16. Mayor's Communication (ID # [23-0086](#)) Conveying the 2022 Surveillance Technology Annual Report.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

**8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

- 8.1. Officer's Communication (ID # [23-0038](#)) City Clerk requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Stephanie Widzowski to the position of Clerk of Committees.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 8.2. Officer's Communication (ID # [23-0039](#)) City Clerk requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Peter Forcellese, Sr. to the position of Legislative Clerk.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 8.3. Officer's Communication (ID # [23-0085](#)) Chief of Police conveying a response to item 22-1056, an order that the Chief of Police report to this Council, any verified or suspected false reports of gunshots by ShotSpotter.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

- 8.4. Officer's Communication (ID # [23-0036](#)) Fair Housing Commission Staff Liaison conveying the Fiscal Year 2021 Fair Housing Commission Annual Report.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

- 9.1. License (ID # [23-0032](#)) New Used Car Dealer License Class 2, Top Speed Vehicle, 631 Somerville Ave, 8 cars inside, 6 outside, Mon-Fri 8am-6pm, Sat 8am-2pm, Sun Closed.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

- 9.2. License (ID # [23-0018](#)) Renewing Automatic Amusement Devices License, Lucky Strike, 325 Revolution Dr.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 9.3. License (ID # [23-0019](#)) Renewing Dog Kennel License, Riverdog Daycare, 321 Somerville Ave.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**



- 9.4. License  
(ID # [23-0034](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, F.E. French Construction.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.5. License  
(ID # [23-0020](#))

Renewing Garage License, Master Used Cars, 121 Prospect St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.6. License  
(ID # [23-0021](#))

Renewing Open Air Vendor License, Next Wave-Full Circle School, 8 Bonair St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.7. License  
(ID # [23-0022](#))

Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, Aris Auto, 3 Craigie St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.8. License  
(ID # [23-0023](#))

Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, Automotive Transport Service, 40 Joy St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.9. License  
(ID # [23-0024](#))

Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, Gene Automotive, 56 Joy St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.10. License  
(ID # [23-0025](#))

Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, Intercar, 39 Webster Ave.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.11. License  
(ID # [23-0033](#))
- Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, Joy St Motors, 24 Joy St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.12. License  
(ID # [23-0026](#))
- Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, Master Used Cars, 121 Prospect St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.13. License  
(ID # [23-0027](#))
- Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, Motorcycles & More, 109 Bailey Rd.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.14. License  
(ID # [23-0028](#))
- Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 3, Nissenbaum Auto Parts, 480 Columbia St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.15. License  
(ID # [23-0029](#))
- Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 3, Nissenbaum Auto Parts, 0 Windsor St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.16. License  
(ID # [23-0030](#))
- Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, Somerville Motors, 182 Washington St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.17. License  
(ID # [23-0031](#))
- Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, Web Motor Sales, 5 Middlesex Ave.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.18. License  
(ID # [23-0045](#))
- Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Raymy Inc, Med #59.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.19. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [23-0015](#))
- The Metro Building Trades Council nominating Rodrigo Badaro to the Wage Theft Advisory Committee.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.20. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [23-0014](#))
- The Welcome Project nominating Emilio Cruz to the Wage Theft Advisory Committee.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.21. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [23-0013](#))
- Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (PERAC) submitting the required Fiscal Year 2024 retirement system appropriation.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

## 10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 10.1. Communication  
(ID # [23-0088](#))
- By Councilor Strezo  
Conveying a reporting of the Children's Cabinet.

Councilor Strezo reported that the Cambridge Health Alliance opened community based mental health centers at Cambridge Hospital, Boston Medical Center and 1 other location, to treat acute mental health problems. The crisis line phone number is 833-222-3030 and is available 24 hours per day. Walk-in services are available Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM and on weekends from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Councilor Strezo also reported that the recently opened teen center has been seeing about 50 youths per day and has added life skills programming. She is concerned about the sustainability of the program since ARPA funds will be running out.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

- 10.2. Order  
(ID # [23-0092](#))
- By Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Wilson  
That the Directors of Mobility and Traffic and Parking discuss with this Council the use of meters at electric vehicle charging stations and ability for the City's vendor to impose a monetary charge after a certain amount of time that the vehicle is parked there.
- Councilor Pineda Neufeld commented that some vehicles have been left at charging stations after being charged, which ties up spaces for other users. This is an effort to address that problem.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee
- 10.3. Order  
(ID # [23-0093](#))
- By Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the Director of Mobility share and discuss with this Council, the plan to use the \$100,000 in funding secured from the state for a traffic study of the intersection of Route 16 and Broadway.
- Councilor Pineda Neufeld reported that the state recently told the city that it (the city) should perform the study rather than the state.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee
- 10.4. Order  
(ID # [23-0094](#))
- By Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Strezo and Councilor Scott  
That the Director of Health and Human Services share with this Council any plans to encourage or require indoor masking in light of the recent COVID-19 surge.
- Councilor Pineda Neufeld noted that some communities and schools are reinstituting mask policies and she would like an update from HHS.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee
- 10.5. Order  
(ID # [23-0097](#))
- By Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Wilson  
That the Mobility Department consider adding speed humps or other traffic calming measures to Packard Avenue.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee
- 10.6. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0101](#))
- Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to require the adoption of Institutional Master Plans.
- RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

- 10.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0103](#)) Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to provide legal voting rights in municipal elections for residents aged 16 and 17 years old.  
**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee
- 10.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0104](#)) Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition further defining the purposes of the Affordable Housing Trust.  
**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee
- 10.9. Mayor's Communication (ID # [23-0107](#)) Conveying the 2022 Surveillance Technology Annual Report as it relates to Somerville Public Schools.  
**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee
- 10.10. Mayor's Communication (ID # [23-0106](#)) Conveying information regarding item 23-0084, a Mayor's Request requesting the adoption of the Specialized Energy Code.  
**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee
- 10.11. Officer's Communication (ID # [23-0108](#)) Commissioner of Public Works conveying responses to agenda items listed within.  
**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

## 11. LATE ITEMS

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:03 PM.



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## City Council

### Meeting Minutes

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**Thursday, January 26, 2023**

**7:00 PM**

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#### **1. OPENING CEREMONIES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen.

The City Council entered into recess at 7:23 PM and returned at 7:27 PM.

The City Council entered into recess at 8:57 PM and returned at 9:07 PM.

1.1. Roll Call                      Call of the Roll.

(ID # [23-0156](#))

**RESULT:      PLACED ON FILE**

1.2. Remembrances              Remembrances.

(ID # [23-0151](#))

Councilors Wilson, Clingan and the entire Council requested a moment of silence in memory of William J. Driscoll.

President Ewen-Campen requested a moment of silence in memory of Joan Lavacchia.

**RESULT:      APPROVED**

1.3. Minutes                      Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, December 8, 2022.

(ID # [23-0124](#))

**RESULT:      APPROVED**

#### **2. CITATIONS**

#### **3. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 3.1. Grant of Location Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 33 feet of conduit in Morrison Avenue, from Utility Pole 238/24A to a point of pickup at 195 Morrison Avenue.  
(ID # [23-0114](#))

Jacqui Duffy, representing Eversource, explained the reason for the request. There being no further comment, the public hearing was closed. Councilor Strezo asked what utility company owned the poles referenced in tonight's agenda item 4.13 and 4.14 and Ms. Duffy responded by saying that Eversource will send a representative out tomorrow to look at the poles and report back.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

#### 4. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

- 4.1. Order By Councilor Ewen-Campen  
(ID # [23-0127](#)) That this City Council invites Somerville resident David Gibbs to speak about the youth mental health crisis in the city.

President Ewen-Campen sponsored Mr. Gibbs to address the Council. Mr. Gibbs spoke about his son's recent suicide and noted that many young people are struggling with emotional problems, drug abuse, etc. He spoke about some of the contributing factors, including poverty and guns. Mr. Gibbs went on to say that there's a need to provide good jobs, re-imagine mental health services, and use revenue to help the most vulnerable. With \$19.6 billion in annual gun sales, the death pandemic due to guns increases each year. He believes that gun control is the best method to prevent suicide and that the 2nd amendment needs to be rewritten. He feels that people should collectively give up guns and work to make them illegal while trying to find creative ways to stop the flow of guns locally. Mr. Gibbs closed his address by saying that America's gun policy is insane and that there's no NARCAN for a bullet.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 4.2. Order By Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Wilson  
(ID # [23-0128](#)) That the Director of Engineering build an ADA-compliant sidewalk bump-out around the large tree on Walnut Street, just south of Summit Avenue.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld assumed the Chair.

Councilor Ewen-Campen spoke about the difficulty being experienced by some pedestrians when walking in various parts of the city, including at this location. Councilor Wilson would like the city to address this as soon as possible.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

4.3. Order  
(ID # [23-0129](#))

By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Kelly  
That the Director of Engineering expand the traffic island at Spring and Atherton Streets to remove the slip lane, and connect the green space to the west side of Spring Street.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld assumed the Chair.

Councilor Ewen-Campen spoke about creating a small parklet at this location.

(Councilor Ewen-Campen returned to the Chair.)

**RESULT: APPROVED**

4.4. Order  
(ID # [23-0131](#))

By Councilor Kelly  
That the Director of Inspectional Services and the Environmental Health Coordinator update this Council on the SMART box program and other rodent control measures.

**RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Rodent Issues Special Committee

4.5. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0130](#))

By Councilor Kelly  
That the Participatory Budgeting Working Group update this Council on the status of the participatory budgeting process.

Councilor Kelly sponsored 2 of the 11 members of the working group participatory budget team to address the Council. Katelin Firth and Eric Willisson gave a presentation explaining what participatory budgeting (PB) is, its project criteria, how it works, the purpose of the working group, as well as the group's goals and values. They spoke about spreading the word by reaching out to those not typically engaged, canvassing, using mailers and flyers, in-person events, coordinating with schools, ads, city socials, newsletters, and community meetings. Mr. Willisson spoke about the proposal development phase, proposal scoring and the voting process. The group would like to attain 100 ideas and at least 3000 votes and would like Council members to help spread the word by canvassing the city.

Councilor Wilson asked about safeguards that will be implemented and Mr. Willisson addressed those concerns. Council Pineda Neufeld asked about outreach during the fall festival season in the city and Ms. Firth replied that the group will be making efforts to meet people where they are. Councilor Gomez Mouakad noted that the city is coming into election season and said it takes time for people to build trust, so she's not sure about the effectiveness of the canvassing process. She urged the Ms. Firth and Mr. Willisson to work with the PTA's to reach out to residents. Councilor Kelly commented that it's critical that councilors participate. The plan is for this process to kick off in October, although it won't be fully complete.

Additional information may be found on the city's website at:

[www.somervillema.gov/pb](http://www.somervillema.gov/pb).

**RESULT: APPROVED**



- 4.6. Order  
(ID # [23-0136](#))
- By Councilor Clingan  
That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the pothole on Ten Hills Road, near Governor Winthrop Road.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 4.7. Order  
(ID # [23-0137](#))
- By Councilor Clingan, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Kelly and Councilor Burnley Jr.  
That the Director of Communications provide this Council with an accounting of how the cable franchise fees have been expended over the past five years.
- Councilor Clingan spoke about the fees received by the city and he would like an accounting of how the funds were expended.
- RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 4.8. Order  
(ID # [23-0157](#))
- By Councilor Clingan  
That the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works hold a public hearing regarding the cable franchise agreements at its February 13, 2023 meeting.
- RESULT: WITHDRAWN**
- 4.9. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0138](#))
- By Councilor Clingan and Councilor Strezo  
That the Administration provide an update on contract negotiations with local cable providers at the February 13, 2023 meeting of this Council's Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works.
- Councilor Clingan noted that negotiations are currently being held and he would like an update, making it clear that this is about transparency. Councilor Wilson commented that it's important that the city get the best deal that it can, adding that he's not a fan of exclusivity. Director Sahni noted that city staff would be at the public hearing and he suggested that the item be referred to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

4.10. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0139](#))

By Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Scott and Councilor Wilson

Recognizing January 27, 2023 as International Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld spoke on the measure saying that antisemitism is on the rise in the United States and Councilor Strezo commented that it's terrifying to realize how deeply entrenched antisemitism is. Councilor Burnley commented about a larger conversation about what happened during the Holocaust.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

4.11. Order  
(ID # [23-0140](#))

By Councilor Strezo

That the Chief of Police report to this Council, in writing, the number of drink-spiking incidents reported in the past two years.

Councilor Strezo noted that this is the second request and she would like the data as soon as possible. Councilor McLaughlin suggested that a copy be sent to the Police Department's data analyst.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

4.12. Order  
(ID # [23-0141](#))

By Councilor Strezo and Councilor Pineda Neufeld

That the Director of Parks and Recreation, the Director of Health and Human Services, and the Director of Libraries work with the School Department to discuss creating a Somerville restaurant surplus supply program, in collaboration with the Teen Center.

Councilor Strezo noted that this an opportunity to have a conversation about food waste and utilizing methods to increase food security.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

4.13. Order  
(ID # [23-0142](#))

By Councilor Strezo and Councilor McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works immediately remove the wires hanging from the pole and tied to the porch railing at 9 Pearl Street Place, and report to this Council who owns the pole.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

4.14. Order  
(ID # [23-0143](#))

By Councilor Strezo

That the Commissioner of Public Works immediately remove the wires wrapped around a telephone pole and in the street in front of 19 Church Street, and report to this Council who owns the pole.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

4.15. Order  
(ID # [23-0144](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Wilson

That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management provide an update on issues with the High School Field House track flooring material and bleachers.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad reported that there is a problem with the floor.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee

4.16. Order  
(ID # [23-0145](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad

That the Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry and the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management explain the selections of surface materials for school parks and playgrounds.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee

4.17. Order  
(ID # [23-0146](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad

That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management provide an update on the status of the Cummings School, and the potential for future occupancies and uses.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad noted that services are being created but the infrastructure is not being updated.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee

- 4.18. Order  
(ID # [23-0147](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Wilson
- That the Director of Economic Development provide an update on Use and Occupancy agreements for all Armory tenants, and explain how extensions are being coordinated with the Master Plan process.
- Councilor Gomez Mouakad noted that of this morning, the Armory does have a use and occupancy agreement. She related that she met with various departments in the city about executing a plan for the arts, and it appears that nothing is being done to address that.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 4.19. Order  
(ID # [23-0148](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Ewen-Campen
- That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management provide updates on any capital projects or improvements planned for the Armory building as part of the Master Plan process.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 4.20. Order  
(ID # [23-0149](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad
- That the Commissioner of Public Works provide an update on current and future maintenance plans for the Armory building.
- RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
6. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**
- 6.A. CHARTER REVIEW SPECIAL COMMITTEE
- 6.A.1. Committee Report  
(ID # [23-0135](#))
- Report of the Special Committee on Charter Review, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on January 25, 2023.
- Councilor Scott presented the Committee Report and said that the first 5 recommendations in the balance of power section were reviewed. There were a variety of opinions regarding the Chief Administrative Officer position, and that was left in committee for further discussion.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 6.A.2. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0168](#))
- By Councilor Scott
- Supporting the recommended language by the Charter Review Committee to maintain the Mayor-Council system of governance.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
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- 6.A.3. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0169](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin  
Supporting the recommended language by the Charter Review Committee to retain the current City Council structure.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.A.4. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0170](#))
- By Councilor Burnley Jr.  
Supporting the recommended language by the Charter Review Committee to retain a two-year City Council term.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.A.5. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0171](#))
- By Councilor Burnley Jr.  
That the proposed Charter be revised to change the language to a two-year mayoral term, and to revise the proposed vacancy process to align with that change.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.B. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 6.B.1. Committee Report  
(ID # [23-0134](#))
- Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on January 24, 2023.

Councilor Wilson presented the Committee Report and highlighted the \$4.5 million street reconstruction item, touching upon how street/sidewalk selections are made. A thorough presentation was provided by Director of Engineering Brian Postlewaite. Another in-depth discussion involved the payment of unpaid invoice in the DPW.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.B.2. Resolution  
(ID # [22-1798](#))
- By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson  
That the Administration update this Council on efforts to use District Improvement Financing to capture new tax growth, specifically for new affordable housing.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.B.3. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [22-2060](#))
- Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$358 using available funds in the Human Resources Professional & Technical Services Account for pre-employment placement exams and drug screens.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.B.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-2061](#)) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$3,012.03 using available funds in the Human Resources Professional & Technical Services Account for May 2021 Employee Assistance Program.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.B.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-2062](#)) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$4,950 using available funds in the Human Resources Arbitration Services Account for FY 2022 arbitration services.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.B.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-2083](#)) Requesting approval to appropriate \$75,000 from the Bike Share Stabilization Fund for a Blue Bike Station at Boynton Yards at 101 South Street.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Gomez Mouakad

- 6.B.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0016](#)) Requesting approval to appropriate \$100,000 from the Encore Artist and Cultural Support Stabilization Fund to support Local Cultural Council grants to artists, organizations, and schools.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Gomez Mouakad

- 6.B.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0017](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$3,332 using available funds in the Office of Sustainability and Environment Ordinary Maintenance Professional and Technical Services Account for preventative maintenance of solar arrays.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.B.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0035](#)) Requesting approval to extend a contract with the Community Action Agency of Somerville for an additional four months to 2/29/2023 for housing search and stabilization services.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.B.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0037](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$5,000 from the Office of Sustainability and Environment Ordinary Maintenance Account to the Office of Sustainability and Environment Personal Services Account to reallocate approved funding for interns to the appropriate budget line.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.B.11. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0043](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$1,050 gift with no new match required, from Tufts University Technology Support Center to the Council on Aging to reduce the cost of a luncheon for older adults.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.B.12. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0044](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$796.67 using available funds in the City Clerk Office Supplies Account for various supplies.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.B.13. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0046](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$95,474.26 using available funds in various Department of Public Works Ordinary Maintenance Accounts for various services.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.B.14. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0049](#)) Requesting authorization to borrow \$4,545,827 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for streets and sidewalk reconstruction.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Gomez Mouakad

6.C. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- 6.C.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on January 17, 2023.  
(ID # [23-0132](#))

Councilor Davis presented the Committee Report and spoke about a change in traffic enforcement, 3 Home Rule Petitions, and the Short-Term Rental Registry. Councilor Burnley spoke about the change to Section 20A, saying that this was brought forth by constituents. President Ewen-Campen commented that this would modernize the way the city handled traffic tickets.

**RESULT:**     **APPROVED**

- 6.C.2. Order  
(ID # [22-1056](#))
- By Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Ewen-Campen  
That the Chief of Police report to this Council, any verified or suspected false reports of gunshots by ShotSpotter.

**RESULT:**     **WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.C.3. Order  
(ID # [22-1057](#))
- By Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Ewen-Campen  
That the Chief of Police report to this Council, any communications between the Police Department and ShotSpotter regarding ambiguous or contested detections.

**RESULT:**     **WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.C.4. Order  
(ID # [22-1452](#))
- By Councilor Burnley Jr.  
That the City hereby rescinds its adoption of the provisions of Chapter 90, Section 20A½ of the Massachusetts General Laws.

**RESULT:**     **APPROVED**

**AYE:**           City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Gomez Mouakad

- 6.C.5. Order  
(ID # [22-1453](#))
- By Councilor Burnley Jr.  
That the City hereby adopts the provisions of Chapter 90, Section 20A of the Massachusetts General Laws.

**RESULT:**     **APPROVED**



**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Gomez Mouakad

- 6.C.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-2050](#)) Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Chapter 7, Article X of the Code of Ordinances, to add a registry component to the short-term rentals ordinance.

**RESULT:** **ORDINANCE ORDAINED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Gomez Mouakad

- 6.C.7. Officer's Communication (ID # [23-0085](#)) Chief of Police conveying a response to item 22-1056, an order that the Chief of Police report to this Council, any verified or suspected false reports of gunshots by ShotSpotter.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.C.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0101](#)) Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to require the adoption of Institutional Master Plans.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Gomez Mouakad

- 6.C.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0103](#)) Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to provide legal voting rights in municipal elections for residents aged 16 and 17 years old.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Gomez Mouakad

6.C.10. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0104](#))

Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition further defining the purposes of the Affordable Housing Trust.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Gomez Mouakad

6.C.11. Order  
(ID # [23-0172](#))

By Councilor Davis

That the Council amend the Surveillance Technology Ordinance to clarify that it covers cameras used for automated traffic or parking enforcement.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

6.D. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

6.D.1. Committee Report  
(ID # [23-0133](#))

Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on January 23, 2023.

Councilor Kelly presented the Committee Report and thanked city staff for submitting written responses to many of the agenda items. There was a discussion about safety protocols for COVID/Flu and increasing vaccinations of residents. Notification to councilors regarding major fires was discussed, as well as plans for engagement and warming centers, homelessness, and safety. Councilor Pineda Neufeld asked about the low number of vaccinations given and Chair Kelly stated that she thinks it's a demand, rather than a supply, issue. Councilor Clingan noted that the city should have a designated person to take charge of the scene at a major fire, exclusive of the Fire Department.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.D.2. Order  
(ID # [22-0058](#))
- By Councilor Kelly and Councilor Scott  
That the Director of Inspectional Services discuss with this Council how to increase reliability and frequency of enforcement of public health violations in the City.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.D.3. Order  
(ID # [22-0959](#))
- By Councilor Clingan, Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the Chief of Police provide this Council with a list of confirmed shootings between April 2018 and April 2022.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.D.4. Order  
(ID # [22-1055](#))
- By Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Davis and Councilor Wilson  
That the Chief of Police deliver to this Council, a written report of the Police Department's protocol for addressing encampments of un-housed individuals, including any resources that are offered, and whether those individuals are transported and to where.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.D.5. Order  
(ID # [22-1307](#))
- By Councilor Burnley Jr.  
That the Chief of Police provide this Council with a written report on the number of calls for service related to un-housed individuals, the nature of those calls, and the number directed toward or responded to in collaboration with the Somerville Homeless Coalition.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.D.6. Order  
(ID # [22-1359](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Community Outreach, Help and Recovery (COHR) team work in conjunction with the Homeless Coalition to address homelessness in East Somerville open spaces.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.D.7. Order  
(ID # [22-1445](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Wilson  
That the Director of Inspectional Services report on the status of the enforcement of Section 11-111 of the Code of Ordinances, regarding Registration and maintenance of vacant property.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.D.8. Order  
(ID # [22-1739](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Director of Housing and the Director of Health and Human Services update this Council regarding repeated requests to provide shelter to homeless residents.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.D.9. Order  
(ID # [22-1757](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Kelly and Councilor Davis  
That the ARPA Specialist update this Council on the City's plans to use ARPA funding to address chronic homelessness.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.D.10. Order  
(ID # [22-1761](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr.  
That the Chief of Police work with the Office of Housing Stability to submit a written report answering the questions contained within.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.D.11. Order  
(ID # [22-1767](#))

By Councilor Pineda Neufeld  
That the Director of Health and Human Services report to this Council on COVID and flu vaccination clinics and strategies to increase opportunities for residents to access vaccines.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.D.12. Order  
(ID # [22-1932](#))

By Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott, Councilor Burnley Jr., City Council Organizational Meeting, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson  
That the Chief Fire Engineer inform the appropriate Ward Councilor and Councilors-at-Large, as soon as safely practicable, when a major fire has occurred in their Ward, including the number of residents impacted.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.D.13. Order  
(ID # [22-1933](#))

By Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott and Councilor Kelly  
That the Director of Emergency Management, the Director of the Office of Housing Stability, the Director of Health and Human Services, the Chief Fire Engineer, and other relevant staff, discuss with this Council the resources and support services provided to residents impacted by a disaster or crisis such as fire or flood.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.D.14.Resolution  
(ID # [22-1934](#))

By Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott and Councilor Kelly  
That the Mayor designate a central point of contact for providing on-site response for mass displacement events such as fires and floods, and coordinating efforts to assist impacted residents.

**RESULT:**     **WORK COMPLETED**

6.D.15.Order  
(ID # [22-2123](#))

By Councilor Wilson, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Kelly and Councilor Burnley Jr.  
That the Director of Health and Human Services and the Superintendent of Water and Sewer update this Council on the feasibility of partnering with a vendor to conduct COVID-19 wastewater testing.

**RESULT:**     **WORK COMPLETED**

6.D.16.Order  
(ID # [23-0081](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr.  
That the Board of Health deliver its annual report to this City Council in January, in compliance with Section 6-20 of the Code of Ordinances, with emphasis on the work to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

**RESULT:**     **WORK COMPLETED**

6.D.17.Order  
(ID # [23-0094](#))

By Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Strezo and Councilor Scott  
That the Director of Health and Human Services share with this Council any plans to encourage or require indoor masking in light of the recent COVID-19 surge.

**RESULT:**     **WORK COMPLETED**

## 7.     COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

7.1.   Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0095](#))

Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Section 10.8 Commercial Signs, of the Zoning Ordinances, to permit commercial signs by right.

**RESULT:**     **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

7.2.   Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0111](#))

Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Ryan Kiracofe to the Community Preservation Committee.

**RESULT:**     **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

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- 7.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0110](#)) Requesting approval of the Urban Center Housing Tax Increment Financing (UCH-TIF) Zone, Plan, and Form of Agreement for Winter Hill.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0125](#)) Requesting approval to create the Opioid Recovery and Remediation Stabilization Fund.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0109](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$91,211.79 grant with no new match required, from MA Executive Office of Public Safety to the Fire Department for staffing costs.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0119](#)) Requesting approval of a time-only extension to the contract with Barletta Heavy Division, for work on the Somerville Avenue Utilities and Streetscape Improvements project.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0058](#)) Requesting approval to extend the Invoice Cloud contract for credit card processing for over-the-counter and meter transactions.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0155](#)) Requesting that City Councilors submit budget funding priorities by March 29, 2023.
- Discussed with agenda item 7.10. Councilor Wilson asked that a single item be submitted.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- 7.9. Mayor's Communication (ID # [23-0123](#)) Conveying an update on Participatory Budgeting.
- See agenda item 4.5 (item #23-0130).
- RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**
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- 7.10. Mayor's Communication (ID # [23-0159](#)) Conveying updates to the FY 2023 City Council budget requests and requesting budget priorities for FY 2024.

Councilor Wilson thinks this is an important outcome and he reported that he has met with involved parties to sketch out the process. He plans on holding a Finance Committee of the Whole meeting on March 29th to take up this matter.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

## 8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1. License (ID # [23-0153](#)) Amending Dog Kennel License, RiverDog Daycare, 321 Somerville Ave, expanding to increase capacity to 45 dogs.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.2. License (ID # [23-0115](#)) Renewing Outdoor Goods License, 130 Broadway LLC, 130 Broadway.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.3. License (ID # [23-0154](#)) Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Star Market, 275 Beacon St.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.4. License (ID # [23-0120](#)) Transferring Taxi Medallion License, from Lochmere Taxi Inc to Pierre Michel, Medallion #91.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.5. License (ID # [23-0117](#)) Renewing Taxi Medallion License, V.I.N.L. Transportation Inc, Med #65.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.6. License (ID # [23-0118](#)) Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, Pearl Street Auto Sales, 182 Pearl St.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.7. Public Event  
(ID # [23-0116](#)) Zachary Chang-Otanez applying for a Public Event License for Engineers Without Borders 6K Run on April 23 from 12pm to 5:30pm (raindate April 30).

**RESULT: APPROVED**

## 10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 10.1. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0163](#)) By Councilor Scott, Councilor Kelly and Councilor Burnley Jr.  
That the Administration provide an update regarding the progress in establishing a Warming Center for un-housed residents.

Councilor McLaughlin thinks that the city should use public spaces as warming spaces to keep people from dying. Director Sahni defined the difference between a warming center and an engagement Center and said that the Administration is looking at various locations and considering using the Armory. Councilor Kelly asked that this item be sent to committee.

**RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

- 10.2. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0164](#)) By Councilor Scott, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
Urging the Mayor to move forward without further delay on the Purchasing Parity Study.

Councilor Scott reported that the Purchasing Department has been working on this but it has been put on hold since the Supreme Court is holding hearings on affirmative action. Councilor Scott noted that this study was requested 4 years ago and now it's stopped. He went on to say that that it's up to the mayor to decide if this study should go forward and she will be meeting with the Purchasing and Economic Development Departments tomorrow. Councilor Burnley commented that the city is often at a loss to provide data on contracts and purchasing and he would like to have transparency. Liaison Singh provided an update and said the Administration shares the goal of the Council for women and minority contracts, adding that ARPA funds have been set aside for this.

**RESULT: APPROVED**



- 10.3. Order  
(ID # [23-0166](#))
- By Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Wilson, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Davis, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Clingan
- That the Director of Health and Human Services update this Council on the progress toward a Safe Consumption Site and provide a timeline for establishment.
- Councilor Burnley believes that this could be a life saver for the community. By the end of this fiscal year, this site could be operational, and he doesn't want to delay a life saving tool.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee
- 10.4. Order  
(ID # [23-0167](#))
- By Councilor Burnley Jr.
- That the Director of Mobility provide a report on acquiring e-bikes through the city's BlueBike partnership.
- Councilor Burnley commented that the city could pursue democratizing the bike program.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee
- 10.5. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0074](#))
- Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to authorize the continued employment of Acting Somerville Police Chief Charles J. Femino.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee
- 10.6. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0096](#))
- Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$6,318.46 using available funds in the Information Technology Computer Supplies Account for computer supplies, internet services, and phone services.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 10.7. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0121](#))
- Requesting approval of a time-only contract extension for CBA Landscape Architects, for the Henry Hansen Memorial Park design services beyond the three year maximum, to 9/30/2024.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 10.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0126](#)) Requesting approval of a time-only contract extension for the Weston and Sampson Engineering and Licensed Site Professional contract for Conway park beyond the three year maximum, to 12/31/2023.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 10.9. Officer's Communication (ID # [23-0042](#)) Economic Development Director conveying a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and accompanying memorandum on the 90 Washington Street Demonstration Project Plan.

President Ewen-Campen spoke about the Council's formal role in drafting the MOU. The city will create a Community Advisory Committee for this project and Councilor McLaughlin will serve on it. This item is an RFQ (request for qualifications) and he urged all councilors to read it and bring any questions to the attention of the Administration. Director Sahni confirmed that the 5 recommended edits brought forward were incorporated. Councilor Burnley noted that there were many comments regarding this project.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

- 10.10. Public Communication (ID # [23-0152](#)) Somerville Stands Together submitting comments re: Comcast franchise negotiations.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

## 11. LATE ITEMS

11.1. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0084](#))

Requesting the adoption of the Specialized Energy Code, 225 CMR, Sections 22 and 23, including Appendices RC and CC, in their entirety as the minimum energy code for the City.

President Ewen-Campen moved to discharge item #23-0084 from the Committee on Legislative Matters and bring it before the Council. Councilor Davis spoke briefly about the item. Christine Blais, Director of Sustainability and Environment, gave a presentation on the Specialized Energy Code. Councilor Scott said bulk of changes have already been approved by City Council and noted that a change in use would trigger the changes. Residential innovations will have triggers and the specialized stretch code will not change anything.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad said most radical thing we can do for our children is to go along with this.

Councilor Burnley asked what the legislative process looks like going forward. Councilor McLaughlin noted that the code could affect affordable housing with respect to density bonuses. Councilor Wilson asked about EV charging requirements. President Ewen-Campen is eager to vote on this item and get it in place by July. Councilor Gomez Mouakad moved the question. A roll call vote was requested by Councilor Burnley.

**RESULT:**     **APPROVED**

**AYE:**           City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Gomez Mouakad

11.2. Communication  
(ID # [23-0173](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad

Conveying a report of the Wage Theft Advisory Committee, meeting on January 17, 2023.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad gave a brief report on the WTAC and noted many of the infractions that are commonplace. The Chair of the Licensing Commission was invited to speak at a WTAC meeting. Councilor Gomez Mouakad reported that a job description will be put forth for support staff and she noted the support received from several unions.

**RESULT:**     **PLACED ON FILE**

11.3. Order  
(ID # [23-0174](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin

That the Director of Planning, Preservation and Zoning provide the Ward 1 City Councilor with all materials pertaining to the proposed Zoning Overhaul, introduced in 2014.

Councilor McLaughlin spoke about this item regarding a zoning overhaul, which took 5 years to get it passed. He is asking for the zoning plan information from 2014 regarding density in a transit hub to aid in the housing situation.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was Adjourned at 11:03 PM.



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## City Council

### Meeting Minutes

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Thursday, February 9, 2023

7:00 PM

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#### 1. OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen.

- 1.1. Roll Call                      Call of the Roll.  
(ID # [23-0220](#))

**RESULT:**      **PLACED ON FILE**

**Present:**      City Councilor At Large Willie Burnley Jr.  
City Councilor At Large Charlotte Kelly  
City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo  
City Councilor At Large Jake Wilson  
Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin  
Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott  
Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen  
Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan  
Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis  
Ward Seven City Councilor Judy Pineda Neufeld  
Ward Five City Councilor Beatriz Gomez Mouakad

- 1.2. Remembrances              Remembrances.  
(ID # [23-0230](#))

Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Wilson and McLaughlin requested a moment of silence in memory of Kathleen M. Sullivan.  
President Ewen-Campen urged people to donate and support those in need as a result of the recent earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

**RESULT:**      **APPROVED**

- 1.3. Minutes                      Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, January 12, 2023.  
(ID # [23-0188](#))

**RESULT:**      **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

## 2. CITATIONS

### 2.1. Citation (ID # [23-0197](#))

By Councilor Ewen-Campen  
Commending Cleanthe Marsh on the auspicious occasion of her 100th birthday.

Councilor Ewen-Campen will deliver the citation to Ms. Marsh in person.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

### 2.2. Citation (ID # [23-0228](#))

By Councilor Ewen-Campen  
Commending Ed DaSilva on the occasion of his retirement from the Information Technology Department after 33 years of distinguished service.

Councilor Ewen-Campen noted that Mr. DaSilva was the 2nd IT employee hired by the city. Mr. DaSilva addressed the Council and thanked the members for this recognition.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

### 3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 3.1. Grant of Location (ID # [23-0223](#)) Verizon applying for a Grant of Location to install 92 feet of conduit in the intersection of Herbert St and Chester St, from Utility Pole 8 to 240 Elm St.

James Delturrondo, representing Verizon, explained the reason for the request. There being no further comment, the public hearing was closed.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

- 3.2. Grant of Location (ID # [23-0224](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 102 feet of conduit in Kent St, from Utility Pole 191/3 to a point of pickup at 22 Kent St.

Phyllis Galloway, representing Eversource, explained the reason for the request. There being no further comment, the public hearing was closed. Councilor Scott questioned why the pickup was not from a closer pickup point. Ms. Galloway will have someone follow up with him. He asked that the item be referred to the Committee on Licenses and Permits.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

- 3.3. Grant of Location (ID # [23-0225](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 8 feet of conduit in Sawyer Ave, from Utility Pole 307/4 to a point of pickup at 29 Sawyer Ave.

Phyllis Galloway, representing Eversource, explained the reason for the request. There being no further comment, the public hearing was closed.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

**4. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS****4.1. Order  
(ID # [23-0211](#))**

By Councilor Strezo

That the Commissioner of Public Works immediately remove or raise above human height, the dangerously low-hanging wires in front of 102 Line Street and report to this City Council, the owner of the pole.

Councilor Strezo noted that this item has been taken care of and she thanked the DPW for handling this instead of waiting for the proper utility company to perform the work.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

**4.2. Order  
(ID # [23-0212](#))**

By Councilor Strezo

That the Commissioner of Public Works immediately remove the wires separated and tied to a fence on the property at Chapel Street and College Avenue and report to this City Council, the owner of the pole.

Councilor Strezo noted that this item has been taken care of and she thanked the DPW for handling this instead of waiting for the proper utility company to perform the work.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad



4.3. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0214](#))

By Councilor Clingan, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson

Supporting Payment In Lieu of Taxes legislation in Massachusetts, bills HD.2091 and SD.761.

Councilor Clingan spoke on the item saying that this is a re-submittal of a previous resolution. Maryann Walles was sponsored to speak by Councilor Clingan. Ms. Walles explained that this would provide a local option to impose taxes on non-profits. Chair Clingan noted that a task force was established by the Council in 2021 and, to date, no members have been appointed to that task force. He urged the administration to move forward on those appointments.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

4.4. Order  
(ID # [23-0215](#))

By Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Wilson

That the Director of Mobility consider adding speed humps to Clarendon Avenue to slow down cut-through traffic from Broadway to Massachusetts Avenue.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld amended the item by replacing “Holland Street” with “Broadway”.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

4.5. Order  
(ID # [23-0216](#))

By Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Wilson That the Director of Health and Human Services discuss with this Council, the ending of the federal COVID-19 public health emergency, its impact on residents, and the city's access to vaccines, testing and other resources.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

4.6. Order  
(ID # [23-0217](#))

By Councilor Pineda Neufeld That the Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry, the Director of the Office of Sustainability and Environment, and the Director of Communications and Community Engagement discuss with this Council, opportunities to increase communication and education of residents on the impact of black swallow-wort and how to effectively remove and dispose of it.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld would like Green Open Somerville to be part of the discussion when the item is taken up by the committee and Councilor Davis suggested that Director Oliviera be invited to attend that committee meeting, as well. Councilor Burnley asked what outcome Councilor Pineda Neufeld was seeking with this order and she replied that she would like multi-language educational door hangers, education on proper disposal methods, flyers and anything else that would help. Councilor Strezo would like to see getting school children involved in some fashion and Chair Ewen-Campen suggested possibly utilizing a summer jobs program.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS****6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES****6.A. CHARTER REVIEW SPECIAL COMMITTEE**

- 6.A.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-0209](#)) Report of the Special Committee on Charter Review, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on February 8, 2023.

Councilor Scott presented the Committee Report saying that 4 items regarding the balance of power were discussed. Some concerns were expressed by the administration about some of the recommendations. A provision for accessing information was also discussed and approved. He thanked his colleagues for their in-depth and thoughtful discussions. More discussions on the balance of power will be forthcoming in following committee meetings. Councilor Scott invited Councilor Pineda Neufeld to express some concerns she had. She spoke about allowing more time for department heads to transition into their new positions and to develop relationships with the Council. (Councilor Wilson noted that there are 2 clerks working this meeting in advance of their confirmation.)

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

- 6.A.2. Resolution (ID # [23-0235](#)) By Councilor Burnley Jr.  
Supporting the recommended language by the Charter Review Committee on adding an access to information provision.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

6.B. FINANCE COMMITTEE6.B.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on February 7, 2023.  
(ID # [23-0207](#))

Councilor Wilson presented the Committee Report and reviewed some of the 13 agenda items, including funds for the Fire Department and time only contract extensions. Several items were kept in committee for additional discussion, including the CPX lease agreement and the UCH-TIF and he asked members to contact the administration with any questions on the latter. He reported that \$38.8 million in free cash has been certified by the state. Councilor Burnley asked how much money would be allocated to the safe consumption site and Councilor Kelly explained that the start up cost for that has been earmarked in another stabilization fund. Councilor Wilson “named and shamed” the 3 companies involved in the massive opioid settlement, (Walmart, Teva and Allergan).

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

6.B.2. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to extend the Invoice Cloud contract for credit card processing for over-the-counter and meter transactions.  
(ID # [23-0058](#))

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

6.B.3. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$6,318.46 using available funds in the Information Technology Computer Supplies Account for computer supplies, internet services, and phone services.  
(ID # [23-0096](#))

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

6.B.4. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0109](#))

Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$91,211.79 grant with no new match required, from MA Executive Office of Public Safety to the Fire Department for staffing costs.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

6.B.5. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0119](#))

Requesting approval of a time-only extension to the contract with Barletta Heavy Division, for work on the Somerville Avenue Utilities and Streetscape Improvements project.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

6.B.6. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0121](#))

Requesting approval of a time-only contract extension for CBA Landscape Architects, for the Henry Hansen Memorial Park design services beyond the three year maximum, to 9/30/2024.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

6.B.7. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0125](#))

Requesting approval to create the Opioid Recovery and Remediation Stabilization Fund.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

6.B.8. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0126](#))

Requesting approval of a time-only contract extension for the Weston and Sampson Engineering and Licensed Site Professional contract for Conway park beyond the three year maximum, to 12/31/2023.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

**6.C. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

- 6.C.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-0201](#)) Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on February 2, 2023.

Councilor Strezo presented the Committee Report saying that the committee received an update on housing issues and discussed possible unintended consequences of the recent increase in Social Security benefits. Increased costs of heat and utility bills and their effect on residents were discussed. Councilor Strezo also spoke about possibly having bikes repaired in collaboration with the teen center.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

- 6.C.2. Order (ID # [22-0273](#)) By Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Kelly  
That the Director of Housing provide the data requested within for inclusionary homes built after 2016, to better understand how the program is addressing housing needs.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.C.3. Order (ID # [22-0290](#)) By Councilor Strezo  
That the Director of Health and Human Services discuss the recruitment and retention of Teen Snow Shoveling Program participants.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.C.4. Order (ID # [22-1683](#)) By Councilor Strezo, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott and Councilor Wilson  
That the Director of Housing discuss how anticipated increases in utility, heating and water bills will affect affordable housing tenants.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**



- 6.C.5. Order By Councilor Strezo  
(ID # [22-1793](#)) That the Director of the Office of Housing Stability discuss the potential impact of the anticipated January 2023 Social Security cost of living increase on affordable housing.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

6.D. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- 6.D.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting in Joint Session with the  
(ID # [23-0203](#)) Planning Board on February 2, 2023.

Councilor McLaughlin presented the Committee Report and gave brief summaries of the 4 public hearings that were held. Each public hearing was kept open until noon on February 10th. The particulars of each item are contained in the committee minutes.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

6.E. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- 6.E.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on January 31,  
(ID # [23-0191](#)) 2023.

Councilor Davis presented the Committee Report and noted that the School Department requested that any questions about the annual School Department surveillance report be referred to them. Councilor Davis reviewed several of the items discussed including extending the time for Police Chief Femino to serve in an acting capacity.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad



- 6.E.2. Order  
(ID # [22-0037](#))
- By Councilor Davis  
That the administration advise the City Council, and provide the language to allow cannabis delivery in the most streamlined way possible.
- RESULT:**     **WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.E.3. Order  
(ID # [22-0047](#))
- By Councilor Davis  
That the Administration re-submit the Report of the Clean and Open Elections Task Force.
- RESULT:**     **WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.E.4. Order  
(ID # [22-0180](#))
- By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Scott, Councilor Kelly and Councilor Clingan  
That the Director of Housing provide a written update on the current status of compliance with the Short-Term Rental Ordinance.
- RESULT:**     **WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.E.5. Order  
(ID # [22-0451](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Scott, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Davis and Councilor Burnley Jr.  
That the City Solicitor prepare a revision to the appropriate ordinance so vehicles that are parked in a crosswalk, or blocking a bicycle lane, ADA ramp, bus stop, or sidewalk may be towed as well as ticketed.
- RESULT:**     **WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.E.6. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0074](#))
- Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to authorize the continued employment of Acting Somerville Police Chief Charles J. Femino.
- RESULT:**     **APPROVED**
- AYE:**             City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad
- NAY:**             City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.
- 6.E.7. Mayor's  
Communication  
(ID # [23-0086](#))
- Conveying the 2022 Surveillance Technology Annual Report.
- RESULT:**     **WORK COMPLETED**

6.E.8. Mayor's  
Communication  
(ID # [23-0106](#))

Conveying information regarding item 23-0084, a Mayor's Request requesting the adoption of the Specialized Energy Code.

**RESULT:**     **WORK COMPLETED**

6.E.9. Order  
(ID # [23-0172](#))

By Councilor Davis  
That the Council amend the Surveillance Technology Ordinance to clarify that it covers cameras used for automated traffic or parking enforcement.

**RESULT:**     **WORK COMPLETED**

6.E.10. Order  
(ID # [23-0196](#))

By Councilor Davis  
That the City Council adopt a change to the Surveillance Technology Ordinance consistent with the discussions in the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on January 31, 2023.

**RESULT:**     **APPROVED**

**AYE:**             City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

6.F.     RODENT ISSUES SPECIAL COMMITTEE

6.F.1. Committee Report     Report of the Special Committee on Rodent Issues, meeting on January 30,  
(ID # [23-0182](#))             2023.

Councilor Kelly presented the Committee Report and highlighted various areas of a presentation given at the meeting. More discussions are expected on damage done to vehicles by rats, the use of carbon monoxide in combating rats, and the relocation of Smart boxes. Liaison Carrillo noted that there are twenty SMART boxes in East Somerville. Councilor McLaughlin commented that the Rodent Committee was informed that there are no SMART boxes in East Somerville, to which Liaison Carrillo replied that the committee was misinformed. Councilor Kelly asked that the Administration provide any updated information to the committee for its next meeting. (See item 10.2).

**RESULT:**     **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

6.F.2. Order  
(ID # [22-0296](#))

By Councilor Kelly, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Pineda Neufeld  
That the Director of Health and Human Services, the Director of Inspectional Services and the Environmental Health Coordinator update this Council on current rodent mitigation plans.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.F.3. Order  
(ID # [22-0297](#))

By Councilor Kelly  
That the Commissioner of Public Works update this Council on the replacement of trash bins due to rodent activity.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.F.4. Order  
(ID # [22-0346](#))

By Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Scott and Councilor Kelly  
That the Director of Inspectional Services consider a financial relief program for low income residents who are paying out of pocket for increased rodent expenses, including car and home repairs.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.F.5. Order  
(ID # [22-2036](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Kelly  
That the Director of Inspectional Services inspect Chuckie Harris Park, the General Insulation building and 161 Broadway for signs of rodent issues and food waste.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.F.6. Order  
(ID # [22-2037](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Kelly and Councilor Burnley Jr.  
That the Director of Inspectional Services bait the sewers along Pennsylvania Avenue and adjacent streets and develop a plan to address rodent issues, in anticipation of planned water pipeline renovation.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.F.7. Order  
(ID # [23-0062](#))

By Councilor Strezo, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Gomez Mouakad

That the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development and the Environmental Health Coordinator discuss the feasibility of including neighborhood-specific rat control funding in Community Benefits Agreements.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.F.8. Order  
(ID # [23-0063](#))

By Councilor Strezo, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Scott and Councilor Clingan

That the Environmental Health Coordinator and the Director of Inspectional Services discuss resident reports of cars damaged by rats over the past five years.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.F.9. Order  
(ID # [23-0069](#))

By Councilor Wilson and Councilor Kelly

That the Environmental Health Coordinator update this Council on any past pilots and any future plans for use of rodent hormonal birth control.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.F.10. Order  
(ID # [23-0131](#))

By Councilor Kelly

That the Director of Inspectional Services and the Environmental Health Coordinator update this Council on the SMART box program and other rodent control measures.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

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**6.G. SCHOOL BUILDING FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE SPECIAL COMMITTEE**

- 6.G.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-0192](#)) Report of the Special Committee on School Building Facilities and Maintenance, meeting in Joint Session with the School Committee Building Maintenance Subcommittee on February 1, 2023.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad presented the Committee Report and gave an update on the Healey and West Somerville Neighborhood Schools heat and cooling systems. The Winter Hill School will be having an extensive evaluation to determine the structural integrity of the facility. She spoke about submitting the MSBA application, the 1895 building, complaints of noise emanating from the East Somerville Community School HVAC system, school IT capabilities, building maintenance documentation, ESCS façade repairs, and the condition of the Cummings School. Councilor Gomez Mouakad believes that the 1895 building may be address in the Capital Projects Plan. Councilor Davis spoke about the maintenance tracking system that was built in-house by DPW staff.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

- 6.G.2. Order (ID # [22-0186](#)) By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Davis, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Kelly  
That the Commissioner of Public Works report on all school building deferred maintenance projects completed following the ventilation system assessment, proposed completion dates, and strategies to assess needs for future deferred maintenance projects.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.G.3. Order (ID # [22-1418](#)) By Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Commissioner of Public Works report on planned repairs for the East Somerville Community School facade failures.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.G.4. Order  
(ID # [22-1715](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management and the Commissioner of Public Works provide an update on preventive maintenance plans for all school buildings.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.G.5. Order  
(ID # [22-1716](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Chief Information Officer provide an update on ongoing issues with Wi-Fi services for all schools.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.H. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

- 6.H.1. Committee Report  
(ID # [23-0205](#))
- Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking meeting on February 6, 2023.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad presented the Committee Report and commented on taxi fares, loading zones, commercial parking, regulating commercial traffic, curbside changes, blocking of bike lanes, and traffic calming. Councilor Burnley commented that the community is passionate about documenting parking in bike lanes and said there's a disconnect between reporting to 311 and enforcement.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.H.2. Order  
(ID # [22-1830](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Scott and Councilor Davis  
That the Director of Mobility present to this Council on where heavy commercial vehicles are restricted per Traffic Regulations Section 7-27 Operation of Heavy Commercial Vehicles.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.H.3. Order  
(ID # [22-1832](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Scott and Councilor Kelly  
That the Director of Parking, Director of Mobility, and Director of Engineering present to this Council on engagement and consideration of business needs regarding curbside changes.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.H.4. Order  
(ID # [22-1834](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the Director of Mobility and Director of Engineering present to this Council on documentation of vehicle types, timing and frequency, and turning movements when determining on-street loading zones.

**RESULT:**     **WORK COMPLETED**

6.H.5. Order  
(ID # [22-1835](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the Director of Mobility provide an update on the businesses surveyed regarding Highland Ave improvements and share the data collected.

**RESULT:**     **WORK COMPLETED**

6.H.6. Order  
(ID # [22-1836](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Davis  
That the Director of Constituent Services add a 311 Service Request category for reporting parking in bicycle lanes.

**RESULT:**     **WORK COMPLETED**

6.H.7. Order  
(ID # [22-1837](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Wilson  
That the Director of Mobility evaluate cut through traffic on Vernon Street and Trull Street and provide recommendations for traffic calming.

**RESULT:**     **WORK COMPLETED**

6.H.8. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [22-2080](#))

Green Cab Company, Inc. requesting an increase the taxicab meter rate to \$1.95 for the first 1/8 of a mile, \$0.45 for each additional 1/8 of a mile and waiting time of \$28 per hour.

**RESULT:**     **APPROVED**

**AYE:**           City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

6.H.9. Order  
(ID # [22-2118](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Wilson  
That the Director of Mobility consider installing speed humps on Highland Road, at the intersection with Morrison Avenue.

**RESULT:**     **WORK COMPLETED**

6.H.10.Order  
(ID # [23-0093](#))

By Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the Director of Mobility share and discuss with this Council, the plan to use the \$100,000 in funding secured from the state for a traffic study of the intersection of Route 16 and Broadway.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

**7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

7.1. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0187](#)) Requesting approval of the Municipal Election Calendar for 2023.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

7.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0234](#)) Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Camera Ticket Enforcement.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

7.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0122](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Calla Taylor to the Urban Forestry Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

7.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0180](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$400,000 from the Community Preservation Act Fund for the construction of Junction Park.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.4 through 7.17 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

7.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0179](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$350,000 from the Community Preservation Act Fund for the construction of Henry Hansen Park.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.4 through 7.17 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee



- 7.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0178](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$300,000 from the Community Preservation Act Fund to the Elizabeth Peabody House for historic building window restoration.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.4 through 7.17 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0177](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$250,000 from the Community Preservation Act Fund to the Mystic River Watershed Association to design a shared use community path at Blessing of the Bay Park.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.4 through 7.17 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0176](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$100,000 from the Community Preservation Act Fund for design of a park at 217 Somerville Ave.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.4 through 7.17 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0181](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$15,000 from the Community Preservation Act Fund to Mudflat Pottery School, Inc. for a Facade Restoration Study.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.4 through 7.17 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0162](#)) Requesting approval to use available funds in the Health and Human Services Salaries Account in the amount of \$21,982 to fund an additional Case Manager position.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.4 through 7.17 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.11. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0198](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$100,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation to the Mobility Division for traffic engineering design and related implementation at the intersection of Alewife Brook Parkway and Broadway.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.4 through 7.17 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.12. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0190](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$79,500 grant with no new match required, from the MA Executive Office of Public Safety to the Police Department for staffing costs.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.4 through 7.17 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.13. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0213](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$75,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Elementary & Secondary Education to the Health and Human Services SomerPromise Division for LGBTQIA Out-of-School Time Youth Programming.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.4 through 7.17 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.14. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0195](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$67,050 grant with no new match required, from the Mass Cultural Council to the Arts Council for unrestricted operational support.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.4 through 7.17 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.15. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0186](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$45,406.77 grant with no new match required, from the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) to the Fire Department for maritime related equipment.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.4 through 7.17 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.16. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0184](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$17,821.96 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Fire Services to the Fire Department for the purchase of ballistic vests, helmets and medical equipment.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.4 through 7.17 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.17. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0185](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$3,348.18 grant with no new match required, from the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) to the Fire Department for the purchase of residential lock boxes.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.4 through 7.17 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

## 8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 8.1. Officer's Communication (ID # [23-0199](#)) City Clerk submitting an amendment to Section 10-63 of the Code of Ordinances to clarify the Surveillance Technology Ordinance regarding parking ticket devices.

Councilor Davis explained the amendment. The item was approved, enrolled and ordained.

**RESULT:** **ORDINANCE ORDAINED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

- 8.2. Officer's Communication (ID # [23-0113](#)) City Clerk submitting an amendment to Section 13-6.1 of the Code of Ordinances to increase taxicab meter rates.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad recommended approval of this item. Chair Ewen-Campen noted that this will not have any effect on seniors. The item was approved, enrolled and ordained.

**RESULT:** **ORDINANCE ORDAINED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

8.3. Officer's  
Communication  
(ID # [23-0040](#))

City Clerk requesting confirmation of the appointment of F. Kelley Landolphi to the position of Assistant Clerk of Committees.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld moved to refer the item to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

8.4. Officer's  
Communication  
(ID # [23-0041](#))

City Clerk requesting confirmation of the appointment of Michael Potere to the position of Assistant Clerk of Committees.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld moved to refer the item to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1. License  
(ID # [23-0222](#))

New Extended Operating Hours License, Chow N Joy, 626 Somerville Ave, opening Sun-Thurs until 1am and Fri-Sat until 2am for take-out and delivery services.

Councilor Burnley moved to refer the item to the Committee on Licenses and Permits.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

9.2. License  
(ID # [23-0221](#))

New Extended Operating Hours License, Falafel Place, 1 Main St, opening Mon-Sun until 3am for in-store, take-out, and delivery services.

Councilor Burnley moved to refer the item to the Committee on Licenses and Permits.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

9.3. Public Event  
(ID # [23-0226](#))

Somerville Community Growing Center applying for a Public Event License for Maple Boil on February 17 and March 11 from 7:30am to 7:30pm (raindate March 12).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

9.4. Public Event  
(ID # [23-0227](#))

Bicycle Advisory Committee applying for a Public Event License for Family Bike CPX Ride on May 14 from 8am to 10:30am (raindate May 21).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

9.5. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [23-0229](#))

Chris Dwan submitting comments re: Union Square MBTA stop pedestrian crossing.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

- 9.6. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [23-0218](#))

Commission for Women submitting comments re: item #23-0075, an Ordinance establishing Paid Leave for Survivors.

Councilor Burnley thanked the Commission for Women for their collaboration on this item.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

- 9.7. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [23-0219](#))

Bicycle Advisory Committee submitting comments re: ticketing by 311.

Councilor Burnley commented that this is in support of having 311 reports enforced.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

## 10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 10.1. Order  
(ID # [23-0237](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin

That the Director of Health and Human Services update this Council on efforts to provide warming centers for unhoused individuals during the recent cold spell.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

10.2. Order  
(ID # [23-0238](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin

That the Director of Inspectional Services provide Smart Boxes throughout East Somerville to address rodent issues.

Councilor McLaughlin noted that there is one site in Ward 1 that has a SMART box and he would like them dispersed throughout the Ward.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Rodent Issues Special Committee

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

10.3. Order  
(ID # [23-0239](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin

That the Director of Mobility place a large YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS sign at the intersection of Broadway, Lombardi Way and Mt. Vernon Street.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

10.4. Order  
(ID # [23-0240](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Scott

That the Director of Mobility prioritize the intersection of Broadway, Lombardi Way and Mt. Vernon Street for traffic calming measures.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee



**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

10.5. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0241](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Burnley Jr.  
That the Administration update this Council's Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters regarding efforts to hire more firefighters.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

10.6. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0242](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Burnley Jr.  
That the Administration inform this Council regarding efforts to update the firefighter hiring process, since the reserve list has been eliminated.

Councilor McLaughlin explained that he feels that the reserved list was harmful to veterans. He also noted that rumor has it that the city is considering firefighter transfers from other communities. He expressed his displeasure at this since it would circumvent the process of applying through the normal channels, i.e., Civil Service. He is also looking for an explanation of why it's so hard to hire firefighters in Somerville. Councilor Scott said it's important to note that Civil Service appointees have the right to transfer to other communities with the approval of the appointing authorities and he believes that it's important for the Council to be involved in the appointment of firefighters.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee



**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

10.7. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0236](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson  
Commending staff and first responders on their efforts to help residents during the recent extreme cold spell.

Councilor McLaughlin thanked staff for putting up a temporary warming center and for assisting people to get there during last weeks deep freeze. He noted that there were numerous burst pipes at several locations that were taken care of by firefighters.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

11. LATE ITEMS

11.1. Order  
(ID # [23-0244](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson

That this City Council recognize February as Black History Month.

Councilor Burnley spoke about Black people getting the short end of the stick, even getting a short month in which to be celebrated. He wants to double down on the achievements of blacks in the city and referenced a former resident who was involved in helping others in the Underground Railroad.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:00 PM.



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## City Council

### Meeting Minutes

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Thursday, February 23, 2023

7:00 PM

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#### 1. OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen.

- 1.1. Roll Call                      Call of the Roll.  
(ID # [23-0200](#))

**RESULT:**      **PLACED ON FILE**

**Present:**      Ward Seven City Councilor Judy Pineda Neufeld  
City Councilor At Large Willie Burnley Jr.  
City Councilor At Large Charlotte Kelly  
City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo  
City Councilor At Large Jake Wilson  
Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin  
Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott  
Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen  
Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan

**Absent:**      Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis  
Ward Five City Councilor Beatriz Gomez Mouakad

- 1.2. Remembrances              Remembrances.  
(ID # [23-0287](#))

President Ewen-Campen and the entire Council requested a moment of silence in memory of Jim Ballantyne.

Councilor Wilson, on behalf of Councilor Davis, requested a moment of silence in memory of Dr. George C. Galitis.

Councilor Scott requested a moment of silence in memory of Joseph F. Clark.

Councilor Wilson requested a moment of silence in memory of Jean A. DeAmato.

**RESULT:**      **APPROVED**

- 1.3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, January 26, 2023.  
(ID # [23-0288](#))

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**2. CITATIONS**

**3. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**4. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

- 4.1. Resolution By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Davis, Councilor Burnley Jr.,  
(ID # [23-0267](#)) Councilor Clingan, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson Celebrating the work of the Somerville Bike Kitchen and supporting their efforts to find a new home in Somerville.

President Ewen-Campen gave some background on this all volunteer organization where bicycle repair and maintenance is taught. Hannah Goldberg was sponsored to speak. Ms. Goldberg stated that the organization's facility will no longer be available, so they are seeking a new location with at least 200 square feet of space, a slop sink and bathroom facilities by this August to service the 200 people/month that pass through their doors and she asked that this need be amplified. Councilor Kelly implored the administration to do more to keep people and organizations, such as this, to remain in Somerville.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 4.2. Order By Councilor Strezo  
(ID # [23-0274](#)) That the Director of Health and Human Services create and distribute an outgoing participation survey for participants of the Teen Snow Shoveling program.

Councilor Strezo explained that this survey would provide information on the cost of the services being provided.

**RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

- 4.3. Order Withdrawn.  
(ID # [23-0275](#))

**RESULT: WITHDRAWN**

4.4. Order  
(ID # [23-0281](#))

By Councilor Strezo

That the Director of Human Resources provide a written demographic breakdown, including the age, gender, and race/ethnicity of Customer Service Representatives in the Constituent Services Department (311).

Councilor Strezo provided some back history saying that in 2020, a demographic breakdown of gender was 77% female. The breakdown is consistent and she thinks that this fact could be used to support the 311 operators' efforts to join the SMEA's Unit B.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

4.5. Communication  
(ID # [23-0276](#))

By Councilor Strezo

Conveying a report of the Children's Cabinet meeting of February 14, 2023.

Councilor Strezo reported that the Cabinet has been discussing out of school time, transportation, the lack of state infrastructure, online registration program barriers, before school time voids, school day ending time, program affordability, funding concerns, tuition assistance, the lack of available slots, space availability, limited staffing capacity, and lack of special needs programming.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

4.6. Order  
(ID # [23-0278](#))

By Councilor Kelly, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Wilson

That this Council discuss alternative emergency response methods with local mental health care providers.

See agenda item 4.7.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

4.7. Order  
(ID # [23-0279](#))

By Councilor Kelly, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Wilson

That this Council discuss alternative emergency response and/or other non-police emergency response methods that other municipalities have pursued.

Councilor Kelly intends to discuss this topic at the next Public Health and Public Safety Committee meeting. Councilor Wilson commented that this will be a positive step in the right direction and he would like to have trained clinicians in the field to respond to incidents.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

4.8. Order  
(ID # [23-0280](#))

By Councilor Kelly

That the Director of Finance provide a written report detailing all Stabilization Funds and the current balance in each fund.

Councilor Kelly noted that the city has \$39 million in free cash and Councilor Burnley commented that it's important for the Council to exercise its oversight of the city's finances.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

4.9. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0277](#))

By Councilor Clingan, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson

Supporting the Somerville Municipal Employees Association (SMEA) in its efforts to bring the 311 Operators into SMEA Unit B.

Councilor Clingan reported that an impasse has been reached and he feels that it's important to support the 311 operators. Ed Halloran, President of SMEA, was sponsored to speak. He thanked the Council for its support in this effort. A petition to unionize has been filed with the Division of Labor for the 311 operators to join SMEA Unit B. He said that there are similarities in the duties of the 311 operators and other members of Unit B. Councilor Strezo read 2 statements from 311 operators in support of joining the union's Unit B. Councilor Scott commented that, up until about 10 years ago, the 311 operators were members of SMEA Unit B. Councilor Kelly asked what the city's opposition is and Mr. Halloran said that the city feels that the operators should be placed in some bargaining unit, but not in Unit B.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

6.A. CHARTER REVIEW SPECIAL COMMITTEE

6.A.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-0262](#)) Report of the Special Committee on Charter Review, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on February 22, 2023.

Councilor Scott presented the Committee Report and stated that discussions continued on the balance of power issue. Long standing vacancies for boards and commissions were addressed as well as budgetary issues and the budget structure. Hiring of an independent auditor yearly was recommended. The next meeting of this committee will be on March 8th.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.A.2. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0291](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen  
Supporting the recommended language by the Charter Review Committee to change the appointment of the independent auditor to the City Council and mandate the appointment.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 6.A.3. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0292](#)) By Councilor Strezo and Councilor Scott  
Supporting the recommended language by the Charter Review Committee to implement a Capital Improvement Plan, amended to add “or reject” after “shall by resolution adopt” in Section 6-6.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 6.B. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE
- 6.B.1. Committee Report  
(ID # [23-0254](#)) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on February 15, 2023.  
Councilor Pineda Neufeld presented the Committee Report and commented on the appointments that were recommended for approval.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 6.B.2. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [22-2125](#)) Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Alan Bishop as Constable.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 6.B.3. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [22-2126](#)) Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Catello Battinelli II as Constable.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 6.B.4. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [22-2128](#)) Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Mary Battinelli as Constable.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 6.B.5. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [22-2135](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Deborah Haber to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 6.B.6. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [22-2137](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Pauline Downing to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
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- 6.B.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-2138](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Harriotte Ranvig to the Commission for Person with Disabilities.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.B.8. Officer's Communication (ID # [23-0040](#)) City Clerk requesting confirmation of the appointment of F. Kelley Landolphi to the position of Assistant Clerk of Committees.

**RESULT: WITHDRAWN**

- 6.B.9. Officer's Communication (ID # [23-0041](#)) City Clerk requesting confirmation of the appointment of Michael Potere to the position of Assistant Clerk of Committees.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.B.10. Order (ID # [23-0072](#)) By Councilor Wilson, Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Kelly That the Director of Human Resources update this Council on the number of current job vacancies and the number of positions filled in 2022.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.C. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 6.C.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-0261](#)) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on February 21, 2023.

Councilor Wilson presented the Committee Report and said that several items were recommended for approval, including the Lease Agreement with the MBTA, which he said would not be a hinderance to future access points. The city will try to keep the path open after snow events, if possible. Safety concerns were discussed, e.g., call boxes (which are currently being installed). The main event of the meeting was the UCH-TIF discussion that would allow the mayor to enter into an agreement with the developer of the Winter Hill Star Market site. The city would receive taxes on the land, however, the buildings being built would receive a 20 year tax exemption. Councilor Wilson noted that the city would be able to tax the improvements until the UCH-TIF, which would trigger when a 92% occupancy rate is achieved, kicks in.

See agenda item 10.2 (item #23-0294).

**RESULT: APPROVED**



- 6.C.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-2041](#)) Requesting approval of the Alternative Transportation Corridor Lease Agreement with the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA).
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- AYE:** Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan
- ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad
- 6.C.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0110](#)) Requesting approval of the Urban Center Housing Tax Increment Financing (UCH-TIF) Zone, Plan, and Form of Agreement for Winter Hill.
- The administration submitted and amended version, as requested in Committee, and this item was placed on file.
- RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**
- 6.C.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0185](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$3,348.18 grant with no new match required, from the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) to the Fire Department for the purchase of residential lock boxes.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- 6.C.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0186](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$45,406.77 grant with no new match required, from the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) to the Fire Department for maritime related equipment.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- 6.D. LAND USE COMMITTEE
- 6.D.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-0260](#)) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on February 16, 2023.
- Councilor McLaughlin presented the Committee Report and gave a brief summary of the items recommended for approval.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- 6.D.2. Officer's Communication (ID # [22-1645](#)) Planning Board proposing an amendment to the Zoning Ordinances Section 15.1.3, Neighborhood Meeting.
- RESULT:** **ORDINANCE ORDAINED**

**AYE:** Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

6.D.3. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [22-1771](#))

Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Section 6.1 Commercial Districts: Fabrication of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance to permit additional uses for ground story commercial spaces fronting a Pedestrian Street.

**RESULT:** **ORDINANCE ORDAINED**

**AYE:** Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

6.D.4. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0095](#))

Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Section 10.8 Commercial Signs, of the Zoning Ordinances, to permit commercial signs by right.

**RESULT:** **ORDINANCE ORDAINED**

**AYE:** Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

6.E. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- 6.E.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on February 14, 2023.  
(ID # [23-0252](#))

Councilor Kelly presented the Committee Report saying that amendments to several ordinances were discussed and those items were kept in committee to recheck for any conflicts/errors. Several traffic issues were also discussed. Councilor Wilson questioned the fine structure relating to sidewalks.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.E.2. Mayor's Request Requesting ordainment of an amendment to the Code of Ordinances, Section 1-11 (Penalties and violations), to codify Traffic & Parking fines.  
(ID # [23-0087](#))

**RESULT:** **ORDINANCE ORDAINED**

**AYE:** Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

6.F. OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE

- 6.F.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, meeting on February 16, 2023.  
(ID # [23-0259](#))

Councilor Burnley presented the Committee Report and said that electric vehicle charging and composting were discussed.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

6.G. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- 6.G.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on February 13, 2023.  
(ID # [23-0246](#))

Councilor Kelly presented the Committee Report and said that members were given a presentation on the eradication of medical debt. Safe consumption site timelines were discussed along with the services the city would like to offer. Finally, the committee discussed spiked drinks and the administration's response to the problem. Councilor Pineda Neufeld commented that an ABCC advisory was sent to drinking establishments last year. Councilor Strezo would like signage utilized, as is done in Cambridge, to make the public aware of the problem.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

6.G.2. Order  
(ID # [22-1201](#))

By Councilor Strezo and Councilor Pineda Neufeld  
That the Director of Health and Human Services and the City Solicitor report to this Council on steps that may be taken to address the reports of spiked drinks in the region, including whether the city can require restaurants and bars to post warning signage, encourage vigilance, and detail the criminal consequences for tampering with another patron's beverage.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.G.3. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0079](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Kelly, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson  
Supporting the Eradication of Medical Debt.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.G.4. Order  
(ID # [23-0166](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Wilson, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Davis, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Clingan  
That the Director of Health and Human Services update this Council on the progress toward a Safe Consumption Site and provide a timeline for establishment.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.H. PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

6.H.1. Committee Report  
(ID # [23-0245](#))

Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, meeting on February 13, 2023.

Councilor Clingan presented the Committee Report and noted that the administration had made an announcement earlier that day regarding cable franchise fees, i.e., the full amount of fees would be given to the Somerville Media Center. Councilor Clingan noted that the fee amount has been decreasing each year. He also noted that the administration will be expecting to fund CityTV through the city's operating budget.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.H.2. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0056](#))

By Councilor Clingan, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson

That the Administration update this Council on the cable franchise contract negotiations with Comcast and explain what the process entails.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.H.3. Order  
(ID # [23-0061](#))
- By Councilor Strezo  
That the Commissioner of Public Works report on the maintenance schedule of street and traffic lights, including the number damaged or burned out.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.H.4. Order  
(ID # [23-0071](#))
- By Councilor Wilson  
That the Director of the Office of Sustainability and Environment and the Commissioner of Public Works update this Council on plans for household hazardous waste collection.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.H.5. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0138](#))
- By Councilor Clingan and Councilor Strezo  
That the Administration provide an update on contract negotiations with local cable providers at the February 13, 2023 meeting of this Council's Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.H.6. Order  
(ID # [23-0142](#))
- By Councilor Strezo and Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Commissioner of Public Works immediately remove the wires hanging from the pole and tied to the porch railing at 9 Pearl Street Place, and report to this Council who owns the pole.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.H.7. Order  
(ID # [23-0143](#))
- By Councilor Strezo  
That the Commissioner of Public Works immediately remove the wires wrapped around a telephone pole and in the street in front of 19 Church Street, and report to this Council who owns the pole.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.H.8. Order  
(ID # [23-0149](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the Commissioner of Public Works provide an update on current and future maintenance plans for the Armory building.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

## 7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 7.1. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0256](#))
- Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition Authorizing the City to Appoint an Alternate Member to the Somerville Licensing Commission.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

- 7.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0165](#)) Requesting approval of a multi-year lease agreement with Hanhal Realty for a West Somerville Police Substation.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.2 - 8.3 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0268](#)) Requesting approval of a three-year extension to the lease with BwB-Square LLC for Nibble Community Kitchen.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.2 - 8.3 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0272](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$1,847,374 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Account for supplemental funding for the Municipal Voucher Program.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.2 - 8.3 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0258](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$805,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to purchase and install prefabricated standalone public toilets.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.2 - 8.3 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0285](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$702,500 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Law Department's Damages to Persons and Property Account to fund the settlement of Kathryn McDaid v. City of Somerville, et al.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.2 - 8.3 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0284](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$137,500 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Law Department's Damages to Persons and Property Account to fund the settlement of Carlos Melo v. City of Somerville.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.2 - 8.3 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0282](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$805,675 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the purchase and installation of outdoor prefabricated toilet facilities.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.2 - 8.3 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0243](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$306.05 from the IAM-Engineering Personal Services-Overtime Account to the Department of Public Works Custodians Personal Services-Overtime Account for DPW staff time related to Engineering work.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.2 - 8.3 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0231](#)) Requesting approval of a time-only extension to the contract with Colliers Project Leaders USA NE LLC for Owner's Project Manager Services on the Public Safety Facility project.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.2 - 8.3 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.11. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0232](#)) Requesting approval of a time-only extension to the contract with Consigli Construction Co. Incorporated for Construction Manager At-Risk Services on the Public Safety Facility project.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.2 - 8.3 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.12. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0233](#)) Requesting approval of a time-only extension to the contract with Context Architecture Incorporated for Architectural & Engineering Services on the Public Safety Facility project.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.2 - 8.3 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.13. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0251](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$20,000 grant with no new match required, from the Fenway Community Health Center to the Police Department for staffing costs related to the post overdose support team program.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.2 - 8.3 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

## 8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 8.1. Officer's Communication (ID # [23-0269](#)) City Solicitor requesting to appear in Executive Session with attorneys from Brody, Hardoon, Perkins & Kesten, LLP, to discuss Carlos Melo v. City of Somerville.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.2 - 8.3 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 8.2. Officer's Communication (ID # [23-0270](#)) City Solicitor requesting to appear in Executive Session with attorneys from Brody, Hardoon, Perkins & Kesten, LLP, to discuss Kathryn McDaid v. City of Somerville, et al.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.2 - 8.3 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 8.3. Officer's Communication (ID # [23-0271](#)) Director of Infrastructure & Asset Management presenting the FY2023 Capital Investment Plan update.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.2 - 8.3 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee



- 8.4. Officer's Communication (ID # [23-0273](#)) Planning Board conveying recommendations for items 22-1771, 22-1645, and 23-0095.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1. Public Event (ID # [23-0257](#)) Union Square Main Streets applying for a Public Event License for Union Square Farmers Market on Wednesdays May 13-October 28 from 6:45am to 2pm.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 9.2. Public Communication (ID # [23-0249](#)) Somerville Stands Together submitting comments re: 311 employees' request to join the Somerville Municipal Employees Association (SMEA).

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

- 9.3. Public Communication (ID # [23-0250](#)) Community Action Agency of Somerville (CAAS) submitting comments re: medical debt cancellation proposal.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

## 10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 10.1. Order (ID # [23-0289](#)) By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Ewen-Campen  
That the Commissioner of Public Works install high visibility flexible bollards at all entrances to the Community Path from a vehicular road, to prevent the entry of non-authorized vehicles into the path.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

10.2. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0294](#))

Requesting approval of the Urban Center Housing Tax Increment Financing (UCH-TIF) Zone, Plan and Negotiated Agreement for Winter Hill.

Acting Director of Economic Development Rachel Nadkarni explained the changes that were made to accommodate the concerns of the City Council and that the developer has committed to keeping the property for the long term. A change section to 7.6 allows the city to review the occupancy rate of the development over time. Councilor Scott reflected that this has resulted in a huge win for affordable housing in the city. Councilor Clingan inquired if a condition could be imposed such that the developer would have to maintain a certain percentage of occupancy in order to continue receiving the tax breaks on the improvements over the 20 year period. Director Nadkarni replied that the concern is that an 'appropriate' number is hard to predict and also that extenuating circumstances, e.g., COVID, could affect the occupancy rate. Damian Chaviano, a principal from the development company, commented that sometimes perception becomes reality, adding that if a minimum threshold was imposed that could cause the developer to default, it might make the project untenable for them.

Councilor Scott moved for approval of the item.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

10.3. Officer's  
Communication  
(ID # [23-0283](#))

Finance Director conveying the FY 2023 Mid-Year Financial Report in accordance with Section 2-48 of the Code of Ordinances.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Committee on Finance.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

10.4. Public Event  
(ID # [23-0286](#))

Paul Collyer applying for a Public Event License for Race of Ireland 5K on March 19 from 7am to 1pm.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

11. LATE ITEMS

- 11.1. Order  
(ID # [23-0295](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Director of Parking replace the missing No Left Turn sign at the intersection of Mt. Pleasant Street and Perkins Street.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:12 PM.



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## City Council

### Meeting Minutes

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**Thursday, March 9, 2023**

**7:00 PM**

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#### **1. OPENING CEREMONIES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen. The City Council entered into recess at 8:59 PM and returned at 9:10 PM.

- 1.1. Roll Call                      Call of the Roll.  
(ID # [23-0357](#))

**RESULT:      PLACED ON FILE**

**Present:**      City Councilor At Large Willie Burnley Jr.  
City Councilor At Large Charlotte Kelly  
City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo  
City Councilor At Large Jake Wilson  
Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin  
Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott  
Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen  
Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan  
Ward Five City Councilor Beatriz Gomez Mouakad  
Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis  
Ward Seven City Councilor Judy Pineda Neufeld

- 1.2. Remembrances              Remembrances.  
(ID # [23-0362](#))

Councilor Clingan and the entire Council requested a moment of silence in memory of Maryann Meacham, Esq.  
Councilor Gomez Mouakad requested a moment of silence in memory of former Somerville Firefighter William "Bill" Ellis.

**RESULT:      APPROVED**

- 1.3. Minutes                      Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, February 9, 2023.  
(ID # [23-0363](#))

**RESULT:      APPROVED**

#### **2. CITATIONS**

**3. PUBLIC HEARINGS****4. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS****4.1. Order  
(ID # [23-0318](#))**

By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson

That this Council draft a Home Rule Petition to authorize Somerville to regulate against rent gouging by establishing Rent Stabilization.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld assumed the Chair. Councilor Ewen-Campen noted that since 1994, rent control has been banned by the state and there is nothing that can be done at the municipal level to change that, although some smaller steps have been taken by the city. He submitted this item because he believes that the mood has changed and that it's time to try to move the issue forward. He sponsored State Representative Mike Connolly to speak on the matter. Representative Connolly stated that rent control has always been a type of political third rail and remains an uphill battle. He said that steps need to be taken to fund housing in the public sector and he encouraged the Council to look at what the City of Boston did yesterday with its Home Rule Petition (HRP). Representative Connolly believes that HRP's from Somerville and Cambridge should mirror Boston's. He said that a balance needs to be found to support low income residents and he thinks this is the perfect time to move on a HRP. Councilor Ewen-Campen said the mayor's office is supportive of the efforts and he hopes to have draft legislation ready in a few months. Councilor Wilson commented that this is what's needed to bring back sensible rental policies. Councilor Gomez Mouakad spoke about the need for more workforce housing to allow people to live near where they work. (Councilor Ewen-Campen assumed the Chair.)

**RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

**4.2. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0319](#))**

By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson

Re-affirming support for An Act Enabling Local Options for Tenant Protections, also known as the Tenant Protection Act (HD.3922 & SD.2368).

See item 4.1 (23-0318).

**RESULT: APPROVED**

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- 4.3. Order  
(ID # [23-0320](#))
- By Councilor Clingan and Councilor Wilson  
That the Director of Mobility install speed humps on Medford Street, between Sycamore and School Streets.
- Councilor Clingan commented on the amount of traffic at this location.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee
- 4.4. Order  
(ID # [23-0321](#))
- By Councilor Clingan  
That the Director of Mobility place in-street spring-loaded pedestrian crosswalk signs on Medford Street at Sycamore, Thurston, and Dartmouth Streets.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee
- 4.5. Order  
(ID # [23-0322](#))
- By Councilor Clingan  
That the Director of Housing discuss the practice of monthly fees being charged to tenants in affordable housing units.
- Councilor Clingan has heard reports of erroneous fees being levied upon tenants and he would like more information on this matter.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee
- 4.6. Order  
(ID # [23-0327](#))
- By Councilor Strezo and Councilor Ewen-Campen  
That the Commissioner of Public Works immediately remove the wires wrapped around the pole near 57 Atherton Street and report to the City Council who owns the pole.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
- 4.7. Order  
(ID # [23-0328](#))
- By Councilor Strezo and Councilor Ewen-Campen  
That the Commissioner of Public Works immediately remove, or raise to a safe height, the cables attached to a pole at the intersection of Harvard and Monmouth Streets, and report to the City Council who owns the pole.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
- 4.8. Order  
(ID # [23-0330](#))
- By Councilor Strezo  
That the Executive Director of the Arts Council inform this City Council of plans to include writers in arts community initiatives.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee
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- 4.9. Withdrawn Withdrawn.  
(ID # [23-0329](#))

**RESULT: WITHDRAWN**

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**6.A. CHARTER REVIEW SPECIAL COMMITTEE**

- 6.A.1. Committee Report Report of the Special Committee on Charter Review, meeting as a  
(ID # [23-0309](#)) Committee of the Whole on March 8, 2023.

Councilor Scott presented the Committee Report and said that no formal language was put forth on any of the recommendations.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.A.2. Resolution By Councilor Scott  
(ID # [23-0324](#)) Supporting the recommended language by the Charter Review Committee to establish a Participatory Budgeting Study Committee.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.A.3. Resolution By Councilor Scott  
(ID # [23-0372](#)) Supporting the recommended language by the Charter Review Committee to add a periodic review of compensation of all city employees to ensure compensation is distributed equitably and to the greatest extent possible compensation is sufficient to live in the city, and to establish an Equitable Compensation Committee.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**6.B. EQUITY, GENDER, FAMILIES AND VULNERABLE POPULATIONS COMMITTEE**

- 6.B.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and  
(ID # [23-0304](#)) Vulnerable Populations, meeting on February 28, 2023.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad presented the Committee Report and commented that ADA accessibility is often an afterthought as she spoke about the lengthy discussion on this topic.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.B.2. Order  
(ID # [22-1717](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the Director of the SomerViva Office of Immigrant Affairs provide an update on the proposed 5-year language plan and how this plan will be implemented in the next five years.

**RESULT:**     **WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.B.3. Order  
(ID # [22-1884](#))
- By Councilor Strezo, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott and Councilor Wilson  
That the Director of Parks and Recreation eliminate equity barriers for residents signing up for recreation programs.

**RESULT:**     **WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.B.4. Order  
(ID # [23-0082](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Wilson  
That the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator, the Director of Inspectional Services, and the Director of Planning, Preservation & Zoning explain to this Council how the City provides oversight for compliance with Fair Housing Act Design Guidelines, the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board CMR 521 and the ADA Standards for Accessible Design, from plan review through building and occupancy permits.

**RESULT:**     **WORK COMPLETED**

6.C.     FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 6.C.1. Committee Report     Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on March 7, 2023.  
(ID # [23-0308](#))

Councilor Wilson presented the Committee Report and said that 20 items were discussed and that an executive session was held on 2 items.

**RESULT:**     **APPROVED**

- 6.C.2. Order  
(ID # [22-1517](#))
- By Councilor Kelly, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Wilson  
That the Director of Finance and the Budget Director update this Council on the progress of the free cash certification and any anticipated plans for additional free cash use.

**RESULT:**     **WORK COMPLETED**



- 6.C.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0162](#)) Requesting approval to use available funds in the Health and Human Services Salaries Account in the amount of \$21,982 to fund an additional Case Manager position.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.C.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0165](#)) Requesting approval of a multi-year lease agreement with Hanhal Realty for a West Somerville Police Substation.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 6.C.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0178](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$300,000 from the Community Preservation Act Fund to the Elizabeth Peabody House for historic building window restoration.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.C.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0181](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$15,000 from the Community Preservation Act Fund to Mudflat Pottery School, Inc. for a Facade Restoration Study.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.C.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0213](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$75,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Elementary & Secondary Education to the Health and Human Services SomerPromise Division for LGBTQIA Out-of-School Time Youth Programming.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.C.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0231](#)) Requesting approval of a time-only extension to the contract with Colliers Project Leaders USA NE LLC for Owner's Project Manager Services on the Public Safety Facility project.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.C.9. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0232](#))
- Requesting approval of a time-only extension to the contract with Consigli Construction Co. Incorporated for Construction Manager At-Risk Services on the Public Safety Facility project.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.C.10. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0233](#))
- Requesting approval of a time-only extension to the contract with Context Architecture Incorporated for Architectural & Engineering Services on the Public Safety Facility project.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.C.11. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0251](#))
- Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$20,000 grant with no new match required, from the Fenway Community Health Center to the Police Department for staffing costs related to the post overdose support team program.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.C.12. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0258](#))
- Requesting the appropriation of \$805,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to purchase and install prefabricated standalone public toilets.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.C.13. Officer's  
Communication  
(ID # [23-0269](#))
- City Solicitor requesting to appear in Executive Session with attorneys from Brody, Hardoon, Perkins & Kesten, LLP, to discuss Carlos Melo v. City of Somerville.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.C.14. Officer's  
Communication  
(ID # [23-0270](#))
- City Solicitor requesting to appear in Executive Session with attorneys from Brody, Hardoon, Perkins & Kesten, LLP, to discuss Kathryn McDaid v. City of Somerville, et al.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.C.15. Officer's  
Communication  
(ID # [23-0271](#))

Director of Infrastructure & Asset Management presenting the FY2023 Capital Investment Plan update.

This item was severed from the Committee Report. Director Raiche gave a presentation of the Capital Investment Plan (CIP) explaining its purpose and how it is funded and managed. The plan is regularly updated for intent of expenditures. He commented that the CIP spreadsheet is outdated in form and content and, to that end, a new process has been established. The city's financial capacity has evolved over time allowing it to raise more funds than prior years. Much of the city's infrastructure has deteriorated and is being overburdened to provide additional services. He spoke about reducing the city's carbon footprint and re-prioritizing right-of-way space. Director Raiche noted the importance of data transparency to meet the needs of an engaged public. He also spoke about project lifecycles, aggregation of investments, cost forecasting, prioritizing investments and financial analysis to determine if the city can afford projects over time. The CIP needs to be able to adapt to the changing needs of the city and will be updated yearly. The four main categories of the CIP are: 1) **Buildings** (Assembly Sq. Fire Station build out and fire station rehabilitations, 1895 Building Master Plan to be a 1 stop location for city services, community center, and renovations/replacements of WHCS and Brown), 2) **Parks and Open Space** (schoolyards, Dilboy Field, ArtFarm, pumping station, veterans monuments restorations), 3) **Streetscapes** (street resurfacing, sidewalks, Clarendon Hill traffic pattern, sewer separation project, Highland Avenue redesign, Broadway Vision Zero) and 4) **Vehicles - equipment & real estate**. Several councilors commented about the difficulty in tracking budget changes without the CIP spreadsheet and asked that it be made available and Director Raiche will try to accommodate that request. Councilor Kelly asked how CIP projects impact the general fund and Budget Director Mastrobuoni explained how to find the info on ClearGov.

Additional details are available at

<https://city-somerville-ma-budget-book.cleargov.com/5132/capital-improvements/cip-summary>

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

6.C.16. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0272](#))

Requesting the appropriation of \$1,847,374 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Account for supplemental funding for the Municipal Voucher Program.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.C.17. Order  
(ID # [23-0280](#))

By Councilor Kelly  
That the Director of Finance provide a written report detailing all Stabilization Funds and the current balance in each fund.

**RESULT:**     **WORK COMPLETED**

6.C.18. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0282](#))

Requesting the appropriation of \$805,675 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the purchase and installation of outdoor prefabricated toilet facilities.

**RESULT:**     **APPROVED**

**AYE:**             City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:**       Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

6.C.19. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0284](#))

Requesting the appropriation of \$137,500 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Law Department's Damages to Persons and Property Account to fund the settlement of Carlos Melo v. City of Somerville.

**RESULT:**     **APPROVED**

6.C.20. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0285](#))

Requesting the appropriation of \$702,500 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Law Department's Damages to Persons and Property Account to fund the settlement of Kathryn McDaid v. City of Somerville, et al.

**RESULT:**     **APPROVED**

6.D.     **HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

6.D.1. Committee Report     Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development,  
(ID # [23-0305](#))             meeting on March 1, 2023.

Councilor Strezo presented the Committee Report and spoke about the Bike Kitchen, Somerville Community Land Trust, and enforcement of the Fair Housing Act.

**RESULT:**     **APPROVED**

6.D.2. Resolution  
(ID # [22-0090](#))

By Councilor Strezo

That representatives of the Community Land Trust update this Council's Housing and Community Development Committee on its progress and how the Council can help implement the Trust's goals.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.D.3. Order  
(ID # [22-0170](#))

By Councilor Strezo

That the Director of Housing, the Director of the Office of Housing Stability, and the Director of Planning and Zoning discuss the challenges associated with and potential modifications to the Tier 3 Rental ADUs multiplier at 110% AMI for inclusionary units.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.D.4. Order  
(ID # [22-0173](#))

By Councilor Strezo

That the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development work with the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to consider combining the affordable housing linkage payments for commercial development as a funding source for a development that will result in the creation of affordable units.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.D.5. Order  
(ID # [22-0174](#))

By Councilor Strezo and Councilor McLaughlin

That the Director of the Office of Housing Stability discuss proactive measures to inform tenants in inclusionary housing units of the rights and resources available to them.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.D.6. Officer's  
Communication  
(ID # [23-0036](#))

Fair Housing Commission Staff Liaison conveying the Fiscal Year 2021 Fair Housing Commission Annual Report.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.D.7. Order  
(ID # [23-0064](#))

By Councilor Strezo, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Scott

That this City Council's Committee on Housing and Community Development discuss the attached letter from the Somerville Fair Housing Commission regarding the current Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination backlog.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.D.8. Order By Councilor Strezo  
(ID # [23-0281](#)) That the Director of Human Resources provide a written demographic breakdown, including the age, gender, and race/ethnicity of Customer Service Representatives in the Constituent Services Department (311).

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

6.E. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- 6.E.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on March 6,  
(ID # [23-0307](#)) 2023.

Councilor Burnley presented the Committee Report and said that 4 items were discussed with 2 being recommended for approval and 2 remaining in committee.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.E.2. License New Extended Operating Hours License, Falafel Place, 1 Main St, opening  
(ID # [23-0221](#)) Mon-Sun until 3am for in-store, take-out, and delivery services.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.E.3. Grant of Location Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 102 feet of conduit in  
(ID # [23-0224](#)) Kent St, from Utility Pole 191/3 to a point of pickup at 22 Kent St.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

6.F. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- 6.F.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on  
(ID # [23-0302](#)) February 27, 2023.

Councilor Kelly presented the Committee Report and noted that speakers were present from across the country on the topic of alternative emergency responses. The committee received some examples of how this matter is being treated by other communities. Councilor Wilson, who is not a member of this committee, encouraged everyone to watch the video of the meeting.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.F.2. Order  
(ID # [22-1373](#))
- By Councilor Wilson, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Kelly and Councilor Burnley Jr.  
That the Director of Health and Human Services and the Director of Community Outreach, Help and Recovery appear before the Public Health and Public Safety Committee to discuss an alternative emergency response program.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.F.3. Order  
(ID # [23-0278](#))
- By Councilor Kelly, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Wilson  
That this Council discuss alternative emergency response methods with local mental health care providers.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.F.4. Order  
(ID # [23-0279](#))
- By Councilor Kelly, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Wilson  
That this Council discuss alternative emergency response and/or other non-police emergency response methods that other municipalities have pursued.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

6.G. PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

- 6.G.1. Committee Report  
(ID # [23-0306](#))
- Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, meeting on March 2, 2023.

Councilor Clingan presented the Committee Report saying that the bulk of the meeting had to do with the process of monitoring contracts.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.G.2. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0057](#))
- By Councilor Clingan  
That the Administration update this Council on the contract renewal process with TZE and discuss how the process works.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

6.H. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

- 6.H.1. Committee Report  
(ID # [23-0303](#))
- Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on February 27, 2023.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad presented the Committee Report and said that topics discussed included bus routes, traffic calming, traffic signaling, and pedestrian safety.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.H.2. Order  
(ID # [22-2117](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Wilson  
That the Director of Mobility increase lighting and short-term traffic calming measures on the corner of Pearl and Franklin Streets, to address safety concerns while the construction of Pearl Street is delayed.
- RESULT:**     **WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.H.3. Order  
(ID # [22-2144](#))
- By Councilor Scott  
That the Director of Mobility respond to constituent complaints regarding the bus stop placement westbound at Beacon and Washington.
- RESULT:**     **WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.H.4. Order  
(ID # [22-2145](#))
- By Councilor Scott  
That the Director of Mobility address resident parking subsidies in negotiated Transportation Management Plans for major developments.
- RESULT:**     **WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.H.5. Order  
(ID # [22-2146](#))
- By Councilor Scott  
That the Director of Mobility work with residents on Lake St to ensure that the parking plan for ongoing projects does not block driveway access.
- RESULT:**     **WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.H.6. Order  
(ID # [22-2148](#))
- By Councilor Scott and Councilor Wilson  
That the Director of Mobility update the Ward 2 Councilor on the prioritization of speed bump installation on the requested streets.
- RESULT:**     **WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.H.7. Order  
(ID # [23-0083](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly and Councilor Strezo  
That the Director of Mobility consider improvements to deficient conditions impacting the safety and pedestrian accessibility of Cedar Street.
- RESULT:**     **WORK COMPLETED**

## 7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 7.1. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0323](#))
- Requesting the acceptance of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 138, Section 33B, to confirm the authorization of licensees under section twelve to sell alcoholic beverages between the hours of 10:00 AM and 12:00 noon on Sundays, the last Monday in May and on Christmas day or on the day following when said day occurs on Sunday.
- RESULT:**     **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee



- 7.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0332](#)) Requesting approval of a grant of easement and maintenance agreement for BRE-BMR Assembly I Innovation LLC and BRE-BMR Middlesex LLC.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.2, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6 and 7.9 through 7.15 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0300](#)) Requesting authorization to borrow \$2,068,800 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount to participate in the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for Lead Service Replacement program and rescind Docket #214477, authorization to borrow \$1,477,738 in a bond for participation in the FY23 MWRA Lead Line Replacement Program.
- Director Raiche explained that by switching the funding source, the city would save money by taking advantage of the loan forgiveness included in the program. He commented that no less than 30% of the amount of the program would be forgiven and that it's possible that the city could get 100% forgiveness. This is a time sensitive item.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld
- 7.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0325](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$827,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Capital Stabilization Fund for site preparation, construction, and furnishing of a safe consumption site.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.2, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6 and 7.9 through 7.15 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0312](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$425,000 from the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Fund to the Somerville Hispanic Association for community development for continued historic preservation of Grace Baptist Church.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.2, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6 and 7.9 through 7.15 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0310](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$151,000 from the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Fund to the Somerville Museum for collections conservation.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.2, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6 and 7.9 through 7.15 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0316](#)) Requesting approval to repurpose \$3,500,000 in unused COVID-19 Stabilization Fund appropriations for affordable housing opportunities for low-income residents.
- Director Feloney explained the request is to repurpose these funds for affordable housing as part of the 100 Homes Program. SCC submitted an ARPA application that wasn't granted and this item serves as an alternative funding source. This has been approved by the Affordable Housing Trust subject to approval by the Council.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- 7.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0317](#)) Requesting approval of an inter-fund transfer of \$3,500,000 from the COVID-19 Stabilization Fund to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to provide affordable housing opportunities for low-income residents.
- See item 7.7 (23-0316).
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld
- 7.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0311](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$20,125 from the Information Technology Department Salaries Account to the Information Technology Department Maintenance Software Account to procure and standardize on the Zoom platform for remote meetings.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.2, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6 and 7.9 through 7.15 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0296](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$5,761.47 grant with no new match required, from the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to the Fire Department for equipment to develop emergency operations capacity.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.2, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6 and 7.9 through 7.15 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.11. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0315](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$5,234.59 grant with no new match required, from the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to the Fire Department for the purchase of protective equipment to support active threat preparedness initiatives.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.2, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6 and 7.9 through 7.15 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.12. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0297](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$2,982.40 grant with no new match required, from the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to the Fire Department for equipment to develop emergency operations capacity.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.2, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6 and 7.9 through 7.15 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.13. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0301](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$65,686.35 using available funds various Public Works Ordinary Maintenance accounts for various services.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.2, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6 and 7.9 through 7.15 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.14. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0313](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$480 using available funds in the Engineering Capital Outlay Engineering/Architecture Account for the FY22 Pavement & Sidewalk Assessment.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.2, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6 and 7.9 through 7.15 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.15. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0290](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$289.68 using available funds in the Elections Department Office Supplies Account for index dividers, ledger paper, and water.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.2, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6 and 7.9 through 7.15 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.16. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0326](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Dorothy Suput to the Urban Forestry Committee.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

- 7.17. Mayor's Communication (ID # [23-0356](#))

Conveying the Somerville Linkage Nexus Study Final Report.

Councilor Wilson expressed concern for those whose jobs are going to be eliminated. Councilor Kelly noted that the Afford Housing Trust is interested in this item.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

## 8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 8.1. Officer's Communication (ID # [23-0331](#)) Chief of Police conveying a memorandum regarding implementation of an Ordinance Securing the Rights of Individuals Seeking Gender Affirming Care and Reproductive Healthcare, pursuant to Section 2-10 (j) (3) of the Code of Ordinances.

Councilor Burnley commented on draconian attitudes towards gender affirmation and abortion issues.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

- 8.2. Officer's Communication (ID # [23-0333](#)) Chief of Police conveying a bi-annual report, pursuant to Section 2-10 (h) of the Code of Ordinances.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

- 8.3. Officer's Communication (ID # [23-0334](#)) Chief of Police conveying a bi-annual report, pursuant to Section 2-6 (g) of the Code of Ordinances.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1. License (ID # [23-0358](#)) Renewing Drainlayer's License, A.A. Will Corporation.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.17 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.2. License (ID # [23-0343](#)) Renewing Drainlayer's License, A.P. Flowers & Son LLC.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.17 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.3. License (ID # [23-0366](#)) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Baystate Engineering Corp.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.17 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.4. License (ID # [23-0344](#)) Renewing Drainlayer's License, C.M. Conway Construction Inc.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.17 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.5. License (ID # [23-0346](#)) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Insite Contracting Inc.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.17 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.6. License  
(ID # [23-0345](#))
- Renewing Drainlayer's License, James W. Flett Co., Inc.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.17 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.7. License  
(ID # [23-0347](#))
- Renewing Drainlayer's License, Mirra Co., LLC.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.17 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.8. License  
(ID # [23-0348](#))
- Renewing Drainlayer's License, P. Gioioso & Sons, Inc.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.17 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.9. License  
(ID # [23-0349](#))
- Renewing Drainlayer's License, R.M. Pacella Inc.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.17 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.10. License  
(ID # [23-0350](#))
- Renewing Drainlayer's License, Super Service Today Inc.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.17 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.11. License  
(ID # [23-0351](#))
- Renewing Drainlayer's License, Tufts Constructions Inc.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.17 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.12. License  
(ID # [23-0353](#))

Renewing Garage License, Dino, 308 McGrath Hwy.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.17 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.13. License  
(ID # [23-0352](#))

Renewing Garage License, Original Auto Body and Mechanic Inc, 12 Joy St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.17 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.14. License  
(ID # [23-0354](#))

New Sign/Awning License, BrightView, 401 Highland Ave, 1 awning and 2 wall mounted signs.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.17 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.15. License  
(ID # [23-0355](#))

Renewing Taxi Medallion License, God's Blessing Cab Inc., Med. #60.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.17 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.16. License  
(ID # [23-0364](#))

Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Joseph Nicolas, Med. #79.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.17 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.17. License  
(ID # [23-0365](#))

Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Renaissance Taxi Service LLC, Med. #50.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.17 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.18. Public Communication (ID # [23-0299](#)) Organization for Polyamory and Ethical Non-Monogamy (OPEN) submitting comments re: nondiscrimination provisions in ordinances based on relationship structure.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

## 10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 10.1. Ordinance (ID # [23-0360](#)) By Councilor Burnley Jr.  
Amending Section 1-19 of the Code of Ordinances to remove the phrase "Honorably Purchased from Pawtuckets - 1639" from the City seal.

Councilor Burnley spoke about the city's flag and the language written upon it. He believes that it is a disingenuous way to look at history. This matter has been discussed by previous Council members and he would like to begin a longer conversation to highlight an indigenous telling of how Somerville became Somerville.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

- 10.2. Order (ID # [23-0359](#)) By Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Kelly  
That the City Solicitor advise this Council regarding the city's ability to use General Funds for a mass medical debt relief program.

Councilor Burnley noted that he is looking for clarification on this matter. Councilor Strezo, noting that there is a limited amount of resources available in municipal government, stated her opposition to using municipal funds to reduce medical debt, adding that it's a travesty that this country does not have a national health care program. She noted that hospitals charge exorbitant fees with no repercussions. She went on to say that this order does not address the cause of medical debt. Councilor Strezo was noted as being opposed to the order. Councilor Burnley cited examples of other communities where this is happening and said that the ask would be for about \$200,000.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee



10.3. Order  
(ID # [23-0361](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr.

That the Director of SomerViva Office of Immigrant Affairs and other appropriate staff report to this Council what steps are taken when migrants arrive in the city unexpectedly, and confirm whether a written policy or plan exists for this contingency.

Councilor Burnley commented that several hundred migrant children were absorbed into the city's school system in the past year. Councilor Pineda Neufeld said that the city should NOT have a written policy in place that is distributed to the public as this is a safety issue for undocumented immigrants and unaccompanied minors. She offered an amendment to delete the words *“, and confirm whether a written policy or plan exists for this contingency”* from the order and asked for understanding of the impact it would have to have written documentation of what the plan is. She continued by saying that we are protecting the identities of undocumented immigrants and unaccompanied minors by insuring that nothing is written about where they go and what happens as a result.

Councilor Burnley opposed the amendment and asked that the item be referred to the Equity, Gender, Families, Seniors and Vulnerable Populations Committee. President Ewen-Campen stated that he was inclined to approve the item and ask the SOIA Director to reach out to Councilor Burnley directly and answer his questions, and if those answers are not satisfactory, to think of a way to have a conversation about the item in a respectful and responsible way in committee.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad suggested that Councilor Burnley speak to the Director of SOIA for additional information. Councilor Burnley asked that this item be sent to committee to give him time to get some answers off-line. Chair Ewen-Campen denied the request to send the item to committee and informed Councilor Burnley that, should he not received adequate answers, he should submit the order again. Councilor Burnley moved to override the Chair's ruling and send item to committee. The motion to override was not approved on a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Scott, Burnley, Kelly), 7 opposed (Davis, Strezo, Clingan, Wilson, Gomez Mouakad, Pineda Neufeld, Ewen-Campen) and 1 absent (McLaughlin).

**RESULT: APPROVED**

10.4. Communication  
(ID # [23-0371](#))

By Councilor Davis

Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2024.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 10.5. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [23-0367](#))

Tufts University conveying its Spring 2023 Accountability Report.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

- 10.6. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [23-0370](#))

Harvard University conveying its Spring 2023 Accountability Report.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

- 10.7. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [23-0368](#))

Crystal Huff submitting comments re: use of Free Cash for affordable housing.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

## 11. LATE ITEMS

- 11.1. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0187](#))

Requesting approval of the Municipal Election Calendar for 2023.

The item was discharged from committee and placed before the Council for discussion. Election Commissioner Salerno addressed the Council and said that there's nothing different in the schedule than in previous years. Councilor Pineda Neufeld noted that the last day for filing for a recount falls on Yom Kippur and she asked that it be changed, if possible. The item was tabled to allow Commissioner Salerno to check if that date is able to be moved. After reviewing the schedule, the item was removed from the table and Commissioner Salerno reported that the date parameter is dictated by state law. He said that if the date of the election were changed, the request could be accommodated. Councilor Pineda Neufeld stated her preference to keep the date of the election as scheduled.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:57 PM.



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## City Council

### Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 23, 2023

7:00 PM

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#### 1. OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen.

The City Council entered into recess at 7:47 PM and returned at 7:55 PM.

The City Council entered into recess at 8:03 PM and returned at 8:08 PM.

- 1.1. Roll Call                      Call of the Roll.  
(ID # [23-0293](#))

**RESULT:**      **PLACED ON FILE**

**Present:**      City Councilor At Large Willie Burnley Jr.  
City Councilor At Large Charlotte Kelly  
City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo  
City Councilor At Large Jake Wilson  
Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin  
Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott  
Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen  
Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan  
Ward Five City Councilor Beatriz Gomez Mouakad  
Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis  
Ward Seven City Councilor Judy Pineda Neufeld

- 1.2. Remembrances              Remembrances.  
(ID # [23-0375](#))

Councilor McLaughlin and the Entire Council requested a moment of silence in memory of Paul Robichaud.

**RESULT:**      **APPROVED**

- 1.3. Minutes                      Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, February 23, 2023.  
(ID # [23-0189](#))

**RESULT:**      **APPROVED**

#### 2. CITATIONS

### 3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 3.1. Grant of Location (ID # [23-0412](#)) Cambridge Network Solutions applying for a Grant of Location to install 320 feet of conduit in Beacon Street and Eustis Street, from Manhole 0515-3006 to Utility Pole 465/1 located at the rear of 296 Beacon Street.

CONDITION: Any work requiring the use of the street and/or sidewalk will require a Street Occupancy Permit from the Engineering Department.

CONDITION: A Trench Restoration Plan must be provided when applying for the Street Occupancy Permit.

Jeffrey Harrington, representing Cambridge Network Solutions, explained the reason for the request. There being no further comment, the public hearing was closed. Councilor Scott asked to add two standard conditions: 1) that any work requiring the use of a street or sidewalk will require a street/sidewalk occupancy permit from the Engineering Department, and 2) that a trench restoration plan be provided when applying for a street/sidewalk occupancy permit. Councilor Strezo commented on the number of hazardous conditions resulting from hanging wires and she asked the applicant to commit to cleaning up any of their wires so that they don't pose a hazard to pedestrians. Mr. Harrington said that he would commit and would also try to notify other companies having hazardous wires in the area of his project.

**RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS**

- 3.2. Grant of Location (ID # [23-0418](#)) Your Space Landscape and Const. Inc applying for a Grant of Location to install 85 feet of conduit in Professors Row, from Utility Pole 289/13 to a point of pickup at 114 Professors Row.

**RESULT: LAI D ON THE TABLE**

- 3.3. Grant of Location (ID # [23-0413](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install a total of 118 feet of conduit in the intersection of Highland Avenue and West Street, connecting Manhole 2578 and Manhole 18954 to a point of pickup at the rear of 371 Highland Avenue.

Jacqui Duffy, representing Eversource, explained the reason for the request. There being no further comment, the public hearing was closed. Councilor Strezo inquired about a previous request to address the issue of hazardous wires and Ms. Duffy said that she did report the situation but has not heard back yet. Councilor Strezo noted that the pole at Cedar and Lexington is owned by Eversource.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 3.4. Grant of Location (ID # [23-0414](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 55 feet of conduit in Holland Street, from Utility Pole 171/18 to a point of pickup at 211 Holland Street.
- Jacqui Duffy, representing Eversource, explained the reason for the request. There being no further comment, the public hearing was closed.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 3.5. Grant of Location (ID # [23-0415](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 102 feet of conduit near 51 Prospect Street and 34 Prospect Street.
- Jacqui Duffy, representing Eversource, explained the reason for the request. There being no further comment, the public hearing was closed. Councilor Scott recused himself from this item.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 3.6. Grant of Location (ID # [23-0416](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 70 feet of conduit in Ten Hills Road, from Utility Pole 498/10 to a point of pickup at 77 Ten Hills Road.
- Jacqui Duffy, representing Eversource, explained the reason for the request. There being no further comment, the public hearing was closed.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 3.7. Grant of Location (ID # [23-0417](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install new manhole and 113 feet of conduit in the intersection of Windsor Place and Windsor Street, from Manhole 26724 to a point of pickup at 808 Windsor Street (formerly 153 South Street).
- Jacqui Duffy, representing Eversource, explained the reason for the request. There being no further comment, the public hearing was closed.
- RESULT: APPROVED**

#### 4. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

- 4.1. Order (ID # [23-0461](#)) By Councilor Strezo  
That the City Solicitor draft an Ordinance to protect homeowners from developer and realtor mail, phone and email harassment.
- Councilor Strezo commented about the barrage of communications urging homeowners to sell their property.
- RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

- 4.2. Order  
(ID # [23-0462](#))
- By Councilor Strezo  
That the Commissioner of Public Works immediately remove the low hanging heavy cables dangling above the sidewalk on Line Street, and report to this Council which entity is responsible for leaving the wires in this condition.
- Councilor Strezo moved to waive the reading of this item.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 4.3. Order  
(ID # [23-0463](#))
- By Councilor Strezo  
That the Commissioner of Public Works immediately remove the wires wrapped around a pole on Lee Street, and report to this Council who owns the pole.
- Councilor Strezo moved to waive the reading of this item.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 4.4. Order  
(ID # [23-0464](#))
- By Councilor Strezo and Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the low hanging wires dangling from the overhead lines on Hudson Street, between Cedar Street and Lowell Street, and report to this Council who owns the pole.
- Councilor Strezo moved to waive the reading of this item.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 4.5. Communication  
(ID # [23-0451](#))
- By Councilor Strezo  
Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2024.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 4.5-4.7, 4.9, 4.13-4.15, 10.13, and 10.17 and asked that they be referred to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 4.6. Communication  
(ID # [23-0453](#))
- By Councilor Ewen-Campen  
Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2024.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 4.5-4.7, 4.9, 4.13-4.15, 10.13, and 10.17 and asked that they be referred to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

4.7. Communication  
(ID # [23-0475](#))

By Councilor Clingan

Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2024.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 4.5-4.7, 4.9, 4.13-4.15, 10.13, and 10.17 and asked that they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

4.8. Order  
(ID # [23-0457](#))

By Councilor Pineda Neufeld

That this City Council discuss data from the FY 2023 budget hearings and assess the budget hearing process for FY 2024.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld commented about last year's budget hearings and the level and tenor of the conversations that took place. She asked councilors to look at the data she presented as she explained her findings. She highlighted the time spent asking questions of department heads and the amount of funds being requested, through a gender lens. Councilor Burnley stated that the conversation with the Office of Housing Stability was supportive, and he didn't find it to be disrespectful at all, adding that he doesn't want to equate the length of a conversation with negativity.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad said she sat in on these meetings and never saw such disrespect toward department heads and to city councilors, herself included. She said we need to recognize that we have inherent biases and she asked councilors to look at this seriously. Councilor McLaughlin said he hasn't considered this from the point of gender, and he feels that things have taken a harsher turn over recent years. He recounted that the last budget session became a performance instead of dealing with the nuts and bolts of the budget. He noted that the Council's only budget power is to cut funds, hence if the questions don't lead to an informed discussion about whether a department needs money or not, it shouldn't be discussed.

Councilor Wilson said that he'll commit to reviewing how the Finance Committee handled last year's budget process to see if a pattern emerged. Councilor Pineda Neufeld acknowledged that some of last year's questions had to do with the workings of the departments rather than focusing on the financial aspects and she suggested some ways to improve the process, including having councilors submit in advance 4-5 questions for each department head, limiting the time allotments for department discussions, limiting responses from department heads, and being mindful about scheduling employees having parental responsibilities. Councilor Kelly noted that there was no follow up of the concerns she expressed during last year's budget process. Councilor Clingan commented that he doesn't want to feel constrained when questioning department heads.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 4.9. Communication (ID # [23-0456](#)) By Councilor Pineda Neufeld  
Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2024.  
Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 4.5-4.7, 4.9, 4.13-4.15, 10.13, and 10.17 and asked that they be referred to the Committee on Finance.  
**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 4.10. Order (ID # [23-0458](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson  
That the Director of Economic Development update this Council on the implementation of the Union Square Covenant, which includes local and veterans preference in hiring.  
Councilor Scott recused himself from this item.  
Councilor McLaughlin stated that he wants to be sure that the covenant is being enforced.  
**RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee
- 4.11. Order (ID # [23-0459](#)) By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Director of Planning, Preservation and Zoning update this Council on the status of the property on Palmer Court, purchased by the city for the purpose of creating green space.  
**RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee
- 4.12. Order (ID # [23-0460](#)) By Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Wilson  
That the Director of Parking place a 20 MPH speed limit sign on Wigglesworth Street.  
**RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee
- 4.13. Communication (ID # [23-0474](#)) By Councilor McLaughlin  
Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2024.  
Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 4.5-4.7, 4.9, 4.13-4.15, 10.13, and 10.17 and asked that they be referred to the Committee on Finance.  
**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee



- 4.14. Communication By Councilor Kelly  
(ID # [23-0467](#)) Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2024.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 4.5-4.7, 4.9, 4.13-4.15, 10.13, and 10.17 and asked that they be referred to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 4.15. Communication By Councilor Wilson  
(ID # [23-0468](#)) Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2024.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 4.5-4.7, 4.9, 4.13-4.15, 10.13, and 10.17 and asked that they be referred to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

## 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

## 6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### 6.A. CHARTER REVIEW SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- 6.A.1. Committee Report Report of the Special Committee on Charter Review, meeting as a  
(ID # [23-0444](#)) Committee of the Whole on March 22, 2023.
- Councilor Scott presented the Committee Report and said that all recommendations from the Charter Review Committee have been reviewed. The 2nd public hearing will be scheduled for early May.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 6.A.2. Resolution By Councilor Scott  
(ID # [23-0491](#)) Supporting the recommendation of the Charter Review Committee to write a new and modernized Charter.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 6.A.3. Resolution By Councilor Scott  
(ID # [23-0492](#)) Supporting the recommended language by the Charter Review Committee to add a group petition mechanism.
- RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.A.4. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0493](#)) By Councilor McLaughlin  
Supporting the recommended language by the Charter Review Committee to maintain the vacancy process for at-large and ward City Councilors.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.A.5. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0494](#)) By Councilor Scott  
Supporting the recommended language by the Charter Review Committee to maintain the current composition of the School Committee.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.A.6. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0495](#)) By Councilor Scott  
Supporting the recommended language by the Charter Review Committee to keep the School Committee terms at 2 years.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.A.7. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0496](#)) By Councilor Scott  
Supporting the recommended language by the Charter Review Committee to maintain the vacancy process for School Committee members.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.A.8. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0497](#)) By Councilor Davis  
Requesting amended Charter language to ensure that candidates for Mayor and Councilor-At-Large are required to be residents of the City of Somerville.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.B. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- 6.B.1. Committee Report  
(ID # [23-0442](#)) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on March 15, 2023.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld presented the Committee Report saying that among the items recommended for approval by the committee were the confirmations of Cynthia Amara as City Solicitor and Charles Breen as the city's Chief Fire Engineer. Other appointments recommended for approval were for a constable position, a position on the Community Preservation Committee and two positions on the Urban Forestry Committee.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.B.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-2127](#)) Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Darcy Haynes as Constable.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.B.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0059](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Charles J. Breen, Jr. as Fire Chief Engineer.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.B.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0060](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Cynthia L. Amara as City Solicitor.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.B.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0111](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Ryan Kiracofe to the Community Preservation Committee.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.B.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0122](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Calla Taylor to the Urban Forestry Committee.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.B.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0326](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Dorothy Suput to the Urban Forestry Committee.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.C. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 6.C.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-0443](#)) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on March 21, 2023.

Councilor Wilson presented the Committee Report and listed several of the requests that were recommended for approval. He commented that a switch to the Zoom meeting platform is imminent. The FY 2023 mid-year report was presented to the committee and long and short-term borrowing rates were discussed during the presentation.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.C.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0176](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$100,000 from the Community Preservation Act Fund for design of a park at 217 Somerville Ave.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.C.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0177](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$250,000 from the Community Preservation Act Fund to the Mystic River Watershed Association to design a shared use community path at Blessing of the Bay Park.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.C.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0179](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$350,000 from the Community Preservation Act Fund for the construction of Henry Hansen Park.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.C.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0180](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$400,000 from the Community Preservation Act Fund for the construction of Junction Park.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.C.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0184](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$17,821.96 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Fire Services to the Fire Department for the purchase of ballistic vests, helmets and medical equipment.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.C.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0195](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$67,050 grant with no new match required, from the Mass Cultural Council to the Arts Council for unrestricted operational support.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.C.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0198](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$100,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation to the Mobility Division for traffic engineering design and related implementation at the intersection of Alewife Brook Parkway and Broadway.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.C.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0243](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$306.05 from the IAM-Engineering Personal Services-Overtime Account to the Department of Public Works Custodians Personal Services-Overtime Account for DPW staff time related to Engineering work.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.C.10. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0268](#))
- Requesting approval of a three-year extension to the lease with BwB-Square LLC for Nibble Community Kitchen.

**RESULT:**     **APPROVED**

**AYE:**           City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:**      City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

- 6.C.11. Officer's  
Communication  
(ID # [23-0283](#))
- Finance Director conveying the FY 2023 Mid-Year Financial Report in accordance with Section 2-48 of the Code of Ordinances.

**RESULT:**     **PLACED ON FILE**

- 6.C.12. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0290](#))
- Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$289.68 using available funds in the Elections Department Office Supplies Account for index dividers, ledger paper, and water.

**RESULT:**     **APPROVED**

- 6.C.13. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0296](#))
- Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$5,761.47 grant with no new match required, from the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to the Fire Department for equipment to develop emergency operations capacity.

**RESULT:**     **APPROVED**

- 6.C.14. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0297](#))
- Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$2,982.40 grant with no new match required, from the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to the Fire Department for equipment to develop emergency operations capacity.

**RESULT:**     **APPROVED**

- 6.C.15. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0301](#))
- Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$65,686.35 using available funds various Public Works Ordinary Maintenance accounts for various services.

**RESULT:**     **APPROVED**

6.C.16. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0310](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$151,000 from the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Fund to the Somerville Museum for collections conservation.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.C.17. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0311](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$20,125 from the Information Technology Department Salaries Account to the Information Technology Department Maintenance Software Account to procure and standardize on the Zoom platform for remote meetings.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.C.18. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0312](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$425,000 from the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Fund to the Somerville Hispanic Association for community development for continued historic preservation of Grace Baptist Church.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.C.19. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0313](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$480 using available funds in the Engineering Capital Outlay Engineering/Architecture Account for the FY22 Pavement & Sidewalk Assessment.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.C.20. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0315](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$5,234.59 grant with no new match required, from the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to the Fire Department for the purchase of protective equipment to support active threat preparedness initiatives.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.C.21. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0325](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$827,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Capital Stabilization Fund for site preparation, construction, and furnishing of a safe consumption site.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.C.22. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0332](#)) Requesting approval of a grant of easement and maintenance agreement for BRE-BMR Assembly I Innovation LLC and BRE-BMR Middlesex LLC.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

6.D. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

6.D.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on March 14, 2023.  
(ID # [23-0441](#))

Councilor Davis presented the Committee Report and said that the committee recommended approval of an item to provide for an alternate member on the Licensing Commission. He also spoke about three amendments to the Code of Ordinance regarding biased based policing, personnel programs and relationship status/intimate personal relationships. Councilor Burnley spoke about the work involved in getting these important items moved forward and commented about the discrimination experienced by polyamorous individuals. Councilor Scott sponsored Professor Alexander Chen to speak. Professor Chen stated that this is a landmark moment and shows how government reflects the way people live. He said that if a relationship is legalized, it's not just sexual. Councilor Scott sponsored Diana Adams, from Chosen Family Law Center, to speak. Diana Adams said that this is a tremendous step forward in defining families in different ways. Councilor Scott asked for the support of the Council for these items.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

6.D.2. Ordinance  
(ID # [22-1992](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Scott  
Amending Section 1-4 of the Code of Ordinance to add definitions for relationship status and intimate personal relationship.

**RESULT:** **ORDINANCE ORDAINED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

6.D.3. Ordinance  
(ID # [22-1993](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Scott  
Amending Section 2-326 of the Code of Ordinances, related to the Personnel program.

**RESULT:** **ORDINANCE ORDAINED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

6.D.4. Ordinance  
(ID # [22-1995](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Scott  
Amending Section 15-31 of the Code of Ordinances, related to the Code of Conduct, Ethics, and Financial Disclosure.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

6.D.5. Ordinance  
(ID # [22-1996](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Scott  
Amending Section 10-102 of the Code of Ordinances, regarding the definition of biased based policing.

**RESULT:** **ORDINANCE ORDAINED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

6.D.6. Mayor's  
Communication  
(ID # [23-0107](#))

Conveying the 2022 Surveillance Technology Annual Report as it relates to Somerville Public Schools.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

6.D.7. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0256](#))

Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition Authorizing the City to Appoint an Alternate Member to the Somerville Licensing Commission.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**



**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 6.D.8. Public Communication (ID # [23-0299](#)) Organization for Polyamory and Ethical Non-Monogamy (OPEN) submitting comments re: nondiscrimination provisions in ordinances based on relationship structure.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

## 7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 7.1. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0454](#)) Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition authorizing the City of Somerville to impose a real estate transfer fee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

- 7.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0455](#)) Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition authorizing the City of Somerville to enact Right to Purchase legislation.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

- 7.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0369](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$600,000 from the Water and Sewer Department Retained Earnings account to the Water and Sewer Department Capital Outlay account for anticipated contractual obligations.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.3 - 7.6 and asked that they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0450](#)) Requesting the rescission of \$435,000 from the Medical Marijuana Stabilization Fund appropriation of \$591,442 approved on February 24, 2022.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.3 - 7.6 and asked that they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

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- 7.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0298](#)) Requesting approval to appropriate \$54,445 from the Street Tree Stabilization Fund for the 2023 Ash Tree Treatment Program.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.3 - 7.6 and asked that they be referred to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0377](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$28,000 grant with no new match required, from MassDEP to the Office of Sustainability and Environment for the Recycle Dividend Program.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.3 - 7.6 and asked that they be referred to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0376](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Michael Smith to the Public Library Board of Trustees.
- Councilor Pineda Neufeld moved to waive the reading of this item and refer it to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee
- 7.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0439](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Michael Santangelo to the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.
- Councilor Pineda Neufeld moved to waive the reading of this item and refer it to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee
8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS
9. NEW BUSINESS
- 9.1. License (ID # [23-0387](#)) New Drainlayer's License, JP Vara Co Inc.
- President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
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- 9.2. License  
(ID # [23-0379](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Alfa Excavation Inc.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.3. License  
(ID # [23-0380](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Bartletta Heavy Division Inc.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.4. License  
(ID # [23-0381](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Bassco Excavating.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.5. License  
(ID # [23-0471](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Borges Sewer & Drain LLC.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.6. License  
(ID # [23-0382](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, BSI Engineering.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.7. License  
(ID # [23-0476](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Capitol Services LLC.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.8. License  
(ID # [23-0383](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Caruso & McGovern Construction Inc.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.9. License  
(ID # [23-0384](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, CRL Inc.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.10. License  
(ID # [23-0385](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, D&M Civil Inc.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.11. License  
(ID # [23-0469](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Ferrante Construction LLC.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.12. License  
(ID # [23-0386](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Garrett Construction Co Inc.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.13. License  
(ID # [23-0470](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, J.R. Sons Construction Inc.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.14. License  
(ID # [23-0388](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, K.B. Aruda Construction Inc.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.15. License  
(ID # [23-0397](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, LaMountain Brothers Inc.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.16. License  
(ID # [23-0390](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, M.T. Mayo Corp.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.17. License  
(ID # [23-0389](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Minkin Construction.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.18. License  
(ID # [23-0391](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, New England Style Inc.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.19. License  
(ID # [23-0398](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Riccio Excavation.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.20. License  
(ID # [23-0440](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Sean Farrell Excavation Inc.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.21. License  
(ID # [23-0434](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Spencer Contracting.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.22. License  
(ID # [23-0399](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Tim Zanelli Excavating LLC.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.23. License  
(ID # [23-0400](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Your Space Landscape and Construction LLC.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.24. License  
(ID # [23-0466](#))

New Extended Operating Hours License, Alfredo's Italian Kitchen, 288 Broadway, opening Fri & Sat until 3am for take-out and delivery services.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

- 9.25. License  
(ID # [23-0392](#))

Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Dakzen, 195 Elm St.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.26. License  
(ID # [23-0393](#))

Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Dumpling Kitchen, 217 Highland Ave.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.27. License  
(ID # [23-0394](#))
- Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Pepi's Pizzeria, 516B Medford St.
- President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.28. License  
(ID # [23-0395](#))
- Renewing Flammables License, Boston Closet Company, 229 Lowell St.
- President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.29. License  
(ID # [23-0396](#))
- Renewing Flammables License, Mobil Mart Plus, 379 Alewife Brook Pkwy.
- President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.30. License  
(ID # [23-0401](#))
- Renewing Flammables License, Teele Square Auto, 1284 Broadway.
- President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.31. License  
(ID # [23-0402](#))
- Renewing Garage License, Auto Plus, 229 Lowell St.
- President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.32. License  
(ID # [23-0403](#))
- Renewing Garage License, Barnes and Walsh Company, 224 Somerville Ave.
- President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.
- RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.33. License  
(ID # [23-0404](#))
- Renewing Garage License, DM Auto Services, Inc, 45 Webster Ave.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.34. License  
(ID # [23-0435](#))
- Renewing Garage License, Drain Doctor Inc, 612 Broadway.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.35. License  
(ID # [23-0405](#))
- Renewing Garage License, Four Wheels Auto, 83A Albion St.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.36. License  
(ID # [23-0406](#))
- Renewing Garage License, Gasper Ostuni, 195 Highland Ave.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.37. License  
(ID # [23-0465](#))
- Renewing Garage License, Gene Automotive Repair, 56 Joy St.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.38. License  
(ID # [23-0477](#))
- Renewing Garage License, Green Automotive Inc, 600 Windsor Pl.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**



9.39. License  
(ID # [23-0407](#))

Renewing Garage License, Hillside Service Center, 45 Mystic Ave.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.40. License  
(ID # [23-0436](#))

Renewing Garage License, Modern Floors Inc, 22 Marshall St.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.41. License  
(ID # [23-0408](#))

Renewing Garage License, Real Auto Shop Inc, 463 McGrath Hwy.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.42. License  
(ID # [23-0409](#))

Renewing Garage License, Teele Square Auto, 1284 Broadway.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.43. License  
(ID # [23-0410](#))

Renewing Garage License, Tracer Technologies Inc, 20 Assembly Sq.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.44. License  
(ID # [23-0411](#))

Renewing Garage License, U-Haul of Boston, 151 Linwood St.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.45. License  
(ID # [23-0419](#))
- Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Day/Dover Parking Lot, 55 Day St.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.46. License  
(ID # [23-0420](#))
- Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Nissenbaum Auto Parts Inc, 480 Columbia St.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.47. License  
(ID # [23-0424](#))
- Renewing Second Hand Dealer License, Atlas Metal Inc, 475 Columbia St.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.48. License  
(ID # [23-0449](#))
- Renewing Second Hand Dealer License, Metamorphosis, 93 Holland St.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.49. License  
(ID # [23-0425](#))
- Renewing Second Hand Dealer License, Nissenbaum Auto Parts Inc, 480 Columbia St.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.50. License  
(ID # [23-0426](#))
- Renewing Second Hand Dealer License, Talewsky Enterprises Inc, 508 Columbia St.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.51. License  
(ID # [23-0427](#))
- Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Country Club Transportation Inc, Med. #5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 46.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.52. License  
(ID # [23-0431](#))
- Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Early Bird Transportation LLC, Med. #49.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.53. License  
(ID # [23-0428](#))
- Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Green and Yellow TNC of Somerville, Med. #27, 36, 37, 38, 53, 54, 67.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.54. License  
(ID # [23-0433](#))
- Renewing Taxi Medallion License, HollyPaul Desravines, Med. #92.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.55. License  
(ID # [23-0432](#))
- Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Honey Cab Inc, Med. #82.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.56. License  
(ID # [23-0478](#))
- Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Jolina Taxi Inc, Med. #52.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.57. License  
(ID # [23-0473](#))

Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Lafoi Taxi Inc, Med. #20.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.58. License  
(ID # [23-0429](#))

Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Mount Pleasant Taxi Inc, Med. #30, 39, 40, 41, 42.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.59. License  
(ID # [23-0472](#))

Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Yolande Trans Inc, Med. #15.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.60. Public Event  
(ID # [23-0421](#))

St Benedict Parish applying for a Public Event License for Good Friday Procession on April 7 from 4pm to 7:20pm.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.61. Public Event  
(ID # [23-0452](#))

SomerPromise applying for a Public Event License for Week of the Young Child Celebration on April 12 from 4pm to 7:30pm.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.62. Public Event  
(ID # [23-0422](#))

Independent Film Society of Boston applying for a Public Event License for Independent Film Festival Boston on April 26-May 2 from 10am to 12am.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.63. Public Event  
(ID # [23-0437](#)) Arts Council applying for a Public Event License for Porchfest on May 13 from 11am to 7pm (raindate May 14).  
President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.64. Public Event  
(ID # [23-0423](#)) Bow Market applying for a Public Event License for Bow Market Annual Vintage Market on May 21 from 9am to 9pm (raindate June 4).  
President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.23 and 9.25 through 9.64 and approve the items tonight.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.65. Public Communication  
(ID # [23-0430](#)) The Greater Boston Labor Council nominating Gabriel Camacho to the Wage Theft Advisory Committee.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.66. Public Communication  
(ID # [23-0373](#)) Crystal Huff submitting comments re: voting methods.  
**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**
- 9.67. Public Communication  
(ID # [23-0374](#)) Mutual Aid Medford and Somerville (MAMAS) submitting comments re: use of Free Cash for affordable Housing.  
**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**
- 9.68. Public Communication  
(ID # [23-0378](#)) Asexuality Visibility and Education Network (AVEN), the Organization for Polyamory and Ethical Non-Monogamy (OPEN), and the Polyamory Legal Advocacy Coalition (PLAC) submitting comments re: nondiscrimination provisions in ordinances based on relationship structure.  
**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**
- 9.69. Public Communication  
(ID # [23-0438](#)) Winter Hill Community Innovation School and Healy School Parent Teacher Associations submitting comments re: student ideas on reducing violence.  
Councilor Wilson commented about the shootings this past Tuesday and noted that it's not normal and it's not right and that we need to figure out how to stop the cycle of violence.  
**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**
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**10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

- 10.1. Order  
(ID # [23-0479](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management clarify the phases for the programming, design and development of the Winter Hill and Brown School Renovation/Reconstruction in the CIP Presentation shared with this Council on March 9, 2023.
- Councilor Gomez Mouakad commented that the information provided is unclear, as noted in the text of this item.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee
- 10.2. Order  
(ID # [23-0480](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management detail how funds for the School Building Feasibility Study budgeted for FY 2023 have been expensed to date.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee
- 10.3. Order  
(ID # [23-0481](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management identify department staff allocated to the School Building Feasibility Study, and the projected time commitment of this staff for the duration of the study.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee
- 10.4. Order  
(ID # [23-0482](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson  
That the Director of Parks and Recreation consider opening the Ginny Smithers Pool on Sundays to expand swim lesson opportunities, including consideration of engaging an outside vendor or organization to provide the swim lessons.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

- 10.5. Order  
(ID # [23-0483](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the Director of Parks and Recreation explain the wait list process for enrollment in Parks and Recreation programs.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee
- 10.6. Order  
(ID # [23-0484](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the Director of Parks and Recreation consider giving enrollment priority to low-income families in Parks and Recreation Programs, including but not limited to pre-registration priority.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee
- 10.7. Order  
(ID # [23-0485](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the Director of the SomerViva Office of Immigrant Affairs (SOIA) provide data on the process to connect immigrant families with legal services and the waitlist to receive those services vs. the waitlist for follow-up from government immigrant agencies.
- Councilor Gomez Mouakad expressed her frustration about the status of immigrants and their exploitation, say that the city needs to assist them with the legal process in the most effective way to help them achieve legal status.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee
- 10.8. Order  
(ID # [23-0486](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Strezo  
That this City Council consider options for Committee meetings like allowing schedule changes to the daytime or fixing presentation times in the evenings to facilitate flexibility for staff and Councilors who are new parents or facing childcare challenges.
- Councilor Gomez Mouakad commented that we need to be conscious of the needs of staff and be more empathetic.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee

10.9. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0488](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Ewen-Campen  
That this City Council supports the School Committee's resolution to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority, a statement of interest for the Benjamin Brown and the Winter Hill Schools.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad urged the Council to support this resolution. Councilor Davis said that the School Committee decided to engage stakeholders by this action, adding that it's not clear if the administration is in line with this. He urged the administration to move forward in order to take advantage of the opportunity presented. Councilor Wilson explained that if the project is done with city funds, there would be fewer restrictions. Councilor Clingan noted that the administration was willing to support this and Chair Ewen-Campen also noted that the administration is fully behind moving this forward. Councilor Gomez Mouakad said students and teachers deserve a proper environment.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee

10.10. Order  
(ID # [23-0500](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr.  
That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Parks and Recreation light City Hall, Prospect Hill Tower, and Powder House in light blue, light pink, and white on March 31, 2023 in honor of Transgender Day of Visibility.

Councilor Burnley spoke about a mental health crisis in our community, particularly for gender queer and trans children and expressed his feeling that we should be shining a light to show that we do care about them.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

10.11. Order  
(ID # [23-0501](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Scott  
That the Fire Chief, Inspectional Services Director, and Director of the Office of Housing Stability work with this Council to assess the feasibility of annual reporting on the number of fires, the causes of those fires, the number displaced by each fire, and if those displaced were able to relocate within Somerville.

Councilor Burnley noted the number of recent fires in the city and would like to know how the city is doing with getting displaced residents relocated in the city.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee



- 10.12. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0499](#))
- By Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson
- That the City of Somerville recognizes the week of May 7-13, 2023 as Children's Mental Health Week.

Councilor Burnley noted that the Pulse Check survey was important and should be continued.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 10.13. Communication  
(ID # [23-0498](#))
- By Councilor Burnley Jr.
- Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2024.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 4.5-4.7, 4.9, 4.13-4.15, 10.13, and 10.17 and asked that they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 10.14. Order  
(ID # [23-0503](#))
- By Councilor Scott
- That the Director of Planning, Preservation and Zoning and the City Solicitor assist the City Council to draft language requiring that departmental review conditioned by the Planning Board contains a requirement for public outreach when concerning modifications by private developers within the public realm.

Councilor Scott commented that as street designs are done by developers, the final appearance of the street is often different from what was proposed and he thinks that a public process is needed to provide some clarity.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

- 10.15. Order  
(ID # [23-0504](#))
- By Councilor Scott, Councilor Kelly and Councilor Pineda Neufeld
- That this City Council pursue legislative action to prohibit lateral transfer hires into Civil Service positions.

Councilor Scott said that this is an abuse of the Civil Service process and that it denies Somerville residents from being considered for positions.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

- 10.16. Order  
(ID # [23-0505](#))
- By Councilor Scott, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Davis and Councilor Strezo
- That the Director of Planning, Preservation and Zoning assist the City Council in modifying the density incentives for NetZero/Passive House development in light of the recently adopted Specialized Stretch Code.
- Councilor Scott stated that incentives have biased development of smaller units, and he would like other incentives to entice developers to build 2-3 bedroom units.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee
- 10.17. Communication  
(ID # [23-0502](#))
- By Councilor Scott
- Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2024.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 4.5-4.7, 4.9, 4.13-4.15, 10.13, and 10.17 and asked that they be referred to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 10.18. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0506](#))
- Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Section 12.2 of the Zoning Ordinances to reflect the recommendations in the 2022 Somerville Linkage Nexus Study.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee
- 10.19. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0487](#))
- Requesting the appropriation of \$50,000 from the Immigrant Legal Services Stabilization Fund for legal services for immigrants and asylum seekers seeking permanent residency.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of item 10.19 and asked that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 10.20. License  
(ID # [23-0508](#))
- New Sign/Awning License, Kumon Somerville-Prospect Hill Center, 438 McGrath Hwy, 1 wall sign.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- 10.21. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [23-0489](#))
- Alex Rich-Shea submitting comments re: Cambridge Taylor Rental.
- RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**
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- 10.22. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [23-0490](#))

Jacob M. Grossman submitting comments re: 1 Union Square.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

## 11. LATE ITEMS

- 11.1. Order  
(ID # [23-0509](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin

That the Director of Parking address the defective traffic light at Mystic Ave and Revolution Dr outside Home Depot in Assembly Square.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:52 PM.



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## City Council

### Meeting Minutes

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**Thursday, April 13, 2023**

**7:00 PM**

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#### **1. OPENING CEREMONIES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen.

- 1.1. Roll Call                      Call of the Roll.  
(ID # [23-0640](#))

**RESULT:    PLACED ON FILE**

- 1.2. Remembrances              Remembrances.  
(ID # [23-0641](#))

**RESULT:    APPROVED**

- 1.3. Minutes                      Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, March 9, 2023.  
(ID # [23-0637](#))

**RESULT:    APPROVED**

#### **2. CITATIONS**

- 2.1. Withdrawn                      Withdrawn.  
(ID # [23-0638](#))

**RESULT:    WITHDRAWN**

#### **3. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 3.1. Grant of Location              Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 6 feet of conduit in Bow Street, from Utility Pole 39/9 to a point of pickup at 71 Bow Street.  
(ID # [23-0598](#))
- Jacqui Duffy, representing Eversource, explained the reason for the request. There being no further comment, the public hearing was closed. Councilor Ewen-Campen commented that this work will not involve digging up the street.

**RESULT:    APPROVED**

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#### 4. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

- 4.1. Order (ID # [23-0523](#)) By Councilor Strezo  
That the Chief of Police and relevant departments discuss the use and effectiveness of the Community Alert System and advise if an update to the system is necessary.  
**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee
- 4.2. Order (ID # [23-0545](#)) By Councilor Strezo  
That the Director of Mobility install and/or replace decals in all business districts informing the public that bicycles, e-bikes and motorized scooters are forbidden by City Ordinance from being ridden on sidewalks.  
**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee
- 4.3. Order (ID # [23-0546](#)) By Councilor Strezo  
That the Director of Economic Development update this City Council regarding the strategy and projected timeline for a Community Center in Union Square, including plans for a feasibility study.  
**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee
- 4.4. Order (ID # [23-0524](#)) By Councilor Strezo and Councilor Clingan  
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove, or raise to a safe height, the cables attached to a utility pole at 54 Ten Hills Road, and report to this City Council who owns the pole.  
**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
- 4.5. Order (ID # [23-0525](#)) By Councilor Strezo and Councilor Pineda Neufeld  
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove or raise above human reach, the overhead wires tied to a porch railing at 76 Curtis Street, and report back to this City Council who is responsible for the wires.  
**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
- 4.6. Communication (ID # [23-0547](#)) By Councilor Strezo  
Conveying a report of the Children's Cabinet meetings of March 14, 2023 and April 11, 2023.  
**RESULT:** LAI D ON THE TABLE
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- 4.7. Order  
(ID # [23-0548](#))
- By Councilor Clingan
- That this Council's Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works discuss the Somerville Internet Access Task Force's recommendation regarding Municipal Broadband.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
- 4.8. Ordinance  
(ID # [23-0607](#))
- By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Scott and Councilor Strezo
- Amending Section 9-116 of the Code of Ordinances, the Noise Ordinance, by prohibiting loud and disruptive construction activities on Saturdays and evenings.
- Councilor Gomez Mouakad assumed the Chair.
- Councilor Ewen-Campen spoke about some recent blasting of bedrock and the noise it created. He spoke to ISD and the Solicitor's Office to produce this proposed amendment. He believes that the city's noise ordinance is flawed and he would rather call out specific activities.
- Councilor Ewen-Campen reassumed the Chair. Councilor Gomez Mouakad suggested that ISD issue special permits for some activities. Councilor Scott would like to ensure that approval isn't just needed from ISD.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee
- 4.9. Order  
(ID # [23-0608](#))
- By Councilor Wilson and Councilor Clingan
- That the Chief of Police provide this Council with a report containing the information requested within for all incidents where a firearm was discharged since January 1, 2018.
- Councilor Wilson commented on how common gunfire in the city has become. Councilor Kelly stated that there is some data available going back 3 years.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

- 4.10. Order  
(ID # [23-0609](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management provide an update on the Building Conditions Analysis and Renovation Potential Assessment of the Winter Hill Community Innovation School and provide a schedule of the projected completion of this analysis and assessment.
- Councilor Gomez Mouakad would like this information made available for transparency.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee
- 4.11. Order  
(ID # [23-0610](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Wilson  
That the Commissioner of Public Works report on leaks and building system failures that have caused the shutdown of municipal buildings, excluding school buildings, in the last five years.
- Councilor Gomez Mouakad noted how the daily lives of municipal workers are being disrupted by these problems.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
- 4.12. Communication  
(ID # [23-0611](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2024.
- Councilor Gomez Mouakad spoke about the need for a Program Manager for Prevailing Wage, Living Wage, and Wage Theft Ordinance Oversight under a Workforce Development Department/Division.
- RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**
- 4.13. Order  
(ID # [23-0612](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Davis, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the Director of Planning, Preservation and Zoning draft an amendment to the Zoning Ordinances for transit oriented height and density bonuses for additional affordable housing and other enumerated community benefits.
- Councilor McLaughlin said that he wants to get the discussion started about city-wide basic plans to increase affordable housing.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee
- 4.14. Order  
(ID # [23-0613](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Commissioner of Public Works address the accumulated trash along the guardrails on Chester Avenue.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 4.15. Order  
(ID # [23-0614](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works address the accumulated trash by the intersection of Pinckney, Florence and Mount Vernon Streets.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 4.16. Order  
(ID # [23-0615](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin

That the Director of Engineering pave the second half of Otis Street, which remains only half complete after infrastructure work.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 4.17. Order  
(ID # [23-0616](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Davis

That the Chief of Police and the Director of Communications and Community Engagement discuss with this Council the viability of establishing a gun buyback event, focused on those who may be a danger to themselves, including strategic outreach involving community partners in the healthcare industry.

Councilor Burnley commented that MA has the 4th lowest rate of suicide in the country, however 124 gun suicides were recorded in MA in 2020. Economic and mental health needs are not being met and need to be addressed in tandem. Buy back programs are a mixed bag in terms of effectiveness. He feels that mental health assistance should be provided in exchange for turning in guns. Councilor Burnley pointed out that, in the past, Somerville had a suicide prevention task force. He went on to say that the city should ensure that residents feel safe and that they can be cared for. Councilor McLaughlin pointed out that a buy back program won't work unless the community gets involved.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

- 4.18. Order  
(ID # [23-0618](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr.

That the Director of Health & Human Services work with this Council and community partners to determine if the city has a current PILOT agreement with Mass General Brigham and other healthcare providers, and how mental health services can be a component of such agreements, particularly as part of a mental health gun buyback program.

Councilor Burnley commented that Somerville had a 20 year community services agreement with Brigham that could be amended, upon agreement of the parties. He stated that the city doesn't have the level of staff required to service the population needing help, although the city is home to various medical institutions, adding that he would like to develop partnerships with them.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee



4.19. Order  
(ID # [23-0622](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr.

That the City Solicitor work with this Council to determine the legality of requiring businesses of a certain size to post in clearly visible spaces, Worker's Rights Bills, which shall include the right to form a union without retaliation and consequences for violating workers' rights.

Councilor Burnley commented that there has been a rash of anti-union behavior in Somerville over the past several months and he wants workers to know that the city is a compassionate place to live, work and play.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad commented that there is some similar language in the wage theft ordinance.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

4.20. Order  
(ID # [23-0624](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr.

That this Council work with the Worker's Center, Licensing Commission, and local unions, to discuss workers' rights and how violations of those rights could impact licenses and permits.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad spoke about information from the Attorney General's Office on this topic that she will share with all councilors.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

4.21. Order  
(ID # [23-0626](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Wilson

That the Director of Parking, Director of Mobility, and Director of Communications and Community Engagement, discuss with this Council, efforts to publicize the state's recently implemented vulnerable road users law, including requesting signage from MassDOT detailing the safe passing distance for vehicles nearing vulnerable road users such as cyclists.

Councilor Burnley commented that this law recently went into effect and requires 4 feet of space when passing cyclists and vulnerable road users.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

- 4.22. Resolution By Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Kelly, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Scott  
(ID # [23-0620](#)) Condemning Northeastern University's anti-union behavior.

Resident Sean Spinney, a graduate student worker at Northeastern, was sponsored to speak on the item by Councilor Burnley. He spoke about the university's efforts to thwart graduate student workers' efforts to unionize and listed some of the tactics being employed by the school. He asked for the Council's support of this resolution to put Northeastern on notice that the community is watching and that grad workers, like all workers, deserve a vote. Councilor Burnley stated that union busting tactics will not be taken lightly in the City of Somerville and Councilor Kelly noted that 10% of the city's population is comprised of graduate students.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

## 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 5.1. Grant of Location Your Space Landscape and Const. Inc applying for a Grant of Location to  
(ID # [23-0418](#)) install 85 feet of conduit in Professors Row, from Utility Pole 289/13 to a point of pickup at 114 Professors Row.

Stephen Peppi, representing Your Space Landscape and Const. Inc, explained the reason for the request. There being no further comment, the public hearing was closed.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

## 6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### 6.A. CHARTER REVIEW SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- 6.A.1. Committee Report Report of the Special Committee on Charter Review, meeting as a  
(ID # [23-0535](#)) Committee of the Whole on April 12, 2023.

Councilor Scott stated that the committee is in the final stages of the review and he urged that the meeting video be viewed. He noted that the administration is working on language for 2 sections. Councilor Scott stated his preference to hold a public hearing prior to the budget meetings commencing.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.A.2. Order  
(ID # [23-0645](#))
- By Councilor Ewen-Campen
- Amending Section 2-7 (a) of the Charter Review Committee's proposed Charter text to read: SECTION 2-7: APPOINTMENTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL (a) Advisory Legal Counsel - Subject to appropriation, the city council may secure legal services, when needed, to seek a secondary legal opinion. The city council shall make a reasonable request for such legal services, and such request shall not be unreasonably denied by the mayor. The city solicitor and any advisory legal counsel shall consult to the extent practicable prior to the release of any secondary opinion. The legal services provided to the council shall not include representation of the council or any councilor in any litigation, or the issuance of formal legal opinions on behalf of the city. The city solicitor shall remain the only authorized officer of the city in all legal matters involving the city's government.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.B. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- 6.B.1. Committee Report  
(ID # [23-0512](#))
- Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on March 28, 2023.

Councilor Clingan reported that details of the meeting may be found in the minutes or by watching the meeting video.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.B.2. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0241](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Burnley Jr.
- That the Administration update this Council's Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters regarding efforts to hire more firefighters.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.B.3. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0242](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Burnley Jr.
- That the Administration inform this Council regarding efforts to update the firefighter hiring process, since the reserve list has been eliminated.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.B.4. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0376](#))
- Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Michael Smith to the Public Library Board of Trustees.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.C. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 6.C.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-0514](#)) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on March 29, 2023.

Councilor Wilson reported that the submitted budget priorities are being considered by the administration. Councilor Davis commented that he thought that financing for additional council staff was included in the overall request and Councilor Wilson replied that there was not a sufficient level of support of the notion. Councilor McLaughlin stated that this reinforces the need for the council's rules to be followed. Councilor Gomez Mouakad suggested that a memorandum of the rules be prepared for next year.

*Councilor Davis moved to amend the report to include a request to the mayor for additional FY-24 funds for staff for the City Council.* City Clerk Wells suggested that the motion not be to amend the report, but rather to be sent to the mayor as an additional funding request.

*Councilor Davis moved to include a request to the mayor for additional FY 2024 funds for staff for the City Council.* The motion was approved.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.C.2. Mayor's Communication (ID # [23-0159](#)) Conveying updates to the FY 2023 City Council budget requests and requesting budget priorities for FY 2024.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.C.3. Communication (ID # [23-0371](#)) By Councilor Davis  
Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2024.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.C.4. Communication (ID # [23-0451](#)) By Councilor Strezo  
Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2024.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.C.5. Communication (ID # [23-0453](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen  
Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2024.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.C.6. Communication (ID # [23-0456](#)) By Councilor Pineda Neufeld  
Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2024.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.C.7. Communication By Councilor Kelly  
(ID # [23-0467](#)) Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2024.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.C.8. Communication By Councilor Wilson  
(ID # [23-0468](#)) Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2024.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.C.9. Communication By Councilor McLaughlin  
(ID # [23-0474](#)) Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2024.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.C.10. Communication By Councilor Clingan  
(ID # [23-0475](#)) Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2024.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.C.11. Communication By Councilor Burnley Jr.  
(ID # [23-0498](#)) Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2024.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.C.12. Communication By Councilor Scott  
(ID # [23-0502](#)) Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2024.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.D. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 6.D.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on April 11, 2023.  
(ID # [23-0540](#))

Councilor Wilson reported on the funding requests that were recommended for approval by the committee. The Committee discussed outsourcing work for the Water and Sewer Department. Councilor Scott spoke about the \$600,000 request to cover operations for the Water Department for 3 months. He pointed out that all 11 SHMEO positions in the department have been vacant since at least August of last year. Councilor Scott told the members that his quick calculations show that the city's yearly total (all in compensation) salary cost for those 11 positions amounts to approximately \$641,492, meaning that the taxpayers of Somerville are essentially paying 4 times the cost by not having the work done in-house.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.D.2. Order  
(ID # [23-0137](#))
- By Councilor Clingan, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Kelly and Councilor Burnley Jr.  
That the Director of Communications provide this Council with an accounting of how the cable franchise fees have been expended over the past five years.
- RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.D.3. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0190](#))
- Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$79,500 grant with no new match required, from the MA Executive Office of Public Safety to the Police Department for staffing costs.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- 6.D.4. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0298](#))
- Requesting approval to appropriate \$54,445 from the Street Tree Stabilization Fund for the 2023 Ash Tree Treatment Program.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis
- ABSENT:** Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld
- 6.D.5. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0369](#))
- Requesting the appropriation of \$600,000 from the Water and Sewer Department Retained Earnings account to the Water and Sewer Department Capital Outlay account for anticipated contractual obligations.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- 6.D.6. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0377](#))
- Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$28,000 grant with no new match required, from MassDEP to the Office of Sustainability and Environment for the Recycle Dividend Program.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- 6.D.7. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0450](#))
- Requesting the rescission of \$435,000 from the Medical Marijuana Stabilization Fund appropriation of \$591,442 approved on February 24, 2022.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 6.D.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0487](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$50,000 from the Immigrant Legal Services Stabilization Fund for legal services for immigrants and asylum seekers seeking permanent residency.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

6.E. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- 6.E.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-0515](#)) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on March 30, 2023.

Councilor McLaughlin gave a brief summary of the actions taken by the committee.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.E.2. Resolution (ID # [22-0822](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Wilson That the Directors of Infrastructure and Asset Management, Engineering, Public Works, and the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, along with any other appropriate departments, work to develop a binding, equitable, citywide Electrical Infrastructure Master Plan to guide the location and design of electrical substations and other infrastructure.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.E.3. Public Communication (ID # [22-1769](#)) David Einis requesting the adoption of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Map to change the zoning district of 14 White Street Place from Neighborhood Residence (NR) to Mid-Rise 4 (MR4).

**RESULT:** **WITHDRAWN**

- 6.E.4. Order (ID # [23-0174](#)) By Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Planning, Preservation and Zoning provide the Ward 1 City Councilor with all materials pertaining to the proposed Zoning Overhaul, introduced in 2014.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

6.F. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- 6.F.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-0513](#)) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on March 28, 2023.

Councilor Davis spoke about the items that were before the committee, saying that the bulk of the time was spent on proposed amendments to the Neighborhood Council Designation Ordinance.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.F.2. Ordinance (ID # [22-1293](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Kelly Proposing Amendments to the Neighborhood Council Designation Ordinance (Chapter 7, Article IX) to encourage the formation of such neighborhood councils.

**RESULT:** **ORDINANCE ORDAINED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 6.F.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0323](#)) Requesting the acceptance of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 138, Section 33B, to confirm the authorization of licensees under section twelve to sell alcoholic beverages between the hours of 10:00 AM and 12:00 noon on Sundays, the last Monday in May and on Christmas day or on the day following when said day occurs on Sunday.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**



- 6.F.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0454](#)) Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition authorizing the City of Somerville to impose a real estate transfer fee.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 6.F.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0455](#)) Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition authorizing the City of Somerville to enact Right to Purchase legislation.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

6.G. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- 6.G.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-0534](#)) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on April 10, 2023.

See also agenda item #9.66.

Councilor Burnley reported on the actions taken by the committee, and noted that one item was recommended to be not approved due to a legal issue.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.G.2. License (ID # [23-0032](#)) New Used Car Dealer License Class 2, Top Speed Vehicle, 631 Somerville Ave, 8 cars inside, 6 outside, Mon-Fri 8am-6pm, Sat 8am-2pm, Sun Closed.

**RESULT:** **NOT APPROVED**

- 6.G.3. License  
(ID # [23-0222](#))
- New Extended Operating Hours License, Chow N Joy, 626 Somerville Ave, opening Sun-Thurs until 1am and Fri-Sat until 2am for take-out and delivery services.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.G.4. License  
(ID # [23-0466](#))
- New Extended Operating Hours License, Alfredo's Italian Kitchen, 288 Broadway, opening Fri & Sat until 3am for take-out and delivery services.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.H. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- 6.H.1. Committee Report  
(ID # [23-0528](#))
- Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on April 4, 2023.

Councilor Kelly reported on the items discussed by the committee, including warming and cooling centers and COVID-19 issues.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.H.2. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0163](#))
- By Councilor Scott, Councilor Kelly and Councilor Burnley Jr.  
That the Administration provide an update regarding the progress in establishing a Warming Center for un-housed residents.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.H.3. Order  
(ID # [23-0216](#))
- By Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Wilson  
That the Director of Health and Human Services discuss with this Council, the ending of the federal COVID-19 public health emergency, its impact on residents, and the city's access to vaccines, testing and other resources.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.H.4. Order  
(ID # [23-0237](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Director of Health and Human Services update this Council on efforts to provide warming centers for unhoused individuals during the recent cold spell.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.H.5. Order  
(ID # [23-0501](#))
- By Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Scott  
That the Fire Chief, Inspectional Services Director, and Director of the Office of Housing Stability work with this Council to assess the feasibility of annual reporting on the number of fires, the causes of those fires, the number displaced by each fire, and if those displaced were able to relocate within Somerville.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.I. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

- 6.I.1. Committee Report  
(ID # [23-0511](#))
- Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on March 27, 2023.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad reported that the committee discussed equitable bus travel, flexible bollards for the community path, traffic calming, Medford Street bridge expansion joints, and HAWK signals.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.I.2. Order  
(ID # [22-0300](#))
- By Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Davis, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Scott and Councilor Ewen-Campen  
That the Director of Mobility conduct an equity study of bus routes to determine targets for fare-free buses.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.I.3. Order  
(ID # [22-2115](#))
- By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Clingan  
That the Director of Engineering install a protective guard over the expansion joint on the Medford Street bridge, as it poses a safety risk for bicyclists.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.I.4. Order  
(ID # [22-2147](#))
- By Councilor Scott  
That the Director of Mobility update this Council regarding replacement of the HAWK signals on Beacon Street with RYG stoplights.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.I.5. Order  
(ID # [23-0295](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Director of Parking replace the missing No Left Turn sign at the intersection of Mt. Pleasant Street and Perkins Street.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.I.6. Order By Councilor Clingan and Councilor Wilson  
(ID # [23-0320](#)) That the Director of Mobility install speed humps on Medford Street, between Sycamore and School Streets.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

## 7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 7.1. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization for the Superintendent of Schools to submit a  
(ID # [23-0575](#)) Statement of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) for the Benjamin G. Brown School.

Jackie Piques, Interim Director of Communications and Grants, spoke on these item and noted that votes are required by the School Committee and the City Council in order to move forward and that the statements are due tomorrow. The city and School District are committed to these 2 schools and the statements are solely to demonstrate the needs of the buildings and to get them into the queue. Councilor Gomez Mouakad commented that this will be a complicated journey and may involve the relocation of students. Councilor Gomez Mouakad made a motion to approve the item. The item was approved. Councilor Gomez Mouakad made a motion to reconsider in the hope that reconsideration fails. Reconsideration failed.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 7.2. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization for the Superintendent of Schools to submit a  
(ID # [23-0577](#)) Statement of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) for the Winter Hill Community Innovation School.

See agenda item #7.1.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad made a motion to approve the item. The item was approved.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad made a motion to reconsider in the hope that reconsideration fails. Reconsideration failed.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 7.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0510](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$1,618,683 from the Community Preservation Act Fund Affordable Housing Reserve to the Affordable Housing Trust.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of item #7.3 through #7.15 and asked that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0527](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$180,000 from the Medical Marijuana Stabilization Fund for the Substance Use Prevention Coordinator position for FY 2024 and FY 2025.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of item #7.3 through #7.15 and asked that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0539](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$135,050.89 from the Parks and Open Space Stabilization fund for completion of the 25% design services for Union Square Plaza and Streetscape project.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of item #7.3 through #7.15 and asked that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0533](#)) Requesting authorization to borrow \$7,110,000 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for participation in the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority's Local Water System Assistance Program for Water Main Rehabilitation projects.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of item #7.3 through #7.15 and asked that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0530](#)) Requesting authorization to borrow \$4,200,000 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for additional work on the Somerville Ave Streetscape & Utilities project.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of item #7.3 through #7.15 and asked that they be referred to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0532](#)) Requesting authorization to borrow \$2,840,000 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for the recurring FY 2023 Building Improvements program.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of item #7.3 through #7.15 and asked that they be referred to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0531](#)) Requesting authorization to borrow \$2,000,000 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for additional work on the Somerville Ave Streetscape & Utilities project.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of item #7.3 through #7.15 and asked that they be referred to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0507](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$30,000 from the DPW Electrical Account to the DPW Fleet Account for costs related to motor parts and accessories.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of item #7.3 through #7.15 and asked that they be referred to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.11. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0542](#)) Requesting the transfer of \$12,729.52 in available funds from the Parks & Recreation Uniforms Account to the Department of Public Works Interior Building Maintenance Account for the installation of a buzzer system with a security camera at the Edgerly Building.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of item #7.3 through #7.15 and asked that they be referred to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.12. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0633](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$1,000 from the Engineering Personal Services Salaries Account to the Infrastructure & Asset Management Personal Services Salaries Account to fund the IAM Administrative Assistant position reclassification.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of item #7.3 through #7.15 and asked that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.13. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0526](#)) Requesting the use of \$14,154.88 in available funds from the Health and Human Services Salaries Account to fund a Finance Manager position.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of item #7.3 through #7.15 and asked that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.14. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0521](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend an \$18,840 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection to the Department of Public Works for mattress recycling.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of item #7.3 through #7.15 and asked that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.15. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0544](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a grant of \$2,500 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council to the Public Library for a Library Comix Con event.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of item #7.3 through #7.15 and asked that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.16. Mayor's Request      Requesting approval of the Citywide Bicycle Network Plan.  
(ID # [23-0585](#))

Director of Mobility Brad Rawson informed the Council that the citywide Bicycle Network Plan, which was developed with the assistance of multiple city departments, has been completed. The plan will improve the quality of life in the city by helping to have safe streets in the city and to saving lives. Councilor Gomez Mouakad noted the importance of connectivity. Councilor Burnley commented on the amount of data analyzed in the creation of this plan, adding that it will save lives as it's built out. He asked about timelines for implementation documents and Director Rawson responded that those documents are already in the works and he noted that most of the networks specified in the plan have yet to be built. Director Rawson said that questions should be referred to [transportation@somervillema.gov](mailto:transportation@somervillema.gov). President Ewen-Campen asked that a public hearing be scheduled for this item.

**RESULT:**      **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

- 7.17. Mayor's      Conveying the newly established Code of Conduct for Board, Commission  
Communication      and Committee members.  
(ID # [23-0543](#))

Liaison Carrillo informed the Council that all Board and Commission members will be required to sign the new document. Workshops will be held to introduce the code to Board and Commission members.

**RESULT:**      **PLACED ON FILE**

## 8.      COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 8.1. Officer's      Retirement Board notifying this City Council of a vote at the May 30, 2023  
Communication      meeting regarding a 2023 Cost of Living Adjustment for eligible retirees.  
(ID # [23-0538](#))

**RESULT:**      **PLACED ON FILE**

## 9.      NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1. Public      John Fragione and Agostino Feola, requesting the adoption of an  
Communication      amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Map to change the zoning district of  
(ID # [23-0634](#))      295-297 Medford Street and 93 Walnut Street from MR3 to MR5.

**RESULT:**      **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee



- 9.2. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [23-0635](#))

Union Square One Development, LLC requesting the adoption of a Zoning Text Amendment to Section 8.17. g. iii to permit variations to build out regulations by special permit in the CC5 District, USQ sub-area.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

- 9.3. License  
(ID # [23-0551](#))

Renewing Billiards and Bowling License, Lucky Strike, 325 Revolution Dr.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 9.4. License  
(ID # [23-0552](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Caruso Corp.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 9.5. License  
(ID # [23-0553](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, C.J. Doherty Inc.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 9.6. License  
(ID # [23-0554](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, E.B. Rotondi & Sons Inc.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 9.7. License  
(ID # [23-0555](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, F.E. French Construction Inc.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 9.8. License  
(ID # [23-0560](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Hercules C+G Drain Inc.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.9. License  
(ID # [23-0556](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, J. Derenzo Co.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.10. License  
(ID # [23-0557](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, J. Marchese and Sons Inc.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.11. License  
(ID # [23-0558](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Jason Anthony Corp.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.12. License  
(ID # [23-0561](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, JET Excavation.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.13. License  
(ID # [23-0636](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, JNJ Sacca.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.14. License  
(ID # [23-0559](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, JRF Corporation.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.15. License  
(ID # [23-0562](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Kealey Excavation Corporation.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.16. License  
(ID # [23-0563](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, McCourt Construction.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.17. License  
(ID # [23-0564](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Milltown Plumbing & Heating Inc.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.18. License  
(ID # [23-0565](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Tri Construction Co., Inc.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.19. License  
(ID # [23-0566](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, United Civil Inc.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.20. License  
(ID # [23-0567](#))
- Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Cataldo Ambulance Service, 137 Washington St.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.21. License  
(ID # [23-0568](#))
- Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Mayer Campus Center, 44 Professors Row.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.22. License  
(ID # [23-0569](#))
- Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Tisch Library Cafe, 35 Professors Row.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.23. License  
(ID # [23-0570](#))
- Transferring Flammables License, from Internap Corp to Evocative at 50 Inner Belt Rd.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.24. License  
(ID # [23-0632](#))
- Renewing Flammables License, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 259 McGrath Hwy.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.25. License  
(ID # [23-0571](#))
- Renewing Flammables License, Speedway #02513, 709 McGrath Hwy.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.
- RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.26. License  
(ID # [23-0572](#))
- Renewing Flammables License, The Home Depot #2667, 75 Mystic Ave.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.27. License  
(ID # [23-0573](#))
- Renewing Flammables License, Union Gulf Service, 231 Washington St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.28. License  
(ID # [23-0574](#))
- Renewing Garage License, 101 South Street Owner LLC, 101 South St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.29. License  
(ID # [23-0576](#))
- Renewing Garage License, Aris Auto Inc, 3 Craigie St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.30. License  
(ID # [23-0578](#))
- Renewing Garage License, Automotive Transport Services, 40 Joy St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.31. License  
(ID # [23-0579](#))
- Renewing Garage License, BBC Auto Repair, 42 Joy St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.32. License  
(ID # [23-0580](#))

Renewing Garage License, Broadway Brake Corp, 45 Broadway.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

- 9.33. License  
(ID # [23-0581](#))

Renewing Garage License, Cataldo Ambulance Service, 4 Joy St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

- 9.34. License  
(ID # [23-0582](#))

Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 141 Beacon St.

Councilor Scott requested that items #9.34 through #9.36, #9.40, #9.44, #9.45 and #9.50 be referred to the Licenses and Permits Committee.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

- 9.35. License  
(ID # [23-0583](#))

Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 381 Washington St.

Councilor Scott requested that items #9.34 through #9.36, #9.40, #9.44, #9.45 and #9.50 be referred to the Licenses and Permits Committee.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

- 9.36. License  
(ID # [23-0584](#))

Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 387 Washington St.

Councilor Scott requested that items #9.34 through #9.36, #9.40, #9.44, #9.45 and #9.50 be referred to the Licenses and Permits Committee.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

- 9.37. License  
(ID # [23-0586](#))

Renewing Garage License, D.M. Auto Body, 48 Joy St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

- 9.38. License  
(ID # [23-0587](#))

Renewing Garage License, Good Gas Somerville, 343 Medford St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.39. License  
(ID # [23-0588](#))

Renewing Garage License, Goodyear Auto Service Center, 1 Bow St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.40. License  
(ID # [23-0589](#))

Renewing Garage License, Herb Chambers, 259 McGrath Hwy.

Councilor Scott requested that items #9.34 through #9.36, #9.40, #9.44, #9.45 and #9.50 be referred to the Licenses and Permits Committee.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

- 9.41. License  
(ID # [23-0590](#))

Renewing Garage License, MAC, 53 Russell St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.42. License  
(ID # [23-0591](#))

Renewing Garage License, Mass General Brigham, 399 Revolution Dr.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.43. License  
(ID # [23-0592](#))

Renewing Garage License, Mass Inspection, 712 Mystic Ave.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.44. License  
(ID # [23-0593](#))
- Renewing Garage License, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 161 Linwood St.

Councilor Scott requested that items #9.34 through #9.36, #9.40, #9.44, #9.45 and #9.50 be referred to the Licenses and Permits Committee.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

- 9.45. License  
(ID # [23-0594](#))
- Renewing Garage License, Mercedes Benz of Boston Commercial Vans, 161 Linwood St.

Councilor Scott requested that items #9.34 through #9.36, #9.40, #9.44, #9.45 and #9.50 be referred to the Licenses and Permits Committee.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

- 9.46. License  
(ID # [23-0595](#))
- Renewing Garage License, Sullivan Tire, 263 Beacon St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.47. License  
(ID # [23-0596](#))
- Renewing Garage License, Union Gulf Service, 231 Washington St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.48. License  
(ID # [23-0597](#))
- Renewing Garage License, William Doucette Auto Sales, 325 Alewife Brook Pkwy.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.49. License  
(ID # [23-0599](#))
- Renewing Livery License, Mass Cab, 45 Endicott Ave.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

**RESULT: APPROVED**



- 9.50. License  
(ID # [23-0600](#))

Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 161 Linwood St.

Councilor Scott requested that items #9.34 through #9.36, #9.40, #9.44, #9.45 and #9.50 be referred to the Licenses and Permits Committee.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

- 9.51. License  
(ID # [23-0625](#))

Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Lochmere Taxi Inc, Med. #22, 24, 25, 26, 91.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.52. License  
(ID # [23-0627](#))

Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Michael H. Garvey, Med. # 57.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.53. License  
(ID # [23-0628](#))

Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Mystic Auto Sales, 712 Mystic Ave.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.54. Public Event  
(ID # [23-0601](#))

Tufts University applying for a Public Event License for Engineers Without Borders 6K Run on April 16 from 12pm to 5:30pm (raindate April 23).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.55. Public Event  
(ID # [23-0602](#)) Community Growing Center applying for a Public Event License for Earth Day: Creatively Celebrating Together on April 22 from 11am to 5pm (raindate April 29).  
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.56. Public Event  
(ID # [23-0630](#)) Daniel Wolf applying for a Public Event License for Party @ the Bend on April 29 from 9am to 1pm (raindate April 30).  
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.57. Public Event  
(ID # [23-0603](#)) Somerville Open Studios applying for a Public Event License for Open Studios Information Table on May 6 and 7 from 11:30am to 6:30pm.  
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.58. Public Event  
(ID # [23-0631](#)) Flying Turtle applying for a Public Event License for Porchfest-Flying Turtle on May 13 from 11am to 3pm (raindate May 14).  
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.59. Public Event  
(ID # [23-0605](#)) Jonathan Bernhardt applying for a Public Event License for Porchfest on Charnwood on May 13 from 1:30pm to 4:30pm (raindate May 14).  
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.60. Public Event  
(ID # [23-0629](#))
- Roberto Fischer applying for a Public Event License for Porchfest on Beech on May 13 from 1:30pm to 4:30pm (raindate May 14).
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.61. Public Event  
(ID # [23-0604](#))
- Nate Kaufman applying for a Public Event License for Highland Rd BP on May 13 from 1:30pm to 4:30pm (raindate May 14).
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.62. Public Event  
(ID # [23-0617](#))
- Nels Nelson applying for a Public Event License for Porchfest on Greenville on May 13 from 3:30pm to 6pm (raindate May 14).
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.63. Public Event  
(ID # [23-0619](#))
- Mass Farmers Market applying for a Public Event License for Davis Sq Farmers Market on every Wednesday, May 17-November 22 from 9:30am to 6:30pm.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.64. Public Event  
(ID # [23-0621](#))
- Alexandra Weiner applying for a Public Event License for Calvin St BP on May 20 from 10am to 8pm (raindate May 21).
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.
- RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.65. Public Event  
(ID # [23-0623](#))
- Veterans Department applying for a Public Event License for Memorial Day Parade on May 28 from 8am to 3:30pm.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.
- RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.66. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [23-0639](#))
- Seven residents submitting comments re: item 23-0466.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

## 10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 10.1. Communication  
(ID # [23-0642](#))
- By Councilor Wilson  
Conveying the draft schedule for the FY 2024 Budget Review.
- Councilor Wilson stated that a first pass budget schedule will be forthcoming and that the proposed budget is scheduled to be released on May 26th. The number of Committee of the Whole meetings will be minimized and councilors will be able to pre-submit questions for department heads. A Public Hearing on the proposed budget is tentatively scheduled for June 5th.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 10.2. Order  
(ID # [23-0644](#))
- By Councilor Clingan, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Kelly  
That physical copies of City Council agendas be available in Braille in the Council Chamber at the start of each Council meeting.
- Councilor Clingan commented that the volume of documents being produced by the Perkins School is overwhelming, therefore, he thinks that an embosser for council agendas would be useful.
- RESULT: APPROVED**

- 10.3. Public Event  
(ID # [23-0646](#))
- Tufts University applying for a Public Event License for Tuftonia's Day Carnival on April 22 from 10am to 12am (raindate April 23).
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.
- RESULT: APPROVED**

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- 10.4. Public Event  
(ID # [23-0647](#))
- Tufts Graduate Student Council applying for a Public Event License for Tufts GSC Community 5K on April 29 from 8am to 4pm.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- 11. LATE ITEMS**
- 11.1. Order  
(ID # [23-0648](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Director of Inspectional Services and the Director of the Office of Housing Stability meet with this Council to discuss strategies to identify new housing construction and renovation that may lead to displacement of tenants.
- Councilor McLaughlin explained that he is looking for a way for ISD to provide a “heads up” when a property rehab is on the horizon that would dislocate residents.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee
- 11.2. Order  
(ID # [23-0649](#))
- By Councilor Davis  
That the submission of City Council budget priorities to the Mayor include City Council support for additional staff for the Council.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- 11.3. Order  
(ID # [23-0650](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Commissioner of Public Works address the low hanging wire on Lincoln Ave and Lincoln Street.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- 11.4. Order  
(ID # [23-0651](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Commissioner of Public Works address the trash at the intersection of Broadway and Lincoln Street.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- 11.5. Order  
(ID # [23-0652](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Commissioner of Public Works address the low hanging wire at the intersection of Macarthur Street and Bonair Street.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
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- 11.6. Order  
(ID # [23-0653](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Commissioner of Public Works address the double pole at the intersection of Bonair Street and McGrath Highway.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 11.7. Order  
(ID # [23-0654](#))
- By Councilor Scott and Councilor Wilson  
That the Budget Manager prepare and submit to this City Council a synopsis of all proposed budget initiatives and requests for additional funding for the upcoming FY 2024 budget, commonly known as Program Improvement Requests, in a format similar to that delivered at the Finance Committee meeting of March 25, 2020.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:25 PM.



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## City Council

### Meeting Minutes

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**Thursday, April 27, 2023**

**7:00 PM**

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#### **1. OPENING CEREMONIES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen. The Council entered into Executive Session at 7:47 PM and returned at 8:42 PM.

- 1.1. Roll Call                      Call of the Roll.  
(ID # [23-0670](#))

**RESULT:      PLACED ON FILE**

**Present:**      City Councilor At Large Willie Burnley Jr.  
City Councilor At Large Charlotte Kelly  
City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo  
City Councilor At Large Jake Wilson  
Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin  
Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott  
Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen  
Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan  
Ward Five City Councilor Beatriz Gomez Mouakad  
Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis

**Absent:**      Ward Seven City Councilor Judy Pineda Neufeld

- 1.2. Remembrances              Remembrances.  
(ID # [23-0671](#))

**RESULT:      APPROVED**

- 1.3. Minutes                      Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, March 23, 2023.  
(ID # [23-0672](#))

**RESULT:      APPROVED**

## 2. CITATIONS

- 2.1. Citation (ID # [23-0659](#)) By Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Clingan Commending Anne Irwin for her contributions as a School Adjustment Councilor, providing therapeutic and emotional support to high school students.
- Councilor Gomez Mouakad spoke about Ms. Irwin's work as a counselor at Somerville High School, praising her understanding and dedication to the students.
- President Ewen-Campen also congratulated Director of Intergovernmental Affairs Aneesh Sahni on his new position with the Department of Education. Director Sahni thanked the Council for working with the administration to keep the city moving forward.
- RESULT: APPROVED**

## 3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 3.1. Grant of Location (ID # [23-0682](#)) Comcast applying for a Grant of Location to install a new sidewalk vault and 20 feet of conduit in Linwood Street, from Manhole 44/19 to a point of pickup at 10 Poplar Street.
- Dave Flewelling, representing Comcast, explained the reason for the request. There being no further comment, the public hearing was closed. Councilor Scott thanked Comcast for including a traffic management plan at the site.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 3.2. Grant of Location (ID # [23-0683](#)) Comcast applying for a Grant of Location to install 38 feet of conduit in Tufts Street, from Utility Pole 5 to a point of pickup at 31 Tufts Street.
- Dave Flewelling, representing Comcast, explained the reason for the request. There being no further comment, the public hearing was closed.
- RESULT: APPROVED**



**4. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS****4.1. Order  
(ID # [23-0669](#))**

By Councilor McLaughlin

That this City Council invites Cobble Hill residents Bill Mahaney and Anne Ryan to speak about 90 Washington Street.

Councilor McLaughlin noted that this property has been abandoned since 2014 and now that the city is proposing to develop the parcel, there are a number of concerns. He sponsored two residents of Cobble Hill to speak on this item. Ms. Ryan said that she wanted to focus on Cobble Hill Park, which she said might qualify as an ecological unit in and of itself. According to Ms. Ryan, Somerville has benefited from the park's environmental contributions for over 40 years. The park supports 300 residents as well as off-street parking for residents and guests. A major portion of the west end of the park taken by eminent domain by the city should be recognized as part of an environmental capital asset. Ms. Ryan said that the plan is to divide the park into three parcels which she said would destroy the integrity of Cobble Hill Park and lessen the quality of life for all of the tenants of Cobble Hill. She asked that city, state and federal mandates to protect the sustainability of the environment and the health and safety of tenants. Mr. Mahaney referenced the court case going on involving the property in question and spoke about the Civic Advisory Committee and its attempts to garner input for what residents would like to see be developed at the site. Councilor McLaughlin stated that residents don't want to lose the trees, nor the berm, at the park and he commented that the city should not be taking away green space.

**RESULT: APPROVED****5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS****5.1. Communication  
(ID # [23-0547](#))**

By Councilor Strezo

Conveying a report of the Children's Cabinet meetings of March 14, 2023 and April 11, 2023.

Councilor Strezo reported that the Cabinet discussed a letter submitted by Winter Hill Neighborhood School administration, students and parents regarding incidents of fear and violence and calling for an increase of support from the city to address those concerns as well as others, including summer jobs and student homelessness.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

**6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES****6.A. CHARTER REVIEW SPECIAL COMMITTEE**

- 6.A.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-0664](#)) Report of the Special Committee on Charter Review, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on April 26, 2023.

Councilor Scott reported on the actions taken by the committee including the discussions about open seats on boards and commissions and constable appointments. A public hearing on the recommendations and proposed Charter text, conveyed by the Charter Review Committee, is scheduled for May 10th.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.A.2. Order (ID # [23-0707](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen  
Amending Section 2-8 (a) of the Charter Review Committee's proposed Charter text to read: The city council shall not unreasonably reject such an appointment unless the candidate does not have the experience, training, and/or education to perform the duties of the office or position.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.A.3. Order (ID # [23-0709](#)) By Councilor Scott  
Amending Section 1-7 (18) of the Charter Review Committee's proposed Charter text to update the definition of "posting or post" to read: means making available publicly on the city website, at city hall, and in a local newspaper, and/or as otherwise may be required by law under the General Laws. For the purposes of this definition, a local newspaper shall be a newspaper of general circulation within the city, with either weekly or daily circulation. The city council president may, from time to time, select a local newspaper for posting according to a procedure that shall be set forth in the rules of the city council.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.A.4. Order  
(ID # [23-0710](#))

By Councilor Scott

Amending Section 2-8 (b) of the Charter Review Committee's proposed Charter text to add: (1) In the event of a vacancy on a multiple member body where the seat has remained vacant in excess of one year and the mayor has not referred to the city council any proposed appointees to fill the vacancy, the city council president may present to the mayor the names of no more than three individuals as recommendations for appointment. The procedure for selecting names for presentation to the mayor shall be established within the rules of the city council. (2) The mayor shall twice annually, in February and August, post a complete list of the vacancies within all multiple member bodies, as well as the procedures for individuals to apply to become a member of those bodies.

**RESULT:**     **APPROVED**

6.A.5. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0711](#))

By Councilor Scott

That the proposed Charter be revised to include a provision that Police and Fire appointments and promotions are subject to City Council confirmation.

**RESULT:**     **APPROVED**

6.A.6. Order  
(ID # [23-0712](#))

By Councilor Scott

Amending Section 2-8 of the Charter Review Committee's proposed Charter text to add: (c) Constables - The mayor shall refer to the city council and simultaneously file with the city clerk the name of each person the mayor desires to appoint as a constable within the city. The city council shall not unreasonably withhold confirmation of such appointments and shall accompany a rejection with a written statement describing the reason, which shall be delivered to and placed on file with the city clerk within 30 days of filing. The question on confirmation of any appointment submitted by the mayor shall not be subject to the procedure of charter objection provided in section 2-9 (b) of this charter.

**RESULT:**     **APPROVED**

6.A.7. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0713](#))

By Councilor Davis

That the proposed Charter be revised to include language to establish a three-year term for constables and to ensure that applicants for constable appointment are submitted for confirmation with sufficient time for City Council review prior to the expiration of the term.

**RESULT:**     **APPROVED**

- 6.A.8. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0714](#)) By Councilor Scott  
Supporting the recommended language by the Charter Review Committee for a simple majority requirement for approving the administrative code.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.A.9. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0715](#)) By Councilor Scott  
That the proposed Charter be revised to add language to Section 5-1 to provide that if no city council meeting is held within the subsequent 30 days of the first meeting, the city council shall instead have 30 days from the second regularly scheduled meeting after the submission to approve an administrative order.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.B. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 6.B.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on April 25, 2023.  
(ID # [23-0662](#))

Councilor Wilson reported on the actions taken by the committee, listing the financial transactions that were recommended for approval. He noted that the FY 2024 budget session is fast approaching.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.B.2. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0507](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$30,000 from the DPW Electrical Account to the DPW Fleet Account for costs related to motor parts and accessories.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.B.3. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0510](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$1,618,683 from the Community Preservation Act Fund Affordable Housing Reserve to the Affordable Housing Trust.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.B.4. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0521](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend an \$18,840 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection to the Department of Public Works for mattress recycling.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.B.5. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0526](#)) Requesting the use of \$14,154.88 in available funds from the Health and Human Services Salaries Account to fund a Finance Manager position.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.B.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0527](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$180,000 from the Medical Marijuana Stabilization Fund for the Substance Use Prevention Coordinator position for FY 2024 and FY 2025.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 6.B.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0530](#)) Requesting authorization to borrow \$4,200,000 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for additional work on the Somerville Ave Streetscape & Utilities project.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 6.B.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0531](#)) Requesting authorization to borrow \$2,000,000 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for additional work on the Somerville Ave Streetscape & Utilities project.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 6.B.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0532](#)) Requesting authorization to borrow \$2,840,000 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for the recurring FY 2023 Building Improvements program.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 6.B.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0533](#)) Requesting authorization to borrow \$7,110,000 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for participation in the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority's Local Water System Assistance Program for Water Main Rehabilitation projects.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 6.B.11. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0539](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$135,050.89 from the Parks and Open Space Stabilization fund for completion of the 25% design services for Union Square Plaza and Streetscape project.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 6.B.12. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0542](#)) Requesting the transfer of \$12,729.52 in available funds from the Parks & Recreation Uniforms Account to the Department of Public Works Interior Building Maintenance Account for the installation of a buzzer system with a security camera at the Edgerly Building.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.B.13. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0544](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a grant of \$2,500 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council to the Public Library for a Library Comix Con event.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.B.14. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0633](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$1,000 from the Engineering Personal Services Salaries Account to the Infrastructure & Asset Management Personal Services Salaries Account to fund the IAM Administrative Assistant position reclassification.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.B.15. Communication (ID # [23-0642](#)) By Councilor Wilson  
Conveying the draft schedule for the FY 2024 Budget Review.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

## 6.C. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- 6.C.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-0657](#)) Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on April 19, 2023.

Councilor Strezo reported on the actions taken by the committee and noted that many items were kept in committee due to the lack of availability of city staff.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

## 7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 7.1. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0673](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$26,279.51 from the Medical Marijuana Stabilization Fund for the Supervised Consumption Plan.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 to 7.7 and asked that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0549](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$60,000 from the Fire Department Salaries Account to the Fire Alarm Overtime Account to cover a deficit in the Fire Alarm Overtime account.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 to 7.7 and asked that they be referred to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0656](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$27,200 from the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD) Housing Division Personal Services Account to the OSPCD Administration Division Personal Services Account to fund temporary salaries to cover the OSPCD special counsel vacancy.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 to 7.7 and asked that they be referred to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0655](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$17,590.52 from the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD) Economic Development Division Personal Services Account to the OSPCD Administration Personal Services Account to fund a grants and procurement analyst position.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 to 7.7 and asked that they be referred to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0643](#)) Requesting approval of a time-only contract extension for PMA Consultants LLC, for owner's project manager (OPM) services for the Building Master Plan project.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 to 7.7 and asked that they be referred to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0668](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$65,040 grant with no new match required, from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to the Police Department for the traffic safety program.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 to 7.7 and asked that they be referred to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee



- 7.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0661](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$17,950 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources to the Health and Human Services Department for produce for the Mobile Market.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 to 7.7 and asked that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

## 8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 8.1. Officer's Communication (ID # [23-0666](#)) City Solicitor requesting to appear in Executive Session pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3) regarding Cobble Hill Center, LLC v. Somerville Redevelopment Authority.

City Solicitor Cindy Amara stated her opinion that this matter should be addressed in Executive Session. The issue is about the value of the property and its taking.

The Council recessed at 7:47 to enter into Executive Session.

The Council returned to Open Session at 8:43 PM. President Ewen-Campen stated that no votes were taken in Executive Session other than the vote to adjourn.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1. License (ID # [23-0674](#)) New Drainlayer's License, Cavalieri Construction Co., Inc.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 to 9.24 and 10.7 to 10.9, and approve them tonight.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 9.2. License (ID # [23-0675](#)) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Classic Site Solutions Inc.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 to 9.24 and 10.7 to 10.9, and approve them tonight.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 9.3. License (ID # [23-0677](#)) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Raffaele Construction Corp.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 to 9.24 and 10.7 to 10.9, and approve them tonight.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 9.4. License  
(ID # [23-0676](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, The Welch Corp.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 to 9.24 and 10.7 to 10.9, and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.5. License  
(ID # [23-0678](#))

Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Domino's, 201 Elm St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 to 9.24 and 10.7 to 10.9, and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.6. License  
(ID # [23-0679](#))

Renewing Extended Hours Operating License, Lucky Strike, 325 Revolution Dr.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 to 9.24 and 10.7 to 10.9, and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.7. License  
(ID # [23-0699](#))

Renewing Flammables License, BBS Services, 45 Broadway.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 to 9.24 and 10.7 to 10.9, and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.8. License  
(ID # [23-0698](#))

Renewing Flammables License, Somerville Mobil, 360 Medford St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 to 9.24 and 10.7 to 10.9, and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.9. License  
(ID # [23-0700](#))

Renewing Flammables License, Trum Field Sunoco, 541 Broadway.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 to 9.24 and 10.7 to 10.9, and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.10. License  
(ID # [23-0680](#))
- Renewing Garage License, Broadway Motor Cars, 161 Broadway.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 to 9.24 and 10.7 to 10.9, and approve them tonight.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.11. License  
(ID # [23-0681](#))
- Renewing Open Air Vendor License, The Somerville Flea, Buena Vista Parking Lot.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 to 9.24 and 10.7 to 10.9, and approve them tonight.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.12. Public Event  
(ID # [23-0694](#))
- Winter Hill Community AIM Program applying for a Public Event License for AIM Walk and Roll on April 30 from 11am to 3pm.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 to 9.24 and 10.7 to 10.9, and approve them tonight.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.13. Public Event  
(ID # [23-0695](#))
- Francesca Broekman applying for a Public Event License for Holi Festival of Colors on April 30 from 1pm to 5pm (raindate May 6 and 7).
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 to 9.24 and 10.7 to 10.9, and approve them tonight.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.14. Public Event  
(ID # [23-0696](#))
- Friends of the Community Growing Center applying for a Public Event License for Community Growing Center Calendar on various dates and times from May-December.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 to 9.24 and 10.7 to 10.9, and approve them tonight.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.15. Public Event  
(ID # [23-0684](#))
- Chuck Lechien, Jr. applying for a Public Event License for Porchfest on Prospect Hill on May 13 from 3:30pm to 6:30pm (raindate May 14).
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 to 9.24 and 10.7 to 10.9, and approve them tonight.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.16. Public Event  
(ID # [23-0685](#))
- Garden Club applying for a Public Event License for Garden Club Plant Sale on May 14 from 8:30am to 5pm.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 to 9.24 and 10.7 to 10.9, and approve them tonight.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.17. Public Event  
(ID # [23-0686](#))
- Arts Council applying for a Public Event License for Mr. Ho's Orchestrotica Performance on May 18 from 11am to 3pm (raindate May 19 from 5:30pm-9:30pm).
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 to 9.24 and 10.7 to 10.9, and approve them tonight.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.18. Public Event  
(ID # [23-0687](#))
- Nancy O'Connor applying for a Public Event License for Browning Rd BP on May 20 from 3pm to 8pm (raindate May 21).
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 to 9.24 and 10.7 to 10.9, and approve them tonight.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.19. Public Event  
(ID # [23-0688](#))
- Ann Peralta applying for a Public Event License for Warwick St BP on June 3 from 2pm to 8pm (raindate June 4, 10, 11).
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 to 9.24 and 10.7 to 10.9, and approve them tonight.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.20. Public Event  
(ID # [23-0689](#))
- Marla Wessland applying for a Public Event License for 19th Wallace St BP on June 3 from 3:30pm to 9:30pm (raindate June 4).
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 to 9.24 and 10.7 to 10.9, and approve them tonight.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.21. Public Event  
(ID # [23-0690](#))
- Arts Council and East Somerville Main Streets applying for a Public Event License for SomerStreets: Carnaval on June 4 from 12pm to 8pm (raindate June 11).
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 to 9.24 and 10.7 to 10.9, and approve them tonight.
- RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.22. Public Event  
(ID # [23-0691](#)) Meredith Jones applying for a Public Event License for Trull St BP on June 17 from 12pm to 8:30pm (raindate June 18).  
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 to 9.24 and 10.7 to 10.9, and approve them tonight.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.23. Public Event  
(ID # [23-0692](#)) Tadhg Pearson applying for a Public Event License for Munroe St BP on June 17 from 1:30pm to 9pm (raindate June 18).  
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 to 9.24 and 10.7 to 10.9, and approve them tonight.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.24. Public Event  
(ID # [23-0693](#)) Arts Council applying for a Public Event License for Big Gay Dance Party on June 17 from 3pm to 9pm (raindate June 18).  
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 to 9.24 and 10.7 to 10.9, and approve them tonight.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**

## 10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 10.1. Order  
(ID # [23-0702](#)) By Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Scott That this Council work with community partners to hold an educational session on forming worker cooperatives.  
Councilor Burnley commented that this would provide democracy in the workplace and he would like to investigate how the city could assist.  
**RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee
- 10.2. Order  
(ID # [23-0703](#)) By Councilor Burnley Jr. That the Director of Parks and Recreation ensure a notice is posted on every community board in parks advertising city job postings.  
Councilor Burnley commented that this is another way to make the public aware of employment opportunities with the city.  
**RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

10.3. Order  
(ID # [23-0704](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr.

That the Director of the Office of Sustainability and Environment update this Council on the Administration's Inflation Reduction Act application and its funding status, particularly targeted toward people of color and low-income residents.

Councilor Burnley commented that the city should explore and publicize the opportunities that may be available.

**RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

10.4. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0701](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr.

Demanding Harvard University come to the bargaining table.

President Ewen-Campen recused himself from any participation on this item and Councilor Gomez Mouakad assumed the Chair. Councilor Burnley spoke about Harvard University's wealth and its refusal to pay its workers a living wage. He sponsored two speakers from the Harvard Union of Clerical and Technical Workers (HUCTW) to speak on the item. Will Lombard spoke about Harvard's insistence on paying market rates and said that Harvard should be setting the market labor rate and showing workers that they are valuable. Kerry Barbash, President of HUCTW, addressed the Council and said that their union has 5,000 members working at Harvard. Due to inflation, members have seen their pay cover less of their expenses, with some members living paycheck to paycheck. Harvard has refused to provide pay increases to keep pace with inflation. Councilor Strezo asked that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Board of Overseers at Harvard University. Councilor Clingan noted that many universities don't value their workers and Councilor Kelly stated that Harvard is exploiting its workers. Councilor Gomez Mouakad noted that a key piece of sustainability includes having your employees being able to live near where they work.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 10.5. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0705](#))
- By Councilor Scott, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson Urging the Mayor to move forward tomorrow on the Letter of Intent to apply for the Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program (MPLCP) grant to help pay for major capital improvements to the Central Library.
- Councilor Scott spoke about the benefits of the Central Library to the city and pointed out that it was last renovated in the 1970's. The application for this grant which could provide over \$20 million in project funding, (including planning, design, and construction assistance), isn't due until May of 2024, but in order to apply, a letter of intent must be sent by tomorrow. The letter commits the city to nothing and he suggested that everyone contact the mayor to urge her to sign and send the letter of intent.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 10.6. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0660](#))
- Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Section 8.1, Affordable Housing, of the Zoning Ordinances to remove errant text and amend the dimensional standards.
- Councilor Scott stated that these are some minor modifications being requested for an affordable housing development.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee
- 10.7. License  
(ID # [23-0708](#))
- New Drainlayer's License, D&R General Contracting Inc.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 to 9.24 and 10.7 to 10.9, and approve them tonight.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 10.8. Public Event  
(ID # [23-0706](#))
- Somernova applying for a Public Event License for Somerville Open Studios @ Somernova on May 6 from 12pm to 11pm.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 to 9.24 and 10.7 to 10.9, and approve them tonight.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 10.9. Public Event  
(ID # [23-0717](#))
- Toriah Mimms applying for a Public Event License for The Curl Bar BP on May 21 from 9am to 6pm (raindate May 27).
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 to 9.24 and 10.7 to 10.9, and approve them tonight.
- RESULT: APPROVED**

- 10.10. Public Communication (ID # [23-0716](#)) Urban Forestry Committee submitting comments re: reaffirming support for retaining the trees at 90 Washington Street.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

**11. LATE ITEMS**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:08 PM.





# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## City Council

### Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 11, 2023

7:00 PM

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#### 1. OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen.

- 1.1. Roll Call                      Call of the Roll.  
(ID # [23-0805](#))

Councilor Gomez-Mouakad arrived at 7:30 pm following the Traffic Commission meeting.

**RESULT:**      **PLACED ON FILE**

**Present:**      City Councilor At Large Willie Burnley Jr.  
City Councilor At Large Charlotte Kelly  
City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo  
City Councilor At Large Jake Wilson  
Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin  
Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott  
Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen  
Ward Five City Councilor Beatriz Gomez Mouakad  
Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis

**Absent:**      Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan  
Ward Seven City Councilor Judy Pineda Neufeld

- 1.2. Remembrances              Remembrances.  
(ID # [23-0806](#))

**RESULT:**      **APPROVED**

- 1.3. Minutes                      Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, April 13, 2023.  
(ID # [23-0807](#))

**RESULT:**      **APPROVED**

**AYE:**      City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

## 2. CITATIONS

## 3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 3.1. Grant of Location (ID # [23-0758](#)) Verizon applying for a Grant of Location to install 50 feet of conduit in Willow Avenue, from Utility Pole 198/13 to a point of pickup at 110 Willow Avenue.

Ross Bilodeau, representing Verizon, explained the reason for the request. There being no further comment, the public hearing was closed.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

## 4. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

- 4.1. Order (ID # [23-0726](#)) By Councilor Strezo, Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Wilson That the Director of Engineering paint a crosswalk at Washington and Franklin Streets.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 4.2. Order (ID # [23-0780](#)) By Councilor Strezo That the Commissioner of Public Works remove, or raise above human height, the dangling wire tied to a street sign in front of 88 Foskett Street, and report to this City Council who owns the pole.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.3. Withdrawn  
(ID # [23-0781](#))

Withdrawn.

**RESULT:** **WITHDRAWN**

4.4. Withdrawn  
(ID # [23-0782](#))

Withdrawn.

**RESULT:** **WITHDRAWN**

4.5. Order  
(ID # [23-0783](#))

By Councilor Strezo  
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove, or raise above human height, the wire wrapped around a pole at 336 Washington Street, and report to this City Council who owns the pole.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.6. Order  
(ID # [23-0787](#))

By Councilor Strezo  
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove, or move to a safer location, the heavy cables tied to wires and suspended above the sidewalk in front of 67-69 Merriam Street, and report to this City Council who owns the poles.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.7. Order  
(ID # [23-0788](#))

By Councilor Strezo  
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove, or raise above human height, the dangling wires in front of 143 Hudson Street, and report to this City Council who owns the poles.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.8. Order  
(ID # [23-0789](#))

By Councilor Strezo  
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove, or raise above human height, the dangling wires in front of 43 Hudson Street, and report to this City Council who owns the poles.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.9. Order  
(ID # [23-0790](#))

By Councilor Strezo

That the Commissioner of Public Works remove or relocate the wires tied around a pole in front of 21 Properzi Way, and report to this City Council who owns the poles.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.10. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0727](#))

By Councilor Strezo

That the Administration provide an update on plans for Universal Basic Income/Guaranteed Income implementation and rollout.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.11. Order  
(ID # [23-0797](#))

By Councilor Kelly, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Strezo

That the Director of Inspectional Services and the Environmental Health Coordinator update this Council on spring rodent mitigation programs and SMART box phases.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Rodent Issues Special Committee

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 4.12. Resolution (ID # [23-0796](#)) By Councilor Kelly, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Davis and Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Administration update this Council on the progress and timeline for establishing a safe consumption site.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee  
**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis  
**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld
- 4.13. Zoning Ordinance (ID # [23-0791](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Wilson  
Amending the Zoning Ordinances Section 10.3, Development Standards, and Table 10.4.1. to include vegetated roofs.
- Councilor Gomez Mouakad assumed the Chair. Councilor Ewen-Campen spoke on this item saying that there are myriad benefits to be had by making the suggested change. He's looking forward to discussing the matter in the Land Use Committee.  
Councilor Ewen-Campen assumed Chair.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee
- 4.14. Communication (ID # [23-0720](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen  
In his capacity as President, appointing Alessandra Seiter to the Municipal Compensation Advisory Board.
- RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**  
**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis  
**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.15. Communication  
(ID # [23-0721](#))

By Councilor Ewen-Campen

In his capacity as President, appointing Catherine MacLean to the PILOT Advisory Task Force.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 4.15 and 4.16.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.16. Communication  
(ID # [23-0775](#))

By Councilor Ewen-Campen

In his capacity as President, appointing Alexandre Galimberti to the Municipal Compensation Advisory Board.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 4.15 and 4.16.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**6.A. CHARTER REVIEW SPECIAL COMMITTEE**

- 6.A.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-0732](#)) Report of the Special Committee on Charter Review, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on May 10, 2023.

Councilor Scott reported on the actions taken by the committee and noted that it has been 6 months since the first meeting of this committee. A public hearing was held at the meeting and will be continued at the May 24th meeting of the committee and the record will be kept open until then. The next meeting will include correcting scrivener errors and receiving comments from the Administration.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 6.A.2. Resolution (ID # [23-0815](#)) By Councilor Davis  
That language be added to Section 3-6 of the Charter Review Committee's proposed Charter text to include a provision subjecting the Chief Administrative Officer to reappointment and reconfirmation every two years.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.A.3. Resolution (ID # [23-0816](#)) By Councilor Scott  
Supporting the Charter Review Committee's recommended Charter language in Section 6-6 requiring that the mayor submit a capital improvement program to the city council on or about October 15 of each year.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.A.4. Resolution (ID # [23-0817](#)) By Councilor Scott  
That the language in Section 6-3 of the Charter Review Committee's proposed Charter text be amended to include a requirement for the financial review presentation to be held on November 1.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**



6.A.5. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0818](#))

By Councilor Scott

That language be included in Section 6-2 of the Charter Review Committee's proposed text to change the timeline for soliciting Councilors' budget input to the first regular City Council meeting of each calendar year.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.A.6. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0819](#))

By Councilor Kelly

That the Charter Review Committee's proposed text be updated to move the General Fund budget submission deadline to May 15, and the School Committee budget submission to May 1 accordingly.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.A.7. Order  
(ID # [23-0820](#))

By Councilor Ewen-Campen

That Section 2-8(d) of the Charter Review Committee's proposed Charter be added to read: Civil Service Employees - The mayor shall refer to the city council and simultaneously file with the city clerk the name of each person the mayor desires to appoint as a member or officer of the police department or the fire department. The city council shall not unreasonably withhold confirmation of appointments, shall adhere to any merit principles identified in applicable law, including, but not limited to applicable civil service law, and shall accompany a rejection with a written statement describing the reason, which shall be delivered to and placed on file with the city clerk within 30 days of that rejection. The question on confirmation of any appointment submitted by the mayor shall not be subject to the procedure of charter objection provided in section 2-9(b) of this charter.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.A.8. Order  
(ID # [23-0821](#))

By Councilor Scott

That Section 3-5 of the Charter Review Committee's proposed Charter text be amended by adding the following subsection and renumbering subsection (c) to (d): (c) Civil Service Employees - The mayor may appoint, subject to confirmation, members and officers of the police department and fire department.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.A.9. Order  
(ID # [23-0822](#))

By Councilor Davis

That Section 5-3 of the Charter Review Committee's proposed Charter text be amended to read: The mayor and city council shall provide a review to be made of all municipal employee compensation at 5-year intervals to ensure compensation is distributed equitably across all municipal employees and to the greatest extent possible compensation is sufficient to live in the city examine whether compensation reflects principles of equity and to the greatest extent possible is sufficient for municipal employees to live in the city. This review shall be made by a special committee to be established by ordinance, and the initial review shall be implemented as provided in Section 9-7(b).

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

6.B. FINANCE COMMITTEE

6.B.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on May 9, 2023.  
(ID # [23-0731](#))

Councilor Wilson reported on the actions taken by the committee and listed, as detailed in the Committee Report, the amounts recommended for approval. A Grants Analyst position in OSPCD was also recommended for approval.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

6.B.2. Order  
(ID # [23-0359](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Kelly

That the City Solicitor advise this Council regarding the city's ability to use General Funds for a mass medical debt relief program.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

6.B.3. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0549](#))

Requesting approval of a transfer of \$60,000 from the Fire Department Salaries Account to the Fire Alarm Overtime Account to cover a deficit in the Fire Alarm Overtime account.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.B.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0643](#)) Requesting approval of a time-only contract extension for PMA Consultants LLC, for owner's project manager (OPM) services for the Building Master Plan project.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- 6.B.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0655](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$17,590.52 from the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD) Economic Development Division Personal Services Account to the OSPCD Administration Personal Services Account to fund a grants and procurement analyst position.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- 6.B.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0656](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$27,200 from the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD) Housing Division Personal Services Account to the OSPCD Administration Division Personal Services Account to fund temporary salaries to cover the OSPCD special counsel vacancy.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- 6.B.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0661](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$17,950 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources to the Health and Human Services Department for produce for the Mobile Market.
- RESULT:** **WITHDRAWN**
- 6.B.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0668](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$65,040 grant with no new match required, from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to the Police Department for the traffic safety program.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- 6.B.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0673](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$26,279.51 from the Medical Marijuana Stabilization Fund for the Supervised Consumption Plan.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis
- ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**6.C. LAND USE COMMITTEE**

- 6.C.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on May 4, 2023.  
(ID # [23-0728](#))

Councilor McLaughlin reported on the actions taken by the committee. The committee received an update on local and veterans' preference hiring on the US2 project in Union Square.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 6.C.2. Order  
(ID # [23-0458](#))

By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson That the Director of Economic Development update this Council on the implementation of the Union Square Covenant, which includes local and veterans preference in hiring.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

**6.D. OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE**

- 6.D.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, meeting on May 8, 2023.  
(ID # [23-0730](#))

Councilor Burnley reported on the actions taken by the committee and spoke about black swallow-wort, municipal composting, solar panel installation bottlenecks, and community gardens.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

6.D.2. Order  
(ID # [22-0565](#))

By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Kelly and Councilor Gomez Mouakad

That the Director of Inspectional Services report to this Council on the average time it takes for residents to have solar panels installed, identify the bottlenecks in this process, and discuss how this process can be streamlined and accelerated.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.D.3. Order  
(ID # [22-0569](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad

That the Director of Planning & Zoning and the Director of the Office of Sustainability and Environment report on strategies to integrate and implement photovoltaics, weatherization, and electrification in Historic Properties.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.D.4. Order  
(ID # [22-0687](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Scott

That the appropriate staff update this Council on the status of the community gardens and discuss opportunities to create a mutual aid garden.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.D.5. Order  
(ID # [22-0828](#))

By Councilor Wilson, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Pineda Neufeld

That the Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry update this Council on plans to dramatically increase the number of trees in Foss Park.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.D.6. Order  
(ID # [22-0951](#))

By Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Kelly and Councilor Strezo

That the Director of Sustainability and Environment update this Council on any plans for a municipal composting program.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.D.7. Order  
(ID # [23-0217](#))

By Councilor Pineda Neufeld

That the Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry, the Director of the Office of Sustainability and Environment, and the Director of Communications and Community Engagement discuss with this Council, opportunities to increase communication and education of residents on the impact of black swallow-wort and how to effectively remove and dispose of it.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

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**6.E. PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

- 6.E.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-0729](#)) Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, meeting on May 8, 2023.

Councilor Kelly reported on the actions taken by the committee and said that many items regarding utility poles and wires were held for further discussion. Most of the meeting revolved around the topic of municipal broadband networks.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 6.E.2. Order (ID # [23-0327](#)) By Councilor Strezo and Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Commissioner of Public Works immediately remove the wires wrapped around the pole near 57 Atherton Street and report to the City Council who owns the pole.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

**6.F. SCHOOL BUILDING FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE SPECIAL COMMITTEE**

- 6.F.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-0722](#)) Report of the Special Committee on School Building Facilities and Maintenance, meeting in Joint Session with the School Committee's Finance and Facilities Subcommittee on May 1, 2023.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad reported on the actions taken by the committee. A presentation was given to the committee to clarify the phases for the programming, design and development of the Winter Hill and Brown School Renovation/Reconstruction projects. The committee also discussed the East Somerville Community School, Somerville High School Field House floor, and school park and playground surfaces.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

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**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

6.F.2. Order  
(ID # [22-1927](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the Commissioner of Public Works provide the current noise readings of the mechanical systems on the roof of the East Somerville Community School and verify that they are in compliance with Noise Control Ordinance regulations.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

6.F.3. Order  
(ID # [23-0144](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Wilson  
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management provide an update on issues with the High School Field House track flooring material and bleachers.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

6.F.4. Order  
(ID # [23-0145](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry and the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management explain the selections of surface materials for school parks and playgrounds.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

6.F.5. Order  
(ID # [23-0479](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management clarify the phases for the programming, design and development of the Winter Hill and Brown School Renovation/Reconstruction in the CIP Presentation shared with this Council on March 9, 2023.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

6.F.6. Order  
(ID # [23-0481](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management identify department staff allocated to the School Building Feasibility Study, and the projected time commitment of this staff for the duration of the study.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

6.F.7. Order  
(ID # [23-0609](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management provide an update on the Building Conditions Analysis and Renovation Potential Assessment of the Winter Hill Community Innovation School and provide a schedule of the projected completion of this analysis and assessment.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

## 7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 7.1. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0718](#)) Requesting approval to appropriate \$104,247.14 from the Bikeshare Stabilization fund for new stations at 5 Middlesex Ave and 10-50 Prospect St.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of item 7.1 to 7.4 and 10.4 to 10.5 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0725](#)) Requesting approval to extend the contract with the Mystic River Watershed Association for Blessing of the Bay Park Revitalization Phase 2 for an additional 24 months.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of item 7.1 to 7.4 and 10.4 to 10.5 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0772](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$17,950 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources to the Health and Human Services Department to restructure the food security coalition.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of item 7.1 to 7.4 and 10.4 to 10.5 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0606](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$5,063.14 grant, with no new match required, from the Barr Foundation for staff attendance at the Designing Cities 2023 conference.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of item 7.1 to 7.4 and 10.4 to 10.5 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee



7.5. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0792](#))

Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Colin Curzi to the Historic Preservation Commission.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of item 7.5 to 7.7 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

7.6. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0793](#))

Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Denise Price to the Historic Preservation Commission.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of item 7.5 to 7.7 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

7.7. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0795](#))

Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Daniel Coughlin to the Historic Preservation Commission.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of item 7.5 to 7.7 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

- 7.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0777](#)) Requesting to appear to introduce Lammis Vargas, Chief Administrative Officer.

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Lammis Vargas introduced herself to the Council and said that she is looking forward to working for the city. She said that, to assist her in developing a plan for more efficiency, she is currently undertaking a listening tour to understand how the city operates. Chief Vargas told the Council that she has worked for the State of Rhode Island and has executed successful plans, written policies, provided legal counsel, drafted municipal ordinances, and developed policies to continue growth in various departments. She noted that she presently also serves as a municipal councilor. She views her position here as a problem solver, making sure that city services have no interruptions. She is looking forward to working with councilors and said that the point of contact for departments has not changed. In her brief time here, she has noticed some overlapping of departments. Councilor Burnley commented that he was curious about the relationship between the City Council and the Chief Administrative Officer regarding policy concerns, to which Chief Vargas said she welcomes feedback and conversation from councilors. Councilor McLaughlin asked about the difference between CAO and City Manager positions and Chief Vargas replied that a City Manager deals more with the operational side of government, whereas a CAO works with the mayor and City Council to achieve benchmarks efficiently.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 7.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0778](#)) Requesting to appear with consultant Donald Jacobs, to provide information regarding the Classification and Compensation Study.

Liaison Singh informed the Council that the consultant was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

**RESULT:** **LAI**

## 8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 8.1. Officer's Communication (ID # [23-0550](#)) Director of Water and Sewer conveying the FY 2024 Water & Sewer Rate proposal.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 8.2. Officer's Communication (ID # [23-0786](#)) Director of Communications and Community Engagement conveying the process for language access requests.

Meredith Gamble, Deputy Director and Language Justice Coordinator, SomerViva Office of Immigrant Affairs, gave a presentation about the ecosystem of language justice and its elements. The goal is centered so that language access services are accessible, equitable, effective and do no harm, i.e., interpretations are accurate. The City Council may request interpretation (oral) or translation (written) services via an online Language Access Request Form. She explained the process of handling requests and offered some preliminary steps to be considered before submitting a request. She asked for feedback after services have been delivered to ensure that needs are being met. When there is a known specific language need, the process will be expedited as much as possible.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad asked about posting information, in languages besides English, on how to request services and she spoke about moving to a different virtual meeting platform. She asked if meetings should be prepared for by demographics and if councilors could reach out to SomerViva for help in communicating with constituents in real time. Councilor Kelly asked about tension between making a request and then having no one show up to take advantage of the service and Deputy Director Gamble explained that the goal isn't to have the whole community attend. Staff will keep working until it becomes likely that people will show up because they've heard about the services.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 8.3. Officer's Communication (ID # [23-0794](#)) City Clerk submitting amendments to the proposed charter to address scrivener's errors.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Charter Review Special Committee

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1. License (ID # [23-0773](#)) New Automatic Amusement Device License, The Public, 563 Broadway, 6 devices.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1, 9.3 to 9.24 and 9.26 to 9.45 and approve them tonight.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis
- ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld
- 9.2. License (ID # [23-0774](#)) New Billiards and Bowling License, The Public, 563 Broadway, 2 pool tables.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.2 and 9.25 and refer them to the Committee on Licenses and Permits.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee
- 9.3. License (ID # [23-0739](#)) New Drainlayer's License, J.J. Phelan & Son Co. Inc.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1, 9.3 to 9.24 and 9.26 to 9.45 and approve them tonight.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis
- ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 9.4. License Renewing Drainlayer's License, Coastal Landscape Management.  
(ID # [23-0737](#))

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1, 9.3 to 9.24 and 9.26 to 9.45 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 9.5. License Renewing Drainlayer's License, D. Muzzioli Associates Inc.  
(ID # [23-0769](#))

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1, 9.3 to 9.24 and 9.26 to 9.45 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 9.6. License Renewing Drainlayer's License, DOG Excavation.  
(ID # [23-0738](#))

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1, 9.3 to 9.24 and 9.26 to 9.45 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 9.7. License  
(ID # [23-0740](#))
- Renewing Drainlayer's License, Hydra Tech, Inc.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1, 9.3 to 9.24 and 9.26 to 9.45 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 9.8. License  
(ID # [23-0741](#))
- Renewing Drainlayer's License, Mendez Masonry & Construction Inc.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1, 9.3 to 9.24 and 9.26 to 9.45 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 9.9. License  
(ID # [23-0768](#))
- Renewing Drainlayer's License, Vinny Mofford Excavation LLC.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1, 9.3 to 9.24 and 9.26 to 9.45 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.10. License  
(ID # [23-0771](#))

New Extended Operating Hours License, McDonalds, 14 McGrath Hwy, opening for 24/7 operation for take-out and delivery services.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1, 9.3 to 9.24 and 9.26 to 9.45 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.11. License  
(ID # [23-0802](#))

Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Dunkin Donuts, 504 Broadway.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1, 9.3 to 9.24 and 9.26 to 9.45 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.12. License  
(ID # [23-0784](#))

Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Dunkin Donuts, 282 Somerville Ave.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1, 9.3 to 9.24 and 9.26 to 9.45 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.13. License  
(ID # [23-0742](#))

Renewing Flammables License, Aris Auto Inc, 3 Craigie St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1, 9.3 to 9.24 and 9.26 to 9.45 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.14. License  
(ID # [23-0804](#))

Renewing Flammables License, Broadway Gulf, 212 Broadway.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1, 9.3 to 9.24 and 9.26 to 9.45 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.15. License  
(ID # [23-0743](#))

Renewing Flammables License, Broadway Sunoco, 258 Broadway.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1, 9.3 to 9.24 and 9.26 to 9.45 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld



9.16. License  
(ID # [23-0744](#))

Renewing Flammables License, Cumberland Farms #2469, 701 Somerville Ave.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1, 9.3 to 9.24 and 9.26 to 9.45 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.17. License  
(ID # [23-0745](#))

Renewing Flammables License, Good Gas, 343 Medford St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1, 9.3 to 9.24 and 9.26 to 9.45 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.18. License  
(ID # [23-0746](#))

Renewing Flammables License, Hillside Auto Repair Inc, 583 Broadway.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1, 9.3 to 9.24 and 9.26 to 9.45 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.19. License  
(ID # [23-0747](#))

Renewing Flammables License, Keolis Commuter Services LLC, 23R Inner Belt Rd.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1, 9.3 to 9.24 and 9.26 to 9.45 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.20. License  
(ID # [23-0748](#))

Renewing Flammables License, Keolis Commuter Services LLC, 70R Third Ave.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1, 9.3 to 9.24 and 9.26 to 9.45 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.21. License  
(ID # [23-0749](#))

Renewing Flammables License, Keolis Commuter Services LLC, 132 Washington St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1, 9.3 to 9.24 and 9.26 to 9.45 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.22. License  
(ID # [23-0801](#))

Renewing Flammables License, Pearl Street Auto Sales, 182 Pearl St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1, 9.3 to 9.24 and 9.26 to 9.45 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.23. License  
(ID # [23-0750](#))

Renewing Flammables License, U-Haul Company of Boston, 600 Mystic Valley Pkwy.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1, 9.3 to 9.24 and 9.26 to 9.45 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.24. License  
(ID # [23-0751](#))

Renewing Flammables License, Winter Hill Yacht Club, 500 Artisan Way.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1, 9.3 to 9.24 and 9.26 to 9.45 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 9.25. License  
(ID # [23-0752](#))
- New Garage License, Zone Kar, 166 Boston Ave, 2 cars inside, 4 outside for mechanical repairs only, Mon-Fri 7:30am-5:30pm, Sat & Sun closed.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.2 and 9.25 and refer them to the Committee on Licenses and Permits.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee
- 9.26. License  
(ID # [23-0770](#))
- Renewing Garage License, Boston Sand and Gravel Company, 492R Rutherford Ave.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1, 9.3 to 9.24 and 9.26 to 9.45 and approve them tonight.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis
- ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld
- 9.27. License  
(ID # [23-0753](#))
- Renewing Garage License, Broadway Sunoco, 258 Broadway.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1, 9.3 to 9.24 and 9.26 to 9.45 and approve them tonight.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis
- ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld
- 9.28. License  
(ID # [23-0800](#))
- Renewing Garage License, DW Propco JK, LLC, 0 Dawes St.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1, 9.3 to 9.24 and 9.26 to 9.45 and approve them tonight.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.29. License  
(ID # [23-0799](#))

Renewing Garage License, Herb Chambers I-93 Inc, 71 Linwood St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1, 9.3 to 9.24 and 9.26 to 9.45 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.30. License  
(ID # [23-0754](#))

Renewing Garage License, M. Korson & Co., Inc, 91 Washington St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1, 9.3 to 9.24 and 9.26 to 9.45 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.31. License  
(ID # [23-0755](#))

Renewing Garage License, Mass General Brigham, 21 Third Ave.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1, 9.3 to 9.24 and 9.26 to 9.45 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.32. License  
(ID # [23-0756](#))

Renewing Garage License, Pearl Street Auto Sales, 182 Pearl St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1, 9.3 to 9.24 and 9.26 to 9.45 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.33. License  
(ID # [23-0757](#))

Renewing Garage License, Webster Auto Body, 69 Webster Ave.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1, 9.3 to 9.24 and 9.26 to 9.45 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.34. License  
(ID # [23-0759](#))

Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Star Market Company #2575, 275 Beacon St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1, 9.3 to 9.24 and 9.26 to 9.45 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.35. License  
(ID # [23-0803](#))

Renewing Second Hand Dealer License, Buffalo Exchange, 238 Elm St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1, 9.3 to 9.24 and 9.26 to 9.45 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.36. License  
(ID # [23-0767](#))

Renewing Second Hand Dealer License, Kay Jewelers Outlet #2962, 360 Artisan Way.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1, 9.3 to 9.24 and 9.26 to 9.45 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.37. Public Event  
(ID # [23-0760](#))

Jeff Kaufman applying for a Public Event License for Porchfest on Morrison on May 13 from 1:30pm to 4:30pm (raindate May 14).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1, 9.3 to 9.24 and 9.26 to 9.45 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**



**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.38. Public Event  
(ID # [23-0761](#))

Claire Crowther applying for a Public Event License for Porchfest on Morgan on May 13 from 4pm to 6pm (raindate May 14).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1, 9.3 to 9.24 and 9.26 to 9.45 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.39. Public Event  
(ID # [23-0785](#))

Peter Montague applying for a Public Event License for Madison St BP on May 20 from 8am to 8:30pm (raindate May 21).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1, 9.3 to 9.24 and 9.26 to 9.45 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.40. Public Event  
(ID # [23-0762](#))

Rachel Powe applying for a Public Event License for Leonard St/Walker St BP on June 3 from 9am to 6pm (raindate June 4).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1, 9.3 to 9.24 and 9.26 to 9.45 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**



**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.41. Public Event  
(ID # [23-0763](#))

Elisabeth Adams applying for a Public Event License for Berkeley St BP on June 4 from 3pm to 9pm (raindate June 11).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1, 9.3 to 9.24 and 9.26 to 9.45 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.42. Public Event  
(ID # [23-0776](#))

Sarah Pappas applying for a Public Event License for Dimick/Marion Streets Mural Repainting on June 24 from 8am to 8pm (raindate June 25).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1, 9.3 to 9.24 and 9.26 to 9.45 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.43. Public Event  
(ID # [23-0764](#))

Avir Waxman applying for a Public Event License for Summit Ave BP on July 1 from 10am to 10pm (raindate July 2).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1, 9.3 to 9.24 and 9.26 to 9.45 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.44. Public Event  
(ID # [23-0765](#))

Yessenia Lopez applying for a Public Event License for St Benedict: A mile with Jesus on July 9 from 10:30am to 1pm.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1, 9.3 to 9.24 and 9.26 to 9.45 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.45. Public Event  
(ID # [23-0766](#))

Alex Pickert applying for a Public Event License for NICE on July 21, 22 & 23 from 10am to 12am.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1, 9.3 to 9.24 and 9.26 to 9.45 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.46. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [23-0724](#))

138 registered voters submitting a petition requesting a public hearing regarding transparency in the development process.

President Ewen-Campen will schedule this item for the next Council meeting.

**RESULT:** **LAID ON THE TABLE**

9.47. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [23-0798](#))

Community Action Agency of Somerville (CAAS) conveying a report on housing advocacy efforts.

Councilor McLaughlin sponsored Nicole Eigbrett, Director of Community Organizing at the Community Action Agency of Somerville (CAAS), who spoke about the volunteer work being done to help tenants from being evicted, saying that their team is trying to reach tenants upstream as soon as possible. The team attempts to track deed changes through public documents and then determine if tenants are being displaced. For those tenants facing displacement, the volunteers advise them of their rights and try to assist them. The program began last August and now has 30 volunteers. Since its inception, the team has tracked 256 multi-unit building sales in the city and of those, contact has been made with 133 of them through in person literature drops, door knocking, or mail. The staff has put together a training program for volunteers and is hoping to get tenants organized. The team has made some recommendations for city-level policies.

Councilor Strezo asked what efforts are being made to expand Section 8 rentals and Director Eigbrett replied that CAAS has been more on the crisis remediation side of tenant matters.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

## 10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

10.1. Order  
(ID # [23-0809](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad

That this City Council conduct a public hearing on the programming, planning and design process and schedule for the Winter Hill Community Innovation School and the Benjamin Brown School.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

10.2. Order  
(ID # [23-0810](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the Director of Planning, Preservation & Zoning re-evaluate the Green Score (Section 10.4) in the Zoning Ordinances for Neighborhood Residential Districts and consider implementing a percentage for pervious and green space requirements.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad said that having certain pervious pavers in back building spaces amounts to creating de facto parking lots, adding that the guidelines seemed focused on stormwater drainage.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

10.3. Order  
(ID # [23-0811](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the Director of Planning, Preservation & Zoning reconsider the height limits in Neighborhood Residence (NR) Districts, as listed in section 10.2.2.c Arbor or Trellis, to align with the minimum floor to floor heights for each principal building type.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad said she is looking for places in the zoning code that seem a little overboard and is trying to make them more reasonable.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

10.4. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0812](#))

Requesting approval of a transfer of \$15,000 from the City Clerk Salaries Account to the City Clerk R&M - Software Account to expand the digital accessibility and archiving of the Code of Ordinances and Zoning Ordinances.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of item 7.1 to 7.4 and 10.4 to 10.5 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

10.5. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0823](#))

Requesting approval of a transfer of \$15,000 from the Clerk of Committees Salaries - Monthly Account to the City Clerk R&M - Software Account to expand the digital accessibility and archiving of the Code of Ordinances and Zoning Ordinances.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of item 7.1 to 7.4 and 10.4 to 10.5 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

10.6. Public Event  
(ID # [23-0808](#))

Francesca Broekman applying for a Public Event License for Holi Festival on May 14 from 1pm to 5pm (raindate June 4 & June 11).

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

## 11. LATE ITEMS

11.1. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0826](#))

By Councilor Davis

That language be added to the appropriate section of the Charter Review Committee's proposed Charter text to include a provision subjecting the City Solicitor to reappointment and reconfirmation every two years.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Charter Review Special Committee

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

11.2. Ordinance  
(ID # [23-0827](#))

By Councilor Scott and Councilor Wilson  
Amending Section 2-323 of the Code of Ordinances, Salary Ranges, to provide cost-of-living adjustments for School Committee Members and City Councilors.

Councilor Scott stated that in April, he asked for a copy of the Request For Proposals (RFP) for the Compensation Study so that the scope of the study could be determined. He went on to say that councilors were told that the study would include the salaries of the elected officials. Councilor Scott stated that there is nothing in the study, nor the RFP, that deals with the salaries of elected officials.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

11.3. Order  
(ID # [23-0828](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That this City Council be thoughtful, respectful, and professional in communication with staff and refrain from personal attacks.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad recounted an observation she made about how some councilors speak to city staff and said that one needs to be concrete when speaking on the issues, rather than getting personalities involved.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:19 PM.



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## City Council

### Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 25, 2023

7:00 PM

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#### 1. OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen.

The Council entered into recess at 9:36 PM and returned at 9:45 PM.

The Council entered Executive Session at 9:54 PM and returned at 10:17 PM.

- 1.1. Roll Call                      Call of the Roll.  
(ID # [23-0897](#))

**RESULT:**      **PLACED ON FILE**

**Present:**      City Councilor At Large Willie Burnley Jr.  
City Councilor At Large Charlotte Kelly  
City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo  
City Councilor At Large Jake Wilson  
Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin  
Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott  
Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen  
Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan  
Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis

**Absent:**      Ward Five City Councilor Beatriz Gomez Mouakad  
Ward Seven City Councilor Judy Pineda Neufeld

- 1.2. Remembrances              Remembrances.  
(ID # [23-0898](#))

Councilor McLaughlin requested a moment of silence in memory of all veterans who died fighting to defend this country.

**RESULT:**      **PLACED ON FILE**

- 1.3. Minutes                      Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, April 27, 2023.  
(ID # [23-0899](#))

**RESULT:**      **APPROVED**

#### 2. CITATIONS



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- 2.1. Citation (ID # [23-0895](#)) By Councilor McLaughlin  
Commending Officer Thomas Lambert for his efforts on May 18, 2023 to save a baby who was not breathing.  
Councilor McLaughlin reported that Officer Lambert received a call for a child in distress, and upon arrival at the scene, took immediate steps to save this child's life. The citation will be presented at a later date.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
3. PUBLIC HEARINGS
- 3.1. Grant of Location (ID # [23-0863](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install a total of 929 feet of conduit and one new manhole along Poplar, Linwood, and Joy Streets.  
Jacqui Duffy, representing Eversource, explained the reason for the request. There being no further comment, the public hearing was closed. Councilor Scott stated his concern about an updated plan and asked if it had already been submitted and Ms. Duffy replied that it had been. Councilor Scott asked that this item be referred to the Committee on Licenses and Permits so that the plan may be reviewed.  
**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee
- 3.2. Grant of Location (ID # [23-0864](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 45 feet of conduit in the intersection of Norwood Avenue and Medford Street, from Manhole 7419 to a point of pickup at 494 Medford Street.  
Jacqui Duffy, representing Eversource, explained the reason for the request. There being no further comment, the public hearing was closed. Councilor Strezo commented that she never received a phone call from Eversource regarding the numerous hanging wires that she reported recently. Ms. Duffy will send someone out to inspect the wires on Porter Street tomorrow.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 3.3. Grant of Location (ID # [23-0865](#)) Group Design Build applying for a Grant of Location to install 130 feet of conduit in the intersection of Prescott Street and Summer Street, from Utility Pole 325/8 to a proposed handhole then continuing to a point of pickup at 3 Prescott Street.  
Mr. Hernandez, representing Group Design Build, explained the reason for the request. There being no further comment, the public hearing was closed. Councilor Strezo asked that no lines be left dangling. Mr. Hernandez said that this item is to put wires underground.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 3.4. Grant of Location (ID # [23-0866](#)) Verizon applying for a Grant of Location to install 60 feet of conduit in Ten Hills Road, from Utility Pole 498/10 to a point of pickup at 77-79 Ten Hills Road.
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Ross Bilodeau, representing Verizon, explained the reason for the request. There being no further comment, the public hearing was closed. Councilor Strezo asked that no lines be left dangling. Mr. Bilodeau replied that this item is to put cables underground. Councilor Clingan also commented on the number of low hanging wires and thanked Verizon for getting this job done for the customer.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

#### 4. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

4.1. Order  
(ID # [23-0830](#))

By Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Clingan

That this Council conduct a public hearing pursuant to Section 7-222 of the Code of Ordinances, on the application for recognition of the Gilman Square Neighborhood Council.

Councilor Clingan commented that residents worked tirelessly to get this recognition. President Ewen-Campen noted that this is the second time a Neighborhood Association has been formally recognized by the City Council.

Public Hearing

Christine Carlino spoke and said that the Gilman Square Neighborhood Council wants to bring everyone to the table to work collaboratively on the rehabilitation of Gilman Square. Michele Hanse commented that there will be more Neighborhood Councils coming. The Public Hearing was closed.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

4.2. Order  
(ID # [23-0883](#))

By Councilor Strezo

That the Commissioner of Public Works remove or raise above human height, the wire wrapped around a pole in front of 54 Porter Street, and report back to this City Council who owns the pole.

**RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

4.3. Order  
(ID # [23-0884](#))

By Councilor Strezo

That the Commissioner of Public Works remove or raise above human height, the wire wrapped around a street sign in front of 9 Brastow Avenue, and report back to this City Council who owns the pole.

**RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

4.4. Order  
(ID # [23-0885](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin

That the Director of Engineering, the Director of Water and Sewer, and the Executive Director of the Arts Council collaborate to start an "Adopt a Catch Basin" program to promote visibility and cleanliness of catch basins in creative and artistic ways.

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**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

- 4.5. Order  
(ID # [23-0888](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Director of Engineering update the Ward 1 Councilor regarding the pavement of Otis Street, which is half completed on one side.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

- 4.6. Order  
(ID # [23-0887](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Strezo  
That the Director of Mobility install speed bumps on Myrtle Street, Lincoln Avenue and Virginia Street.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

- 4.7. Order  
(ID # [23-0892](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Director of Mobility repaint the NO BIKES ON SIDEWALKS signs along East Broadway.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

- 4.8. Order  
(ID # [23-0889](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the potholes on the unfinished side of Otis Street.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

- 4.9. Order  
(ID # [23-0891](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the tree wells in front of 173 Broadway for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

- 4.10. Order  
(ID # [23-0893](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Scott, Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Davis  
That the Commissioner of Public Works update this Council on the status of the annual Spring Cleanups for the upcoming season.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

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- 4.11. Order  
(ID # [23-0890](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Director of Inspectional Services inspect the narrow alleyway near the Edgerly School for rodent activity and take appropriate measures.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Rodent Issues Special Committee
- 4.12. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0886](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Mayor allocate \$65,000 to fully fund the Food for Free school market program that feeds Somerville students nutritious meals.
- Councilor McLaughlin informed the Council that this organization is facing a funding shortfall. Councilor Strezo requested that a copy be forwarded to the city's state delegation.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
- 5.1. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0778](#))
- Requesting to appear with consultant Donald Jacobs, to provide information regarding the Classification and Compensation Study.
- Mr.Jacobs, appearing virtually, spoke about the goals and objectives of this study, which he hoped to deliver by the end of this fiscal year. He was asked by the administration to expedite union positions before non-union positions. Mr.Jacobs informed the Council that the study will analyze salaries and benefits. Councilor Scott asked when the full results will be presented and Mr.Jacobs said it depends on the amount of time it takes to get people in agreement with the job descriptions. Following that, the grade plan and compensations levels will be set. He said that the surveys for the position of Councilors were submitted to Human Resources today.
- RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**
- 5.2. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [23-0724](#))
- 138 registered voters submitting a petition requesting a public hearing regarding transparency in the development process.
- Michele Hanse, who is a member of the Union Sq. Neighborhood Council, stated that this group of petitioners is here to challenge the city's development process, saying that neighborhood and resident input is very often ignored by the administration sand developers, and she urged them both to cooperate with residents, neighborhoods and businesses. She said that those who work and live in Somerville now need to be protected, as planning by the administration is not 'by or for the people' of this city.
- Alyson Schultz spoke on behalf of Brickbottom residents saying that they would like a place at the table when their neighborhood is being developed. There are 250 residents in that area and their voice3s are disregarded. She cited past incidents over several years where their suggestions were ignored. Rand Wilson commented that a covenant had been reached between Scape
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and the city, with no neighborhood input. He thinks that if the neighborhood was involved, issues such as jobs, wages, rents, and housing would have been addressed. He commented that the results of local hiring by US2 is well below expectations.

Rodrigo Badaro, a representative from Local 35 Painters Union, stated that he has been involved in trying to get local residents hired on developments in Somerville. He thanked the Union Square Neighborhood Council, Somerville Stands Together and the city's residents for pushing for local hiring.

Christine Carlino said that the Gilman Sq neighborhood has been active for the past 15 years and she commented on the many changes surrounding the Green Line Extension (GLX) coming through Gilman Sq. She listed multiple dates and meetings where the neighborhood association was not provided with all of the information. She noted that delay tactics were employed and that after 15 years, nothing has been done. They want the Planning Department to listen to them and make smart community development.

David Gibbs, Executive Director of the Community Action Agency of Somerville (CAAS), said the vision of SomerVision 2040 has not been realized. He said that planners are making choices based on the priorities of the largest developers. He served on the 2040 steering committee, but he found that the process was hasty and contained no analysis of the fiscal impacts of what they wanted.

Bill Shelton, a member of the Union Square Neighborhood Council, spoke about three lawsuits involving Assembly Square, saying that the draft plan for that area did not address the desires of residents.

Tori Antonino spoke about how Union Square residents proposed ideas for the look of the area, noting that the master developer put forth their own design, disregarding neighborhood input. She noted the high rents in the developed buildings in Union Square, saying that Somerville's residents can't afford to pay the \$6,000/month rent in the towers. She suggested that Planning Board meetings be in person and not virtual. Ms. Antonino suggested that all covenants made with developers include a Community Benefits Agreement. She also asked for a moratorium on unaffordable development.

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- Ann Camara said she has been through all stages of Somerville and that city staff says one thing and does something else. The administration is not following the required criteria. She wants streets fixed and local residents hired for development jobs in the city.
- Alan Stiehl said a plan was proposed for Assembly Square 24 years ago, known as the 30/30/30, and in 2000, a resolution was passed to implement it. After that, two administrations tried to delay its implementation and were sued. Mr. Stiehl commented that the city's planning staff enables developers.

- Bill Cavellini said planning should be for the people and by the people and he gave examples of how the planning staff has thwarted community benefit agreements. He expressed his belief that the urban design framework has the potential for allowing planning staff to introduce bias into plans.
- Meredith Porter spoke about residents moving out due to high prices and said that there is a lot of misdirection from the planning staff. He asked who the planning staff's customers are - residents or developers? He pointed out that requests have been filed to obtain information and that people aren't informed when meetings are scheduled. Mr. Porter commented that developers use tricks to bypass occupancy regulations.
- Wig Zamore said SomerVision 2030 was a good plan, but that district design is difficult. There is no process to have a robust staff engage the community to optimize the community outcome.
- Marie-Elle Merchant spoke about cultural issues with the Planning Board. She commented that the Director of Capital Projects had stated that the community was agnostic on some of the development, but said it was really good for the tax base. She noted that three developers have submitted their qualifications, but residents don't know who is in the selection pool.
- Isabella Drago spoke about the primacy of economics vs. primacy of politics and said that the administration's actions favor the primacy of economics.
- Ramone Bueno spoke about people supporting development but said that scale matters. He doesn't see integrated design. He believes that the city has leverage and should use it for the benefit of residents.
- Joyce Chen, who considers herself an 'affluent newcomer', loves the neighborhood and local businesses and she is surprised to see some businesses shuttered.
- Andy Greenspon said that the planning staff is overwhelmed and shouldn't be gaslighting everyone. He believes that the community needs to set a precedent here for activism.
- Roger Levy stated that no outreach was done regarding putting high-rise buildings next to residential. He said that no one in the neighborhood was aware of the rezoning of their block. He noted that Planning staff was difficult to get answers from or to meet with and the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD) made inaccurate statements about what the neighborhood wanted.
- Amy Eastment commented that it's crushing when you participate in something and your concerns aren't taken seriously.
- Sam Alterman said grad workers are not being serviced by developers and that they're being pushed out of the city. He warned that without meaningful change, grad students will become commuters.
- Leigh Meunier stated that there is no accountability in the planning

process and asked if there is a process to evaluate staff based on service to the residents.

- Crystal Huff thanked neighbors and Councilors and supported the comments shared, in particular expanding staff.
- Janine Fay said some people think they have a divine right to make money.
- Silvia Cuervo spoke about wanting to stay in Somerville and the need for rent control.
- Kate Byrne spoke about the lack of will to care for unhoused people.
- Jane Bestor said city and the Mystic View Task Force have been pro development since the early days and she asked why the city and City Council have played into the hands of developers.
- Christine Carlino said it doesn't take a lot of staff to listen to the community and until the culture changes, residents won't be heard. She stated that a complete overhaul is needed.
- Isabella Milanowski commented that artist identity has been co-opted in favor of developers.

The Public Hearing was closed.

Councilor McLaughlin spoke about selling out on a Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) in Union Square and Councilor Scott said the movement is building. Councilor Clingan commented that this needs to be fixed and President Ewen-Campen noted that it's important to realize that this struggle isn't pointless.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

## 6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### 6.A. CHARTER REVIEW SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- 6.A.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-0837](#)) Report of the Special Committee on Charter Review, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on May 24, 2023.

Councilor Scott reported on the actions taken by the committee. The public hearing from the previous meeting was concluded at the meeting. All recommendations of the Charter Committee have been reviewed. The final result of the Committee's review has been referred to the Mayor for administrative review.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.A.2. Officer's Communication (ID # [22-1520](#)) Charter Review Committee conveying its recommendations and proposed Charter text.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.A.3. Officer's  
Communication  
(ID # [23-0794](#))

City Clerk submitting amendments to the proposed charter to address scrivener's errors.

**RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED**

6.A.4. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0826](#))

By Councilor Davis

That language be added to the appropriate section of the Charter Review Committee's proposed Charter text to include a provision subjecting the City Solicitor to reappointment and reconfirmation every two years.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.A.5. Order  
(ID # [23-0916](#))

By Councilor Scott

That this City Council transmit the proposed charter, as amended by the City Council, to the Mayor for consideration.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.B. FINANCE COMMITTEE

6.B.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-0836](#)) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on May 23, 2023.

Councilor Wilson reported on the actions taken by the committee. He listed the items before the committee and their resulting actions. Full details are available in the committee report. Item 23-0550 was severed from the report and referred back to the Finance Committee. Item 23-0827 was severed from the report and Councilor McLaughlin stated that he is uncomfortable will voting himself a raise, adding that he would rather wait for the compensation study to be completed. He would like to table this item until such time. Councilor Davis stated that he was surprised that this item was recommended by the Finance Committee so quickly and he's not convinced that this is the right thing to pursue. Councilor Clingan stated that we don't need a study to keep up with inflation and he stands by his statement that he shouldn't be voting on his raise. Councilor Scott explained that the figures he submitted are in line with historical data. He went on to say that only the Council can grant this raise. Councilor Burnley stated that the salary for a City Councilor is not enough to be able to remain in Somerville. Councilor Wilson stated that every year without a raise effectively amounts to a cut in pay. Councilor McLaughlin clarified that this is not a negotiation - it's the Council telling the administration to pay them more. Councilor McLaughlin moved to reject this item. President Ewen-Campen would rather send the item back to the Finance Committee. Councilor Kelly agrees with the spirit of the item but agrees with sending the item back to the Finance Committee.

Councilor Strezo favors returning the item to committee. Councilor McLaughlin withdrew his motion. The item was referred back to the Finance Committee.

**Councilor McLaughlin made a motion to review the Council's role in granting themselves raises. The motion was approved.**

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.B.2. Officer's  
Communication  
(ID # [23-0550](#))

Director of Water and Sewer conveying the FY 2024 Water & Sewer Rate proposal.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

6.B.3. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0606](#))

Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$5,063.14 grant, with no new match required, from the Barr Foundation for staff attendance at the Designing Cities 2023 conference.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.B.4. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0718](#))

Requesting approval to appropriate \$104,247.14 from the Bikeshare Stabilization fund for new stations at 5 Middlesex Ave and 10-50 Prospect St.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

6.B.5. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0725](#))

Requesting approval to extend the contract with the Mystic River Watershed Association for Blessing of the Bay Park Revitalization Phase 2 for an additional 24 months.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.B.6. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0772](#))

Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$17,950 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources to the Health and Human Services Department to restructure the food security coalition.



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**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.B.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0812](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$15,000 from the City Clerk Salaries Account to the City Clerk R&M - Software Account to expand the digital accessibility and archiving of the Code of Ordinances and Zoning Ordinances.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.B.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0823](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$15,000 from the Clerk of Committees Salaries - Monthly Account to the City Clerk R&M - Software Account to expand the digital accessibility and archiving of the Code of Ordinances and Zoning Ordinances.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.B.9. Ordinance (ID # [23-0827](#)) By Councilor Scott and Councilor Wilson Amending Section 2-323 of the Code of Ordinances, Salary Ranges, to provide cost-of-living adjustments for School Committee Members and City Councilors.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION****FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

#### 6.C. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- 6.C.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-0834](#)) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting in Joint Session with the Planning Board on May 18, 2023.

Councilor McLaughlin reported on the actions taken by the committee.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.C.2. Public Communication (ID # [23-0634](#)) John Fragione and Agostino Feola, requesting the adoption of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Map to change the zoning district of 295-297 Medford Street and 93 Walnut Street from MR3 to MR5.

**RESULT: WITHDRAWN**

#### 6.D. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- 6.D.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-0833](#)) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on May 16, 2023.

Councilor Davis reported on the actions taken by the committee and noted that an amendment related to Fair Housing was recommended for approval.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.D.2. Order  
(ID # [22-0043](#))

By Councilor Davis

That the Commissioner of Public Works, the Director of Procurement and Contracting Services, and the Director of Mobility report to the Legislative Matters Committee on enforcement of and annual reporting on the Ordinance to Safeguard Vulnerable Road Users.

**RESULT:**     **WORK COMPLETED**

6.D.3. Order  
(ID # [22-1271](#))

By Councilor Clingan, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Scott, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson

That this City Council and the City of Somerville formally recognize the Gilman Square Neighborhood Council.

President Ewen-Campen severed item 6.D.3 from the committee report.

Councilor Davis moved to approve this item.

**RESULT:**     **APPROVED**

**AYE:**           City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:**       Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

6.D.4. Order  
(ID # [22-1991](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Scott

That the City Solicitor work with this Council to amend the Code of Ordinances to include nondiscrimination provisions based on relationship status.

**RESULT:**     **WORK COMPLETED**

6.D.5. Ordinance  
(ID # [22-1994](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Scott

Amending Sections 7-41, 7-43, 7-44, and 7-47 of the Code of Ordinances, related to Fair Housing.

**RESULT:**     **ORDINANCE ORDAINED**

**AYE:**           City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:**       Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 6.D.6. Order By Councilor Kelly  
(ID # [23-0858](#)) That the Director of Housing submit a report to the City Council on the yearly number of Fair Housing complaints filed, sorted by those that are MCAD-protected and those that are not.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.E. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- 6.E.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on  
(ID # [23-0832](#)) May 15, 2023.

Councilor Kelly reported on the actions taken by the committee. Details are available in the Committee Report. The safe consumption site issue will be discussed at the July meeting of the committee.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.E.2. Order By Councilor Strezo  
(ID # [22-1529](#)) That the Director of Health and Human Services take steps to install emergency contraception dispensers in designated city bathrooms.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.E.3. Resolution By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan,  
(ID # [22-1687](#)) Councilor Davis, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson  
That the Administration update this Council on plans to establish a Community Engagement Center.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.E.4. Order By Councilor Burnley Jr.  
(ID # [22-1760](#)) That the Director of Food Access & Healthy Communities provide this Council with a report on the Taxi to Health program.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.F. RODENT ISSUES SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- 6.F.1. Committee Report Report of the Special Committee on Rodent Issues, meeting on May 23,  
(ID # [23-0835](#)) 2023.

Councilor Kelly reported on the actions taken by the committee.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.F.2. Order  
(ID # [22-0057](#))
- By Councilor Kelly  
That the Director of Inspectional Services and the Director of Health and Human Services report on progress regarding planned internal rodent control meetings and regular joint departmental meetings.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.F.3. Order  
(ID # [23-0238](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Director of Inspectional Services provide Smart Boxes throughout East Somerville to address rodent issues.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.F.4. Order  
(ID # [23-0797](#))
- By Councilor Kelly, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Strezo  
That the Director of Inspectional Services and the Environmental Health Coordinator update this Council on spring rodent mitigation programs and SMART box phases.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

## 7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 7.1. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0844](#))
- Requesting authorization to borrow \$6,430,638 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for the Assembly Square Fire Station fit-out.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 to 7.14, 8.1 and 10.7 through 10.8 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.2. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0873](#))
- Requesting approval of a transfer of \$211,370.90 from the Department of Public Works (DPW) Highway Wages Account to the DPW Buildings Electricity Account for May & June expenses.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 to 7.14, 8.1 and 10.7 through 10.8 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.3. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0870](#))
- Requesting approval of a transfer of \$150,000 from the Department of Public Works (DPW) Grounds Wages Account to the DPW Admin Motor Gas and Oil Account to fund invoices on hand and May & June expense.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 to 7.14, 8.1 and 10.7 through 10.8 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0845](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$50,000 from the Department of Public Works (DPW) Admin Salaries Account to the DPW Snow Removal Account to cover a deficit.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 to 7.14, 8.1 and 10.7 through 10.8 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0875](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$45,000 from the Department of Public Works (DPW) Highway Wages Account to the DPW Snow Removal Account to cover a deficit.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 to 7.14, 8.1 and 10.7 through 10.8 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0872](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$35,000 from the Department of Public Works (DPW) Highway Salary Account to the DPW Admin Professional & Technical Account to cover May & June expenses.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 to 7.14, 8.1 and 10.7 through 10.8 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0853](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$25,000 from the Parks and Recreation Professional & Technical Services Account to the Parks & Recreation Salaries & Wages Temp Account for school staff coaching of intramural sports.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 to 7.14, 8.1 and 10.7 through 10.8 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0854](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$18,000 from the Parks & Recreation Fields Personal Services Account to the Parks & Recreation Rec/Youth Program Personal Services Account to cover the remainder of the fiscal year for teen spaces.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 to 7.14, 8.1 and 10.7 through 10.8 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

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- 7.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0847](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$8,039.02 from the Police Department Personal Services Overtime Account to the Police Department Special Items Grant Match Account to fund the Metropolitan Mayors Coalition Community Safety Initiative Shannon Grant match.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 to 7.14, 8.1 and 10.7 through 10.8 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0852](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$550 from the Engineering Personal Services Account to the Infrastructure & Asset Management (IAM) Personal Services Account to fund IAM Somerville Municipal Employees Association (SMEA) staff holiday and longevity pay.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 to 7.14, 8.1 and 10.7 through 10.8 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.11. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0846](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$24,117.07 grant that requires a match, from the Metropolitan Mayors Coalition Community Safety Initiative to the Police Department for youth violence prevention.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 to 7.14, 8.1 and 10.7 through 10.8 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.12. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0813](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$6,781 Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) grant, with no new match required, from the Department of Fire Services to the Fire Department for fire prevention education for students.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 to 7.14, 8.1 and 10.7 through 10.8 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.13. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0814](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$2,677 Senior Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) grant, with no new match required, from the Department of Fire Services to the Fire Department for fire prevention education for older adults.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 to 7.14, 8.1 and 10.7 through 10.8 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
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- 7.14. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0877](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$3,592.59 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Buildings Elevator R&M Account for elevator service.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 to 7.14, 8.1 and 10.7 through 10.8 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.15. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0882](#)) Requesting confirmation of the promotion of James E. Torres to the position of Police Sergeant.
- President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 7.15 and 7.16 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee
- 7.16. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0831](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Doris Jenkins to the Urban Forestry Committee.
- President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 7.15 and 7.16 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee
- 7.17. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0876](#)) Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for FLIR MC300C marine camera.
- The reading was waived and the item was referred to the Legislative Matters Committee. Councilor Davis commented that this item will be on the committee's May 30th agenda.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

## 8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 8.1. Officer's Communication (ID # [23-0824](#)) City Clerk submitting recommendations for adjustments to certain fees charged by the City Clerk's Office, effective July 1, 2023.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 to 7.14, 8.1 and 10.7 through 10.8 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

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**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

- 9.1. License  
(ID # [23-0860](#))      Renewing Drainlayer's License, Keash Excavating Inc.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.8 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.2. License  
(ID # [23-0861](#))      Renewing Flammables License, Metropolitan Pipe and Supply Company, 30 Inner Belt Rd.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.8 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.3. License  
(ID # [23-0862](#))      Renewing Garage License, Brazil Auto Repair, 621 Somerville Ave.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.8 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.4. License  
(ID # [23-0871](#))      Renewing Garage License, Valvoline Instant Oil Change, 182 Washington St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.8 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.5. License  
(ID # [23-0867](#))      Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Martha Lee Trust, 147 Highland Ave.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.8 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.6. License  
(ID # [23-0869](#))      Renewing Second Hand Dealer License, Great Eastern Vintage, 236 Pearl St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.8 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**



- 9.7. Public Event  
(ID # [23-0894](#)) Tracy Wishon applying for a Public Event License for Walker St/Leonard St BP on June 3 from 10am to 6pm (raindate June 4).  
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.8 and approve them tonight.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.8. Public Event  
(ID # [23-0868](#)) Jess Willis applying for a Public Event License for Taste of Somerville on June 14 from 12pm to 9pm (raindate June 15).  
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.8 and approve them tonight.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.9. Public Communication  
(ID # [23-0848](#)) David Gutierrez submitting comments re: street closures during Porchfest.  
**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**
- 9.10. Public Communication  
(ID # [23-0849](#)) Gurhan Ozen submitting comments re: notifications for street closures.  
**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**
- 9.11. Public Communication  
(ID # [23-0850](#)) Christine and David Homsy submitting comments re: water and sewer rates.  
**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**
- 9.12. Public Communication  
(ID # [23-0851](#)) Stephen Mackey submitting comments re: response to Linkage Nexus Study report.  
**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**
- 9.13. Public Communication  
(ID # [23-0859](#)) Jenn Harrington submitting comments re: meeting with musicians and promoters.  
Councilor Strezo spoke about the lack of musician spaces and sponsored Jenn Harrington to address the Council. Ms. Harrington spoke of how inequity and violence rises when a small group isn't cared for. She said that she wants the Council to hear from musicians in a forum setting.  
**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

## 10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

10.1. Order  
(ID # [23-0900](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad

That the Director of Mobility and the Director of Engineering integrate traffic calming measures on Hudson and Summer Streets and plan for the work to be implemented prior to the start of the Highland Avenue improvement construction.

President Ewen-Campen tabled items 10.1 through 10.3 at the request of Councilor Gomez Mouakad.

**RESULT:**     **LAID ON THE TABLE**

10.2. Order  
(ID # [23-0901](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad

That the Director of Mobility develop a strategy for the implementation of speed radar detectors on north-south cut-through streets throughout the city, including but not limited to Central Street and Cedar Street.

President Ewen-Campen tabled items 10.1 through 10.3 at the request of Councilor Gomez Mouakad.

**RESULT:**     **LAID ON THE TABLE**

10.3. Order  
(ID # [23-0902](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Pineda Neufeld

That the Director of Mobility, Director of Engineering, Director of Parking, and Commissioner of Public Works establish criteria and guidelines for Council orders to be submitted for traffic calming and mobility related issues and items that should be submitted to 311 to ensure the City Council is addressing larger mobility strategic planning issues.

President Ewen-Campen tabled items 10.1 through 10.3 at the request of Councilor Gomez Mouakad.

**RESULT:**     **LAID ON THE TABLE**

10.4. Order  
(ID # [23-0912](#))

By Councilor Kelly

That the Chief of Police halt the use of unmarked patrol vehicles for all traffic enforcement.

Councilor Kelly stated cyclists have been pulled over by unmarked vehicles for unclear reasons and indiscriminate stops. She noted a conversation in 2022 when she was informed that the Somerville Police Department doesn't engage in speed traps, however, she believes that using unmarked vehicles for traffic enforcement is pretty close to a speed trap. She thinks that it's important to know the methodology for pulling over cyclists and pedestrians, especially if the funds supporting that practice are from a grant that was to be used for educational purposes.

**RESULT:**     **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

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- 10.5. Order  
(ID # [23-0913](#))
- By Councilor Kelly  
That the Chief of Police and the Director of Mobility report to this Council on the methodology used for pedestrian and cyclist stops made by Police Department officers.  
See Item 10.4 (23-0912).  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee
- 10.6. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0914](#))
- By Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson  
Demanding the end of anti-union activities by Starbucks.  
Councilor Burnley explained that employees at the 711 Somerville Avenue Starbucks filed an application on February 24th to hold an election for union representation and, to date, have not had that election. Employees favoring union representation have been subjected to various punitive and disciplinary actions by the company.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- 10.7. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0522](#))
- Requesting approval of a five year lease, with option for renewal, with 561 Windsor Street Owner LLC for dance space.  
Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 to 7.14, 8.1 and 10.7 through 10.8 and refer them to the Finance Committee.  
**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 10.8. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0903](#))
- Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$646.08 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Buildings Plumbing R&M Account for asbestos sampling.  
Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 to 7.14, 8.1 and 10.7 through 10.8 and refer them to the Finance Committee.  
**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 10.9. Mayor's  
Communication  
(ID # [23-0909](#))
- Conveying the appointment of Ada Ren-Mitchell, Joe Burgio and Becky Donner to the Arts Council.  
**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**
- 10.10. Mayor's  
Communication  
(ID # [23-0910](#))
- Conveying the appointment of Marianne Walles to the PILOT Advisory Task Force.
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**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

10.11. Mayor's  
Communication  
(ID # [23-0911](#))

Conveying the appointment of John Long and Rositha Durham to the Municipal Compensation Advisory Board.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

10.12. Officer's  
Communication  
(ID # [23-0905](#))

City Solicitor requesting to appear in Executive Session pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3) regarding Cobble Hill Center, LLC v. Somerville Redevelopment Authority.

The Council voted to enter into Executive Session at 9:54 PM to hear an update on this matter.

The Council returned from Executive Session and reconvened the regular meeting at 10:17 PM.

President Ewen-Campen reported that no votes were taken in Executive Session other than the vote to adjourn and return to Open Session.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

10.13. Officer's  
Communication  
(ID # [23-0896](#))

School Committee conveying a resolution passed on May 8, 2023, regarding school facility challenges.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

10.14. Officer's  
Communication  
(ID # [23-0855](#))

Affordable Housing Trust conveying the FY 2018-2019 Affordable Housing Trust Fund report.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

10.15. License  
(ID # [23-0919](#))

New Flammables License, John's Auto Sales, 166 Boston Avenue, 7,000 gallons.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 10.15 through 10.17 and refer them to the Committee on Licenses and Permits.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

10.16. License  
(ID # [23-0917](#))

New Garage License, Somerville Auto Center, 193 Somerville Avenue, 18 cars inside only, for autobody work and spray painting, Mon-Fri: 8am-6pm, Sat: 8am-2pm, Sun: closed.

1) The spray booth must be used at all times for spray painting, and maintained in good condition to prevent paint fumes in the neighborhood.

2) This license allows no overnight exterior parking of vehicles being serviced at this location.

3) The hours of operation for this business are to be strictly observed to prevent disruption in the neighborhood.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 10.15 through 10.17 and refer them to the Committee on Licenses and Permits.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

10.17. License  
(ID # [23-0918](#))

New Used Car Dealer License Class 2, John's Auto Sales, 166 Boston Avenue, 28 cars outside, Mon-Fri: 8am-6pm, Sat: 8am-2pm, Sun: closed.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 10.15 through 10.17 and refer them to the Committee on Licenses and Permits.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

## 11. LATE ITEMS

11.1. Order  
(ID # [23-0920](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin

That this City Council discusses the power of the City Council to give itself a raise before completing its revisions to the proposed charter.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Charter Review Special Committee

Resolution  
(ID # [23-0921](#))

By Councilor Scott

Urging the Mayor to fill the two vacancies on the Biosafety Committee and restore it to a functional body.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

11.3. Order  
(ID # [23-0922](#))

By Councilor Wilson

That the City Solicitor appear in executive session pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3) to update this council on the status of collective bargaining negotiations with all municipal bargaining units.

**RESULT:** **LAID ON THE TABLE**

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 11:57 PM.



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## City Council

### Meeting Minutes

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**Thursday, June 1, 2023**

**7:00 PM**

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#### **1. OPENING CEREMONIES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen. The Council entered into recess at 8:54 PM and returned at 9:08 PM.

- 1.1. Roll Call                      Call of the Roll.  
(ID # [23-0825](#))

**RESULT:      PLACED ON FILE**

**Present:**      City Councilor At Large Willie Burnley Jr.  
City Councilor At Large Charlotte Kelly  
City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo  
City Councilor At Large Jake Wilson  
Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin  
Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott  
Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen  
Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan  
Ward Five City Councilor Beatriz Gomez Mouakad  
Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis  
Ward Seven City Councilor Judy Pineda Neufeld

#### **2. CITATIONS**

#### **3. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

#### **4. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

#### **5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

#### **7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

7.1. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0924](#))

Requesting the appropriation of \$319,923,766 to fund the FY 2024 General Fund Operating Budget.

Mayor Ballantyne presented an overview of the FY 2024 General Fund Operating Budget, saying that the budget is based on the city's shared goals and takes into account community input. The largest share of revenue comes from taxes and the city has seen record commercial growth since FY 2004, allowing the city to invest in its residents without adding to their burden. Last year, a Foundation for Progress was developed utilizing strong fiscal management, quality core services and shared community goals for progress. Mayor Ballantyne commented on some of the FY 2023 goals that have been delivered and noted that the city has recently been given a AAA bond rating, signaling that it is fiscally stable.

The Mayor highlighted some of the steps taken to focus the proposed budget on advancing progress for the city's people, places and planet and stressed that it's essential that the proper staff and resources be available to do the work. To that end, several departments will be scaled up to better serve the community. Among those changes are:

- Adding a new ADA position
- Changing two part time positions to permanent in the Council on Aging
- Adding two Jail Diversion positions in the Police Department
- Adding Language Justice Coordinator and Communication Coordinator positions
- Adding a Sustainability and Resiliency Coordinator position
- Adding an Employee Training and Retention Specialist position
- Adding a Deputy Chief Administrative Officer position
- Adding a Plumbing Inspector position
- Adding an Accounts Payable position in Auditing
- Adding a Deputy Assessor position
- Adding a Curb Management Program Manager position

The city's water and sewer infrastructure is aging and older building maintenance has been deferred over the years. Two approaches are planned to address this: 1) strategic planning and investment, and 2) a new approach to maintenance. To right the ship, an investment is needed in the Department of Public Works (addition of 4 new positions). Additionally, a Deputy Director's position will be added to Constituent Services (311).

Other proposals include:



- Increasing the School Department budget by 7.8%
- Funding to alleviate displacement and to increase staff in the Housing Department
- Permanently fund spaces for the Arts
- Funding a pilot program to open the East Somerville library on Sundays
- Permanently funding Emergency Management and adding 2 positions
- Trees and Urban Forest
- Rodent control
- Street and mobility improvements
- Allocating \$500,000 for an MBTA pass program
- Adding more bike lanes

The Mayor spoke about a mobile city hall, bringing essential services out of city hall and into the community and about undertaking a community process to plan and dispose of two buildings (24 Cross Street East and 45 College Avenue). She mentioned some of the projects that would be funded outside of the proposed budget, e.g., a Universal Basic Income pilot, a municipal housing voucher program, an overdose prevention center, a warming shelter and stabilization funds for emergency displacements.

#### Questions from the Council

Councilor Burnley commented that the administration's alternative emergency response missed the mark in his view, pointing out that the Council's recommendation didn't get into FY 2023 nor FY 2024 budgets. Jail diversion, in his view, isn't an alternative emergency response and he asked why it was written in as Council priority when the Council didn't ask for it. Mayor Ballantyne said that is still in process and the city is working with a consultant on staffing and operations. She noted that, last year, there was a request to direct people away from jail and toward the services they need.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld asked what the Mayor learned from the last budget to help with this year's budget and Mayor Ballantyne responded by saying that the organization needs to be scaled. Although city staff is committed to the city, there are gaps that need to be filled to meet the needs of the residents. Councilor Pineda Neufeld asked if any ARPA funds are getting absorbed in this budget and the Mayor said 14 positions were absorbed in this budget and moved onto the general fund.

Councilor McLaughlin asked about rats and resource increases. The Mayor stated that one full time Environmental Health Coordinator position is being added along with additional smart boxes.

Councilor Davis inquired about the \$500,000 out of school programming funds and the Mayor explained that the city side budget also was increased for Parks and Recreation. Councilor Davis asked about the community health initiative and the Mayor said it's focused on prevention and is the beginning of a larger program.

Councilor Wilson asked about the tens of millions of dollars from free cash needed for housing and Finance Director Ed Bean said a good portion of free cash will be drawn down, adding that at least \$3M for affordable housing will be used in addition to what has already been appropriated. Councilor Wilson reminded councilors about pre-submitted questions for the budget process.

Councilor Scott asked about the new Food Security Coordinator position and Mayor Ballantyne replied that it falls under the Health and Human Services Department. She will follow up with answers to his specific questions. Councilor Scott noted that ordinary maintenance for the Housing Department is flat and asked if there is another funding source. The Mayor said that two positions are being added to connect people with resources. Budget Director Mike Mastrobuoni explained that Housing Stability staff utilizes fund resources from a number of revenue streams. Councilor Scott noted that the ISD budget is flat, also and the Mayor said that staff has been added to ISD. He said that he is trying to reconcile the managerial capacity without filling front line staff positions.

Councilor Clingan commented that he didn't hear much about youth in the Mayor's presentation, to which she replied that the city is trying to reach everybody.

Councilor Kelly asked what steps are being taken to ensure that positions don't become duplicative across departments and Mayor Ballantyne explained that, though some positions may have the same title, they would be managing a lot of the work that used to be done by department heads. The city doesn't have a centralized department manager, so this is an example of the need to scale the organization. Councilor Kelly asked about direct aid

programs and the Budget Director will provide that information. Councilor Kelly inquired about the \$20,000 increase for rodent control and the Budget Director will provide additional information. Councilor Kelly pointed out that some departments expended less than 50% of their budgets and asked how the Mayor would intervene to make sure departments take advantage of their full budget. The Mayor said that SomerStat staff has been increased to address that point. Councilor Kelly asked why a new position for a Deputy Chief Administrative Officer is needed when the city's Chief Administrative Officer just started working here. The Mayor said that it's needed because there's so much work to be done and support is needed. Councilor Kelly asked how someone could get in touch with the Jail Diversion Coordinators and Deputy Chief Ward explained that the Director of Community Outreach, Help and Recovery (COHR) reviews the calls that come in and subsequently reaches out to them. He noted that there are several first contacts.

Councilor Kelly asked if the administration could outline how it's moving forward to improve the Winter Hill Community School (WHCIS). This information will be provided. Councilor Kelly inquired about a community center, asking if the city could now move forward with it, in light of the recent AAA bond rating. The Mayor replied that the city has to first make schools and city buildings safe, but assured the councilor that the city is working on it and trying to be creative.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad asked that everyone work together to fix the WHCIS. Noting that housing is a national crisis she asked if 24 Cross Street could possibly be considered for affordable housing investment, to which the Mayor replied that the disposition of that building will be a community process. Councilor Gomez Mouakad asked why her request for a Wage Issues Program Manager position wasn't included in the budget and Budget Director Mike Mastrobuoni will contact the councilor to discuss that. Councilor Gomez Mouakad asked councilors to talk to city staff as much as possible before the budget meetings. She urged councilors not to politicize mental health issues and said that she wants professionals to respond to incidents rather than police.

Councilor Clingan asked if any money has been set aside for the immediate situation (the falling concrete that happened today) at the WHCIS and Mayor Ballantyne will get back to him. Councilor Scott asked if there is an emergency plan in place for the students and the Mayor said that there is and that she will share that information shortly.

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**RESULT:**     **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0934](#))     Requesting the appropriation or reserve of \$3,283,713 in estimated FY 2024 Community Preservation Act (CPA) revenue for CPA projects and expenses.

President Ewen-Campen waived reading of items 7.2 through 7.8, 7.10 and 10.1 through 10.6 and referred them to the Committee on Finance.

**RESULT:**     **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0932](#))     Requesting approval of the expenditure limitations for departmental Revolving Funds for FY 2024.

President Ewen-Campen waived reading of items 7.2 through 7.8, 7.10 and 10.1 through 10.6 and referred them to the Committee on Finance.

**RESULT:**     **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0933](#))     Requesting the appropriation of \$7,796,452 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Facility Renovation and Reconstruction Stabilization Fund to support the FY 2023 5-Year Capital Investment Plan.

President Ewen-Campen waived reading of items 7.2 through 7.8, 7.10 and 10.1 through 10.6 and referred them to the Committee on Finance.

**RESULT:**     **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0931](#))     Requesting the appropriation of \$4,676,448 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Street Reconstruction and Renovation Stabilization Fund to support the FY 2023 5-Year Capital Investment Plan.

President Ewen-Campen waived reading of items 7.2 through 7.8, 7.10 and 10.1 through 10.6 and referred them to the Committee on Finance.

**RESULT:**     **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0939](#))     Requesting the appropriation of \$1,600,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Sewer Stabilization Fund to support the Water-Sewer Capital Investment Plan.

President Ewen-Campen waived reading of items 7.2 through 7.8, 7.10 and 10.1 through 10.6 and referred them to the Committee on Finance.

**RESULT:**     **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0935](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$638,218 to fund the FY 2024 Kennedy School Pool Enterprise Fund budget.
- President Ewen-Campen waived reading of items 7.2 through 7.8, 7.10 and 10.1 through 10.6 and referred them to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0936](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$221,481 from the Kennedy School Pool Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings Account to the FY 2024 Kennedy School Pool Enterprise Fund budget.
- President Ewen-Campen waived reading of items 7.2 through 7.8, 7.10 and 10.1 through 10.6 and referred them to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.9. Withdrawn (ID # [23-0937](#)) Withdrawn.
- RESULT: WITHDRAWN**
- 7.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0938](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$40,000 from the Dilboy Field Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings Account to the FY 2024 Dilboy Field Enterprise Fund budget.
- President Ewen-Campen waived reading of items 7.2 through 7.8, 7.10 and 10.1 through 10.6 and referred them to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS
9. NEW BUSINESS
10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS
- 10.1. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0948](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$33,863,918 to fund the FY 2024 Sewer Enterprise Fund budget.
- President Ewen-Campen waived reading of items 7.2 through 7.8, 7.10 and 10.1 through 10.6 and referred them to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 10.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0949](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$18,996,902 to fund the FY 2024 Water Enterprise Fund budget.
- President Ewen-Campen waived reading of items 7.2 through 7.8, 7.10 and 10.1 through 10.6 and referred them to the Committee on Finance.  
**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 10.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0945](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$271,200 to fund the FY 2024 Dilboy Fields Enterprise Fund budget.
- President Ewen-Campen waived reading of items 7.2 through 7.8, 7.10 and 10.1 through 10.6 and referred them to the Committee on Finance.  
**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 10.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0943](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$5,890,276 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to support the FY 2023 5-Year Capital Investment Plan.
- President Ewen-Campen waived reading of items 7.2 through 7.8, 7.10 and 10.1 through 10.6 and referred them to the Committee on Finance.  
**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 10.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0942](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$1,636,836 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Parks Stabilization Fund to support the FY 2023 5-Year Capital Investment Plan.
- President Ewen-Campen waived reading of items 7.2 through 7.8, 7.10 and 10.1 through 10.6 and referred them to the Committee on Finance.  
**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 10.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0941](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$400,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Water Stabilization Fund to support the Water-Sewer Capital Investment Plan.
- President Ewen-Campen waived reading of items 7.2 through 7.8, 7.10 and 10.1 through 10.6 and referred them to the Committee on Finance.  
**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

10.7. Officer's  
Communication  
(ID # [23-0946](#))

Superintendent of Schools conveying the School Department budget, approved by the School Committee's Finance and Facilities Subcommittee, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on May 16, 2023.

School Committee (SC) Chair Andre Green said this budget is the most transparent one he has ever been involved with. Acting Superintendent Dr. Jeff Curley commented that the budget is a critical investment that builds on the work started by former Superintendent Skipper and is meant to develop the whole child. Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Gorski spoke about the budget guidelines, saying that the budget is student centered and accountability focused. Dr. Curley noted that 55% of the almost 5000 students in Somerville schools are high needs and that multiple specialized programs are available. Some of the areas touched upon include grounding all work in equity, supporting academic recovery, expanding mental health services, creating an Office of Basic Needs and Housing Support Services, and planning for the future. Last year was a transition and recovery period after COVID. Attendance for April, 2023 was 92%, suspension rates are returning to normal levels, drop out rates increased last year, and graduation rates remain stable.

**School Committee Goals**

- Whole child teaching and learning
- Equitable access to programming
- Workforce diversity
- Equitable resource allocation

There is a \$2M increase to support Special Education students and staff will be shifted to keep caseloads manageable. New English as a Second Language teacher positions are being added, a Social Emotional Wellness curriculum will be rolled out, Restorative Justice Professional Development courses will be offered, threat assessment staff training will be provided, and peer mediation training will be available. There will be 1800+ students in after school programs and out of school time programs will be restructured to expand programs and provide stronger support. The out of school time budget increased \$550,000 over the FY 2023 budget and \$1.9M has been allocated to increase equitable access to out of school programming.

**Budget summary**

Non-salary budget is \$17.9M (a \$2.3 million increase over last year)

Salary budget is \$82M (a \$4.9 million increase over last year)

The total FY 2024 budget request is for \$117.4M (\$100 million of which will come from the city)

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

**11. LATE ITEMS****11.1. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0956](#))**

By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson

That this Council hereby welcomes Isaac Neufeld Paskind to Somerville, extends its best wishes to his proud parents, and looks forward to Isaac's bright future in Somerville.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:16 PM.





# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## City Council

### Meeting Minutes

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**Thursday, June 8, 2023**

**7:00 PM**

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#### **1. OPENING CEREMONIES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen.

The Council entered into recess at 7:15 PM and returned at 7:19 PM.

The Council entered into recess at 8:26 PM and returned at 8:31 PM.

- 1.1. Roll Call                      Call of the Roll.  
(ID # [23-0915](#))

**RESULT:**      **PLACED ON FILE**

**Present:**      City Councilor At Large Willie Burnley Jr.  
City Councilor At Large Charlotte Kelly  
City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo  
City Councilor At Large Jake Wilson  
Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin  
Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott  
Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen  
Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan  
Ward Five City Councilor Beatriz Gomez Mouakad  
Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis  
Ward Seven City Councilor Judy Pineda Neufeld

- 1.2. Remembrances              Remembrances.  
(ID # [23-0856](#))

Councilors Scott, McLaughlin and the entire Council requested a moment of silence in memory of former Somerville Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Albert F. Argenziano.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad requested a moment of silence in memory of Stephenson Aman on the one-year anniversary of his passing.

Councilor McLaughlin and the entire Council requested a moment of silence in memory of James Campano.

**RESULT:**      **APPROVED**

- 1.3. Minutes                      Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, May 11, 2023.  
(ID # [23-0930](#))

**RESULT:**      **APPROVED**

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## 2. CITATIONS

### 2.1. Citation (ID # [23-0978](#))

By Councilor Ewen-Campen

Commending John Gullage for his actions on May 19, 2023, during a medical incident at Veterans Memorial Rink.

Councilor Ewen-Campen read a letter detailing the actions of Firefighter John Gullage and presented him with a Citation in appreciation. Councilor McLaughlin related that, knowing Firefighter Gullage during his youth, he's not surprised by his actions. Councilor Clingan recounted Firefighter Gullage's pride and demeanor during his confirmation hearing for the Fire Department.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

## 3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

### 3.1. Grant of Location (ID # [23-1015](#))

Comcast applying for a Grant of Location to install 30 feet of conduit in Mount Pleasant Street, from Utility Pole 3 to a point of pickup at 24-28 Mount Pleasant Street.

Dave Flewelling, representing Comcast, explained the reason for the request. There being no further comment, the public hearing was closed.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

### 3.2. Grant of Location (ID # [23-1016](#))

Comcast applying for a Grant of Location to install 25 feet of conduit in the intersection of Spring Street and Somerville Avenue, from Utility Pole 1 to a point of pickup at the rear of 599 Somerville Avenue.

Dave Flewelling, representing Comcast, explained the reason for the request. There being no further comment, the public hearing was closed.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

## 4. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

### 4.1. Order (ID # [23-0944](#))

By Councilor Clingan

That the Commissioner of Public Works install additional bike locking infrastructure around the Winter Hill Community Innovation School.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

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- 4.2. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0972](#))
- By Councilor Clingan, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson
- That the Administration expedite the planning, design and construction of the Winter Hill Community Innovation School to ensure the re-opening of said school as soon as possible.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION  
**FOLLOWUP:** School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee
- 4.3. Order  
(ID # [23-0996](#))
- By Councilor Strezo and Councilor McLaughlin
- That the Commissioner of Public Works remove or raise above human height, the low hanging wire in front of 11 Bonair Street, and report to this City Council who owns the pole.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
- 4.4. Order  
(ID # [23-1000](#))
- By Councilor Strezo
- That the Director of Communications and Community Engagement create a regularly updated public-facing website dedicated to the Winter Hill Community Innovation School plan, with links to publicly filed documents.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION  
**FOLLOWUP:** School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee
- 4.5. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0994](#))
- By Councilor Strezo
- That the Administration work with the Director of Housing and Director of Water & Sewer to provide an affordable, benevolent landlord and subsidized landlord housing water utility assessment of all low-income housing units where residents pay their own water and sewer bills.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee
- 4.6. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0995](#))
- By Councilor Strezo
- That the Administration create and budget for a program that provides low-flow sink and toilet tools and supplies to seniors and all low and moderate income residents for free or at a significantly reduced cost.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee
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4.7. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0999](#))

By Councilor Strezo

That the Administration provide confirmation that the supplemental information for the Statement of Interest for the Winter Hill Community Innovation School will be updated immediately, including the engineering assessments and photographs of the most recent structural failing.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

**FOLLOWUP:** School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee

4.8. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0965](#))

By Councilor Strezo, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott and Councilor Wilson

That the Somerville City Council condemns antisemitism.

Councilor Strezo stated that incidents of antisemitism are on the rise nationally, as well as in Somerville, and that 2022 saw the most incidents of antisemitism nationally. She said that this is a call to action, not a ‘soap box’ speech and sponsored four speakers to address the Council.

Marie Axner addressed the Council saying that antisemitism is growing in Massachusetts, having the 2nd highest rate of white propaganda. The myth says that Jews run the banks and are to blame for other problems in society. Jews are working class people and some are in poverty. Ten to fifteen percent of Jews in the United States are people of color. Ms. Axner stated that antisemitism hurts people on a daily basis and said that there are reports of swastikas painted in the bathrooms in the city’s schools.

Juliette Rooney-Varga said her parents are holocaust survivors. She hid her Jewish heritage and thought it was safe to bring up her children as Jewish in Somerville. She learned about some of the antisemitic incidents that were happening in the city’s schools from her Rabbi, not from the schools. The bias against Jews is different than what is shown to other groups and she asked the Council for support and to take steps to stop this before it gets worse.

Rabbi Eliana Jacobowitz informed the Council that MA is 2nd after Texas in antisemitic incidents and that school children in Somerville, Cambridge and Arlington are experiencing it. Adults in Somerville are feeling less safe and are unsure about identifying as Jewish.

Lynn Weisman said that antisemitism is just one of the ways specific groups are targeted. Her sons attended Somerville public schools and were exposed to more subtle form of antisemitism. She believes that there should be clear policy in place to deal with antisemitism.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld recounted that she was asked why she chose such a Jewish name for her son. **Councilor Davis moved that the Chief of Police report to the Council how decisions were made regarding the stickers handed out in Davis Sq. The entire Council co-sponsored the order and the motion was approved.** Councilor Davis also asked that President Ewen-Campen bring up this matter at the next School Committee meeting.

Councilor Scott noted that Ward 2 has seen antisemitism graffiti and Councilor Wilson agreed that clearly, more needs to be done to combat this. Rabbi Jacobowitz said former Mayor Curtatone and current Mayor Ballantyne have been supportive, but there is a lack of training in the schools, Police and Fire Departments. She would like to have a reporting system for “low grade” antisemitic acts, e.g., graffiti.

Councilor Strezo asked that this Resolution be sent to the city’s state delegation, the governor, the Superintendent of Schools and School Principals.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

4.9. Order  
(ID # [23-0984](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad

That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management and the Commissioner of Public Works present to this City Council, the building failures that took place in the Winter Hill Community Innovation School and a plan for assessing those failures.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee

4.10. Order  
(ID # [23-0985](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Wilson

That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management dedicate full time staff and/or create new position(s) to the planning, design and construction process for the Winter Hill Community Innovation School and the Benjamin Brown School and include this position in the FY 2024 budget.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad said that the city needs someone dedicated to school buildings and staff for mechanical systems, etc. School buildings have been neglected and need to be assessed every 5 years. A list of repairs should be made public.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee

4.11. Order  
(ID # [23-0986](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Wilson

That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management work with the School Department to create milestones for the academic programming needed for the planning and design of a new school building or for retrofitting an existing school building, and create a parallel collaboration program, meeting weekly or bi-weekly, to move this work forward.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee

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- 4.12. Order  
(ID # [23-0987](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Wilson  
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management explain what Request for Proposals (RFP) will be necessary for consultant services for planning and architectural services for any future school building programming and planning, and expedite those RFPs.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee
- 4.13. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0988](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Wilson  
That the Administration work with the School Department to develop emergency plans for at-risk school relocation including, but not limited to, the Winter Hill Community Innovation School and the Benjamin Brown School.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee
- 4.14. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0989](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Wilson  
That the Administration create a permanent staff position for a Superintendent of School Buildings within the Department of Public Works to oversee all maintenance, repairs and assessments of school buildings, and include this position in the FY 2024 Budget.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee
- 4.15. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0990](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Wilson  
That the Administration evaluate the need to create permanent staff positions within the Department of Public Works for school buildings that address the highest needs of our school buildings including, but not limited to: mechanical systems, plumbing systems, fire alarm and electrical systems and exterior envelope and structural systems.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee
- 4.16. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0991](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Wilson  
That the Administration include in the FY 2024 budget, \$150,000 for an exterior envelope consultant to assess ongoing leaks in school buildings.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee
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- 4.17. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0992](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Wilson  
That the Administration develop a five-year assessment plan for school building systems and structures for all schools over five years old, to ensure proper funding is in place for capital repairs and to ensure the safety and uninterrupted operation of schools.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION  
**FOLLOWUP:** School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee
- 4.18. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0993](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Wilson  
That the Administration publish yearly on the city website, a list of ongoing school repairs and improvements, similar to that posted by Chelsea Public Schools, and provide a yearly report to the City Council of such repairs and improvements before and after completion.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION  
**FOLLOWUP:** School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee
- 4.19. Order  
(ID # [23-0997](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Director of Engineering utilize the partial paving program to address streets in East Somerville that have private trench restoration, to ensure half-paved streets are fully paved.
- Councilor McLaughlin noted that, due to the service divide between National Grid and Eversource, many of the streets in East Somerville have been re-paved only over the portion of the utility work, resulting in several ½ paved roads.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
- 4.20. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0998](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Traffic Commission make Jasper Street a ONE WAY street from Pearl Street to Gilman Street.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee
- 4.21. Order  
(ID # [23-1001](#))
- By Councilor Burnley Jr.  
That this Council send back the FY 2024 budget until it incorporates demands of residents, including funding for a new Winter Hill School, housing security, and unarmed alternative emergency response outside of the Police Department.
- RESULT:** LAI D ON THE TABLE



- 4.22. Order  
(ID # [23-1002](#))
- By Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Clingan  
That the Director of Parks and Recreation work with the Director of Human Resources to post flyers on community boards indicating vacant job positions.
- Councilor Burnley noted that there are many vacant positions in the city and additional means should be employed to inform the public of those openings.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

- 4.23. Withdrawn  
(ID # [23-1003](#))
- Withdrawn.
- RESULT:** **WITHDRAWN**

## 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 5.1. Order  
(ID # [23-0900](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the Director of Mobility and the Director of Engineering integrate traffic calming measures on Hudson and Summer Streets and plan for the work to be implemented prior to the start of the Highland Avenue improvement construction.
- Councilor Gomez Mouakad cautioned that those streets will become cut throughs.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee
- 5.2. Order  
(ID # [23-0901](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the Director of Mobility develop a strategy for the implementation of speed radar detectors on north-south cut-through streets throughout the city, including but not limited to Central Street and Cedar Street.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee
- 5.3. Order  
(ID # [23-0902](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Pineda Neufeld  
That the Director of Mobility, Director of Engineering, Director of Parking, and Commissioner of Public Works establish criteria and guidelines for Council orders to be submitted for traffic calming and mobility related issues and items that should be submitted to 311 to ensure the City Council is addressing larger mobility strategic planning issues.
- Councilor Gomez Mouakad said there are a lot of big issues that need the Council's attention and that she is utilizing the 311 system for the tool that it is, referring "smaller" issue there for resolution, prior to requesting Council action.



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**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

- 5.4. Order By Councilor Wilson  
(ID # [23-0922](#)) That the City Solicitor appear in executive session pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3) to update this council on the status of collective bargaining negotiations with all municipal bargaining units.

**RESULT:** **LAI D ON THE TABLE**

## 6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### 6.A. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- 6.A.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel  
(ID # [23-0959](#)) Matters, meeting on May 31, 2023.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld reported on the actions taken by the committee. Three confirmations to the Historic Preservation Commission, one confirmation to the Urban Forestry Committee and one promotion in the Police Department were recommended for approval.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.A.2. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Colin Curzi to the Historic  
(ID # [23-0792](#)) Preservation Commission.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.A.3. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Denise Price to the Historic  
(ID # [23-0793](#)) Preservation Commission.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.A.4. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Daniel Coughlin to the  
(ID # [23-0795](#)) Historic Preservation Commission.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.A.5. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Doris Jenkins to the Urban  
(ID # [23-0831](#)) Forestry Committee.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.A.6. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the promotion of James E. Torres to the position  
(ID # [23-0882](#)) of Police Sergeant.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

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**6.B. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

- 6.B.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on May 30, 2023.  
(ID # [23-0957](#))

Councilor Strezo reported on the actions taken by the committee. Topics discussed included creating community wealth and opening the Ginny Smithers Pool on Sundays.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.B.2. Order  
(ID # [22-1826](#))

By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson

That the Director of Economic Development update this Council on progress toward a Task Force for creation of a Community Center.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.B.3. Order  
(ID # [23-0482](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson

That the Director of Parks and Recreation consider opening the Ginny Smithers Pool on Sundays to expand swim lesson opportunities, including consideration of engaging an outside vendor or organization to provide the swim lessons.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.B.4. Order  
(ID # [23-0483](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad

That the Director of Parks and Recreation explain the wait list process for enrollment in Parks and Recreation programs.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.B.5. Order  
(ID # [23-0546](#))

By Councilor Strezo

That the Director of Economic Development update this City Council regarding the strategy and projected timeline for a Community Center in Union Square, including plans for a feasibility study.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

**6.C. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE**

- 6.C.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on May 30, 2023.  
(ID # [23-0923](#))

Councilor Davis reported on the actions taken by the committee, which included the approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for FLIR MC300C marine camera and an amendment to Section 9-116 of the Code of Ordinances.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

6.C.2. Ordinance  
(ID # [23-0607](#))

By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Scott and Councilor Strezo  
Amending Section 9-116 of the Code of Ordinances, the Noise Ordinance, by prohibiting loud and disruptive construction activities on Saturdays and evenings.

**RESULT:** **ORDINANCE ORDAINED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

6.C.3. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0876](#))

Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for FLIR MC300C marine camera.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

6.D. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

6.D.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-0958](#)) Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on May 31, 2023.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad reported on the actions taken by the committee and presented a summary of the comments that came from the public hearing on the bike network.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

7. **COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

7.1. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0857](#))

Requesting revocation of the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53F 1/2 of the Massachusetts General Laws, ceasing the Veterans Memorial Ice Rink as an Enterprise Fund, effective fiscal year 2024.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1, 7.2, 7.4, 7.6 through 7.15, 7.17 through 7.35, 10.2 and 10.14 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0926](#)) Requesting the rescission of \$13,232,471 of authorized but un-issued borrowings.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1, 7.2, 7.4, 7.6 through 7.15, 7.17 through 7.35, 10.2 and 10.14 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0976](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$103,382 as an amendment to the proposed FY 2024 General Fund Budget, for a Senior Project Manager in the Department of Infrastructure and Asset Management (IAM)-Capital Projects, to support the K-8 Master Plan and Winter Hill Community Innovation School interim solutions.

Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management Rich Raiche explained the need for this position and said that an internal candidate is ready to start on July 1. This is a new position that was not included in the proposed FY 2024 budget, currently before the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 7.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0974](#)) Requesting approval to create the Emergency Response Stabilization Fund for maintaining, distributing, and providing food, temporary shelter, and other common necessities of life for residents displaced by public exigency, emergency, or distress, as codified in the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 19.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1, 7.2, 7.4, 7.6 through 7.15, 7.17 through 7.35, 10.2 and 10.14 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0977](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$1,300,000 from the Facility Renovation Stabilization Fund for a Feasibility Study to create new building space to accommodate the Benjamin Brown School, the Winter Hill Community Innovation School, and additional educational programs defined by the enrollment study.

See item 7.16.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 7.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0906](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$817,137.42 from the Facility Renovation Stabilization Fund for continuing building design services.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1, 7.2, 7.4, 7.6 through 7.15, 7.17 through 7.35, 10.2 and 10.14 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0904](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$248,419.50 from the Facility Renovation Stabilization Fund for continuing building design services.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1, 7.2, 7.4, 7.6 through 7.15, 7.17 through 7.35, 10.2 and 10.14 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0907](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$151,252.50 from the Street Reconstruction Stabilization Fund for continuing street, sidewalk, and pavement condition assessment and design services.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1, 7.2, 7.4, 7.6 through 7.15, 7.17 through 7.35, 10.2 and 10.14 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0908](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$69,184.64 from the Facility Renovation Stabilization Fund for continuing asset management program and planning services.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1, 7.2, 7.4, 7.6 through 7.15, 7.17 through 7.35, 10.2 and 10.14 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

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- 7.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0982](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$1,300,000 from the Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings Account to the Sewer Capital Stabilization Fund to build reserves for the Water-Sewer Capital Improvement Program.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1, 7.2, 7.4, 7.6 through 7.15, 7.17 through 7.35, 10.2 and 10.14 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.11. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0983](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$200,000 from the Water Enterprise Retained Earnings Account to the Water Stabilization Fund to support the Water-Sewer Capital Investment Plan.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1, 7.2, 7.4, 7.6 through 7.15, 7.17 through 7.35, 10.2 and 10.14 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.12. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0968](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$3,000,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to support flexible rental assistance programs.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1, 7.2, 7.4, 7.6 through 7.15, 7.17 through 7.35, 10.2 and 10.14 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.13. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0927](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$2,383,367 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Rainy Day Stabilization Fund.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1, 7.2, 7.4, 7.6 through 7.15, 7.17 through 7.35, 10.2 and 10.14 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.14. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0928](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$2,000,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Salary & Wage Stabilization Fund.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1, 7.2, 7.4, 7.6 through 7.15, 7.17 through 7.35, 10.2 and 10.14 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
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- 7.15. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0969](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$1,500,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Fund.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1, 7.2, 7.4, 7.6 through 7.15, 7.17 through 7.35, 10.2 and 10.14 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.16. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0979](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$1,300,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Facility Renovation Stabilization Fund for a Feasibility Study to create new building space to accommodate the Benjamin Brown School, the Winter Hill Community Innovation School, and additional educational programs defined by the enrollment study.
- This is for the process and specialized needs for SPED programming. The outcome will be a preliminary design and cost estimate to be brought to the voters for consideration of a Proposition 2 ½ override.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 7.17. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0929](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$1,000,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Compensated Absence Liability Fund.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1, 7.2, 7.4, 7.6 through 7.15, 7.17 through 7.35, 10.2 and 10.14 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.18. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0967](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$500,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Open Space Acquisition Stabilization Fund to acquire new publicly accessible open space.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1, 7.2, 7.4, 7.6 through 7.15, 7.17 through 7.35, 10.2 and 10.14 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.19. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0973](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$300,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to fund the Emergency Response Stabilization Fund.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1, 7.2, 7.4, 7.6 through 7.15, 7.17 through 7.35, 10.2 and 10.14 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
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- 7.20. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0966](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$259,382 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Energy Stabilization Fund for projects that reduce carbon emissions and energy costs.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1, 7.2, 7.4, 7.6 through 7.15, 7.17 through 7.35, 10.2 and 10.14 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.21. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0971](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$170,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Capital Stabilization Fund for additional monies for site preparation, construction, and furnishing of a safe consumption site.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1, 7.2, 7.4, 7.6 through 7.15, 7.17 through 7.35, 10.2 and 10.14 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.22. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0947](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$80,000 from the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Fund Undesignated Fund to Vida Real for continued restoration of the bell tower at 404 Broadway.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1, 7.2, 7.4, 7.6 through 7.15, 7.17 through 7.35, 10.2 and 10.14 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.23. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0667](#)) Requesting approval of a multi-year lease agreement for the East Somerville Police Station.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1, 7.2, 7.4, 7.6 through 7.15, 7.17 through 7.35, 10.2 and 10.14 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.24. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0829](#)) Requesting approval to execute the Second Amendment to the lease agreement with Dana Family Series, LLC, for the Grove Street parking lot, through June 30, 2024.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1, 7.2, 7.4, 7.6 through 7.15, 7.17 through 7.35, 10.2 and 10.14 and refer them to the Finance Committee.



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**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.25. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0980](#))
- Requesting approval of a transfer of \$1,750,036 from the Salary Contingency Account-Salaries to the Salary & Wage Stabilization Fund.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1, 7.2, 7.4, 7.6 through 7.15, 7.17 through 7.35, 10.2 and 10.14 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.26. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0878](#))
- Requesting approval of a transfer of \$248,419.50 from the Infrastructure and Asset Management (IAM)-Capital Projects Engineering & Architecture Account to the Facility Renovation Stabilization Fund for continuing building design services.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1, 7.2, 7.4, 7.6 through 7.15, 7.17 through 7.35, 10.2 and 10.14 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.27. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0880](#))
- Requesting approval of a transfer of \$151,252.50 from the Infrastructure and Asset Management (IAM)-Engineering & Architecture Account to the Street Reconstruction Stabilization Fund for continuing street, sidewalk, and pavement condition assessment and design services.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1, 7.2, 7.4, 7.6 through 7.15, 7.17 through 7.35, 10.2 and 10.14 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.28. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0881](#))
- Requesting approval of a transfer of \$69,184.64 from the Infrastructure and Asset Management (IAM) Professional & Technical Account to the Facility Renovation Stabilization Fund for continuing asset management program and planning services.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1, 7.2, 7.4, 7.6 through 7.15, 7.17 through 7.35, 10.2 and 10.14 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.29. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0975](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$12,800 from the Unemployment Compensation Account to the Recreation/Youth Program Salaries & Wages Temporary Account to provide additional staff support for the displaced Winter Hill Community Innovation School students.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1, 7.2, 7.4, 7.6 through 7.15, 7.17 through 7.35, 10.2 and 10.14 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.30. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0964](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$11,000 from the Department of Public Works (DPW) Highway Fence Installation Account to the DPW Buildings Moving Services Account for school related moving services.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1, 7.2, 7.4, 7.6 through 7.15, 7.17 through 7.35, 10.2 and 10.14 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.31. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0952](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$20,284.55 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Hazardous Waste Removal Account for removal services.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1, 7.2, 7.4, 7.6 through 7.15, 7.17 through 7.35, 10.2 and 10.14 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.32. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0955](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$2,536.63 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Buildings Natural Gas Account for gas in city buildings.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1, 7.2, 7.4, 7.6 through 7.15, 7.17 through 7.35, 10.2 and 10.14 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.33. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0953](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$1,042.75 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Buildings Fire Alarm R&M Account for fire extinguisher maintenance services.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1, 7.2, 7.4, 7.6 through 7.15, 7.17 through 7.35, 10.2 and 10.14 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

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**RESULT:**     **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.34. Mayor's Request     Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$800 using available  
(ID # [23-0954](#))     funds in the Department of Public Works Rubbish Removal Account for  
removal of concrete debris.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1, 7.2, 7.4, 7.6 through 7.15, 7.17 through 7.35, 10.2 and 10.14 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:**     **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.35. Mayor's Request     Requesting approval to accept the 2023-2024 U.S. Department of Housing  
(ID # [23-0951](#))     and Urban Development Annual Action Plan for the Community  
Development Block Grant, Home Investment Partnership and Emergency  
Solutions Grant programs, totaling \$3,321,097.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1, 7.2, 7.4, 7.6 through 7.15, 7.17 through 7.35, 10.2 and 10.14 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:**     **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.36. Mayor's     Conveying the appointment of Kevin Dickinson, Thomas Gorman, James  
Communication     Marques, Ellen Sullivan and Jodi Vachon, to the Veteran's Commission.  
(ID # [23-0950](#))

**RESULT:**     **PLACED ON FILE**

## 8.     COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

## 9.     NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1.     Public     NRL WSC 200 Inner Belt Prop, LLC requesting a Zoning Map Amendment  
Communication     to change the zoning district of 200 Inner Belt Road from Commercial  
(ID # [23-0940](#))     Industry (CI) to High-Rise (HR).

**RESULT:**     **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

- 9.2.     Public     Green Cab conveying a change of address, pursuant to the Code of  
Communication     Ordinances, Section 13-47.  
(ID # [23-0970](#))

Councilor Scott urged all councilors to read the letter from Green Cab regarding displacement.

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**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

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- 9.3. License  
(ID # [23-1017](#)) New Livery License, Ibsa Transportation, 29 Illinois Avenue, operating 1 vehicle.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.3 through 9.25 and 10.5 through 10.8 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.4. License  
(ID # [23-1024](#)) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Edward Ahern.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.3 through 9.25 and 10.5 through 10.8 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.5. License  
(ID # [23-1004](#)) Renewing Drainlayer's License, NCCL Enterprises.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.3 through 9.25 and 10.5 through 10.8 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.6. License  
(ID # [23-1005](#)) Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Lemon Thai Cuisine, 215 Highland Ave.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.3 through 9.25 and 10.5 through 10.8 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.7. License  
(ID # [23-1006](#)) Renewing Flammables License, Silicon PropCo 2021 LLC, 101 South St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.3 through 9.25 and 10.5 through 10.8 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.8. License  
(ID # [23-1007](#)) Renewing Flammables License, Valvoline Instant Oil Change AB0001, 182 Washington St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.3 through 9.25 and 10.5 through 10.8 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.9. License  
(ID # [23-1008](#)) Renewing Garage License, Arco Tire Auto Service Repair LLC, 18 Clarendon Ave.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.3 through 9.25

and 10.5 through 10.8 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.10. License  
(ID # [23-1013](#))

Renewing Garage License, Assembly Row 5B LLC, 455 Grand Union Blvd.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.3 through 9.25 and 10.5 through 10.8 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.11. License  
(ID # [23-1009](#))

Renewing Garage License, Federal Realty Investment Trust, 355 Artisan Way.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.3 through 9.25 and 10.5 through 10.8 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.12. License  
(ID # [23-1010](#))

Renewing Garage License, Federal Realty Investment Trust, 445 Artisan Way.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.3 through 9.25 and 10.5 through 10.8 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.13. License  
(ID # [23-1011](#))

Renewing Garage License, Federal Realty Investment Trust, 479 Canal St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.3 through 9.25 and 10.5 through 10.8 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.14. License  
(ID # [23-1014](#))

Renewing Garage License, Federal Realty Investment Trust, 333 Great River Rd.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.3 through 9.25 and 10.5 through 10.8 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.15. License  
(ID # [23-1012](#))

Renewing Garage License, SRI Assembly Row B8 LLC, 485 Foley St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.3 through 9.25 and 10.5 through 10.8 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.16. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1027](#))

Jayden Ddhir applying for a Public Event License for Rockland Trust Lemonade Stand on June 9 from 11am to 4:30pm (raindate June 15).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.3 through 9.25 and 10.5 through 10.8 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.17. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1025](#))

Aaron Holman applying for a Public Event License for Harrison St BP on June 10 from 12pm to 5pm (raindate June 17).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.3 through 9.25 and 10.5 through 10.8 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.18. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1018](#))

Claudia Martin applying for a Public Event License for Life Drawing! on June 11 from 10:30am to 3:30pm (raindate June 18).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.3 through 9.25 and 10.5 through 10.8 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.19. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1019](#))

Janine Fay applying for a Public Event License for Dancing in the Street on June 21 from 5:30pm to 9:30pm.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.3 through 9.25 and 10.5 through 10.8 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.20. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1028](#))

Zachary Fritzhand applying for a Public Event License for Claremon St BP on June 24 from 2pm to 6:30pm (raindate June 25).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.3 through 9.25 and 10.5 through 10.8 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.21. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1020](#))

Arts Council applying for a Public Event License for Fourth of July Celebration on June 29 from 1pm to 11pm (raindate June 30).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.3 through 9.25 and 10.5 through 10.8 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.22. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1026](#))

Stephanie Galaitsi applying for a Public Event License for Morrison Ave BP on July 22 from 2pm to 7pm (raindate July 23).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.3 through 9.25 and 10.5 through 10.8 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

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- 9.23. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1021](#))
- Arts Council applying for a Public Event License for Yart Sale on August 12 from 11:30am to 7pm (raindate August 13).
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.3 through 9.25 and 10.5 through 10.8 and approve them tonight.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.24. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1022](#))
- Arts Council and Gilman Square Neighborhood Association applying for a Public Event License for Gilman Square Arts and Music Festival on September 9 from 11am to 7pm (raindate September 10).
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.3 through 9.25 and 10.5 through 10.8 and approve them tonight.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.25. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1023](#))
- Felicity Beal applying for a Public Event License for Somerville Homeless Coalition's 28th Annual 5K Road Race on September 30 from 6:30am to 11am.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.3 through 9.25 and 10.5 through 10.8 and approve them tonight.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.26. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [23-0981](#))
- 23 residents submitting comments re: item #23-0585, the Citywide Bicycle Network Plan.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**
- 10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**
- 10.1. Withdrawn  
(ID # [23-0874](#))
- Withdrawn.
- RESULT: WITHDRAWN**
- 10.2. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0879](#))
- Requesting approval of a transfer of \$817,137.42 from the Infrastructure and Asset Management (IAM)-Capital Projects Professional & Technical Account to the Facility Renovation Stabilization Fund for continuing building design services.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1, 7.2, 7.4, 7.6 through 7.15, 7.17 through 7.35, 10.2 and 10.14 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
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10.3. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1035](#))

Requesting confirmation of the promotion of David Farino to Fire Lieutenant.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld moved to waive the reading of item 10.3 and refer it to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

10.4. Mayor's  
Communication  
(ID # [23-1037](#))

Conveying information regarding the Winter Hill Community Innovation School.

Mayor Ballantyne gave an update on the situation and reported that the displaced students returned to school today at 3 different locations. The city is committed to either a complete renovation or rebuild of the Winter Hill Community Innovation School (WHCIS) and will allocate all needed resources with urgency. Quality classrooms will be available for the start of school in the fall. Mayor Ballantyne told the Council that they will need to approve the needed funding. The city is meeting with the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) next week and has also been in communication with the archdiocese of Boston regarding the Matignon High School facility. The Mayor went on to say that people are right to be upset. There is much to be done and details are developing rapidly. President Ewen-Campen said there's a sense of concern for next year and wants a public, transparent process and the Mayor stated that a community meeting will be scheduled. Councilor Clingan commented that the sooner a decision is made regarding what to do with building, the better.

Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management Rich Raiche said it's premature to rule anything out, and that the city wants to determine what is possible or impossible. Councilor Wilson commented that there's a real issue with trust and that transparency is needed. He thinks that representatives from teachers and parents should be involved and have a seat at the table during discussions. Councilor Scott said he's concerned that MSBA phases are being followed which may be irrelevant if the city is not going that route, thus, an abbreviated process could be pursued. Mayor Ballantyne explained that there are two parallel paths currently. Money has been put aside to fund a feasibility study while still pursuing the MSBA option. An enrollment study shows student population is declining but Special Needs programming is increasing. Councilor Scott said a third option would be to look at any sites that may be available. The Mayor said that a community process is needed to answer several questions. Director Raiche said meeting with the MSBA will lead to a conclusion of how the city may move forward. Councilor Kelly noted that this is the same exact conversation discussed a year ago. The city was asked, last year, to address the issues at the school and problems still exist today. The sooner answers are provided, the sooner fears can be allayed. She hopes that when the FY



2024 budget is passed, it will have an answer to where students will be in the fall. Councilor Pineda Neufeld suggested that this matter be treated as a crisis, like COVID was, and that by giving the community some opportunity to know what decisions are being made, trust may start to be rebuilt. Councilor Gomez Mouakad commented that there are two issues: 1) communication and a lack of trust in the building and 2) how does the city diagnose and expedite a resolution. She stated that we are all to blame and that plans for bike lanes, curbs, etc., are advocated for but when it comes to the schools, the advocacy wanes. Councilor Wilson commented that a good step would be to get a clear explanation of how things might work, with timelines, for people to understand the process.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

10.5. License  
(ID # [23-1030](#))

New Drainlayer's License, Albanese Brothers Inc.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.3 through 9.25 and 10.5 through 10.8 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

10.6. License  
(ID # [23-1031](#))

New Drainlayer's License, Metro Equipment Corporation.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.3 through 9.25 and 10.5 through 10.8 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

10.7. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1029](#))

Department of Racial and Social Justice applying for a Public Event License for Juneteenth Flag Raising Commemoration on June 12 from 4pm to 7:30pm.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.3 through 9.25 and 10.5 through 10.8 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

10.8. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1032](#))

East Somerville Main Streets applying for a Public Event License for East Somerville Festival Series on July 23, August 20, and September 10 from 3pm to 8pm.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.3 through 9.25 and 10.5 through 10.8 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

10.9. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [23-1033](#))

David Einis requesting the adoption of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Map to change the zoning district of 0 White Street Place from Mid-Rise 4 (MR4) to Urban Residential (UR) and 14 White Street Place from Neighborhood Residential (NR) to UR.

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**RESULT:**     **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

10.10. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [23-1034](#))

Two residents submitting comments re: item #23-0635, a Zoning Text Amendment to permit variations to build out regulations by special permit in the CC5 District, USQ sub-area.

**RESULT:**     **PLACED ON FILE**

10.11. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [23-1036](#))

Eight residents submitting comments re: item #23-0585, the Citywide Bicycle Network Plan.

**RESULT:**     **PLACED ON FILE**

10.12. Communication  
(ID # [23-1038](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin  
Conveying information related to naloxone administration.

Councilor McLaughlin spoke about Somerville being one of first cities to carry naloxone. He had a friend who overdosed and was revived by Fire Department staff, who were carrying naloxone (Narcan). The communication deals with the number of lives saved by police using Narcan. Councilor McLaughlin noted that when a call is received at 911, the alert is sent to all first responders and who ever reaches the victim first can use the Narcan to save a life. He gave some statistics indicating that there is an overdose every week in the city.

**RESULT:**     **PLACED ON FILE**

10.13. Communication  
(ID # [23-1040](#))

By Councilor Wilson and Councilor McLaughlin  
Inviting the community to Carnaval in East Somerville on Sunday from 2 PM to 6 PM.

**RESULT:**     **PLACED ON FILE**

10.14. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1039](#))

Requesting approval of a transfer of \$188,629.10 from the Department of Public Works (DPW) Custodial Salaries Account to the DPW Snow Removal Account to cover a deficit.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1, 7.2, 7.4, 7.6 through 7.15, 7.17 through 7.35, 10.2 and 10.14 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:**     **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

## 11. LATE ITEMS

- 11.1. Grant of Location (ID # [23-0863](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install a total of 929 feet of conduit and one new manhole along Poplar, Linwood, and Joy Streets.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 11.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0522](#)) Requesting approval of a five year lease, with option for renewal, with 561 Windsor Street Owner LLC for dance space.

Arts Council Director Greg Jenkins spoke on the item, saying that there has been a regional closure of dance space and that pop-up spaces have been used to address the shortage. This item is for leased space at \$20 per square foot. Councilor Davis asked about the time sensitivity and Director Jenkins said that the item was submitted in May and he would like it approved before the Council's summer recess. Councilor Scott moved for approval.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

- 11.3. Order (ID # [23-1049](#)) By Councilor Davis  
That the Chief of Police report to this Council on the decision regarding investigation of anti-Semitic stickers placed on vehicles.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 11.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0933](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$7,796,452 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Facility Renovation and Reconstruction Stabilization Fund to support the FY 2023 5-Year Capital Investment Plan.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:25 PM.



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## City Council

### Meeting Minutes

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Thursday, June 22, 2023

7:00 PM

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#### 1. OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen.

The Council entered into recess at 7:14 PM and reconvened at 7:15 PM.

The Council entered into recess at 8:13 PM and reconvened at 8:25 PM.

The Council entered into recess at 10:03 PM and reconvened at 10:16 PM.

- 1.1. Roll Call                      Call of the Roll.  
(ID # [23-1100](#))

**RESULT:**      **PLACED ON FILE**

**Present:**      City Councilor At Large Willie Burnley Jr.  
City Councilor At Large Charlotte Kelly  
City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo  
City Councilor At Large Jake Wilson  
Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin  
Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott  
Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen  
Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan  
Ward Five City Councilor Beatriz Gomez Mouakad  
Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis  
Ward Seven City Councilor Judy Pineda Neufeld

- 1.2. Remembrances              Remembrances.  
(ID # [23-1101](#))

Councilor McLaughlin and the entire Council requested a moment of silence in memory of Patricia Walker.

President Ewen-Campen requested a moment of silence in memory of Paul William Bradford.

**RESULT:**      **APPROVED**

- 1.3. Minutes                      Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, May 25, 2023.  
(ID # [23-1102](#))

**RESULT:**      **APPROVED**

#### 2. CITATIONS

- 2.1. Citation By Councilor Pineda Neufeld  
(ID # [23-1060](#)) Commending Kathleen Hern on the occasion of her retirement after 37 years of distinguished service as an educator, including 20 years at the West Somerville Neighborhood School.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld read the Citation and sponsored Wil Mbah to speak. Mr. Mbah thanked Ms. Hern on behalf of the residents and students of Somerville.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

### 3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

### 4. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

- 4.1. Communication By Councilor Ewen-Campen  
(ID # [23-1087](#)) In his capacity as President, cancelling this Council's Regular meetings scheduled for July 27 and August 10, 2023.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

### 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 5.1. Order By Councilor Wilson  
(ID # [23-0922](#)) That the City Solicitor appear in executive session pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3) to update this council on the status of collective bargaining negotiations with all municipal bargaining units.

**RESULT: LAI D ON THE TABLE**

- 5.2. Order By Councilor Burnley Jr.  
(ID # [23-1001](#)) That this Council send back the FY 2024 budget until it incorporates demands of residents, including funding for a new Winter Hill School, housing security, and unarmed alternative emergency response outside of the Police Department.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

### 6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

#### 6.A. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- 6.A.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel  
(ID # [23-1079](#)) Matters, meeting on June 20, 2023.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld reported that a promotion in the Fire Department was recommended for approval.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.A.2. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the promotion of David Farino to Fire Lieutenant.  
(ID # [23-1035](#))

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.B. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 6.B.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on June 5, 2023.  
(ID # [23-1041](#))

Councilor Wilson gave a brief summary of all of the Finance Committee meetings that were held to discuss the FY 2024 budget. He thanked all city staff for their cooperation during the budget process.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.C. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 6.C.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on June 5, 2023.  
(ID # [23-1042](#))

See item #23-1041.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.D. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 6.D.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on June 6, 2023.  
(ID # [23-1043](#))

See item #23-1041.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.E. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 6.E.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on June 7, 2023.  
(ID # [23-1044](#))

See item #23-1041.

Councilor Scott moved to sever item 6.E.2 (23-0550). See item #23-1116.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.E.2. Officer's Director of Water and Sewer conveying the FY 2024 Water & Sewer Rate proposal.  
Communication  
(ID # [23-0550](#))

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**NAY:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

6.F. FINANCE COMMITTEE

6.F.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on June 13, 2023.  
(ID # [23-1056](#))

See item #23-1041.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

6.G. FINANCE COMMITTEE

6.G.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on June 14, 2023.  
(ID # [23-1077](#))

See item #23-1041.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

6.H. FINANCE COMMITTEE

6.H.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole  
(ID # [23-1078](#)) on June 15, 2023.

See item #23-1041.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

6.I. FINANCE COMMITTEE

6.I.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on June 20, 2023.  
(ID # [23-1080](#))

See item #23-1041.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

6.I.2. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a transfer of \$50,000 from the Department of Public  
(ID # [23-0845](#)) Works (DPW) Admin Salaries Account to the DPW Snow Removal  
Account to cover a deficit.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

- 6.I.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0870](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$150,000 from the Department of Public Works (DPW) Grounds Wages Account to the DPW Admin Motor Gas and Oil Account to fund invoices on hand and May & June expense.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 6.I.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0872](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$35,000 from the Department of Public Works (DPW) Highway Salary Account to the DPW Admin Professional & Technical Account to cover May & June expenses.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 6.I.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0873](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$211,370.90 from the Department of Public Works (DPW) Highway Wages Account to the DPW Buildings Electricity Account for May & June expenses.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 6.I.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0875](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$45,000 from the Department of Public Works (DPW) Highway Wages Account to the DPW Snow Removal Account to cover a deficit.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 6.I.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0964](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$11,000 from the Department of Public Works (DPW) Highway Fence Installation Account to the DPW Buildings Moving Services Account for school related moving services.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 6.I.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1039](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$188,629.10 from the Department of Public Works (DPW) Custodial Salaries Account to the DPW Snow Removal Account to cover a deficit.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 6.J FINANCE COMMITTEE
- 6.J1. Committee Report (ID # [23-1081](#)) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on June 21, 2023.  
See item #23-1041.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 6.J2. Officer's Communication (ID # [23-0824](#)) City Clerk submitting recommendations for adjustments to certain fees charged by the City Clerk's Office, effective July 1, 2023.
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**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.J3. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0829](#)) Requesting approval to execute the Second Amendment to the lease agreement with Dana Family Series, LLC, for the Grove Street parking lot, through June 30, 2024.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 6.J4. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0852](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$550 from the Engineering Personal Services Account to the Infrastructure & Asset Management (IAM) Personal Services Account to fund IAM Somerville Municipal Employees Association (SMEA) staff holiday and longevity pay.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.J5. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0853](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$25,000 from the Parks and Recreation Professional & Technical Services Account to the Parks & Recreation Salaries & Wages Temp Account for school staff coaching of intramural sports.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.J6. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0854](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$18,000 from the Parks & Recreation Fields Personal Services Account to the Parks & Recreation Rec/Youth Program Personal Services Account to cover the remainder of the fiscal year for teen spaces.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.J7. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0857](#)) Requesting revocation of the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53F 1/2 of the Massachusetts General Laws, ceasing the Veterans Memorial Ice Rink as an Enterprise Fund, effective fiscal year 2024.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 6.J8. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0877](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$3,592.59 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Buildings Elevator R&M Account for elevator service.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.J9. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0878](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$248,419.50 from the Infrastructure and Asset Management (IAM)-Capital Projects Engineering & Architecture Account to the Facility Renovation Stabilization Fund for continuing building design services.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.J10. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0879](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$817,137.42 from the Infrastructure and Asset Management (IAM)-Capital Projects Professional & Technical Account to the Facility Renovation Stabilization Fund for continuing building design services.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.J11. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0880](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$151,252.50 from the Infrastructure and Asset Management (IAM)-Engineering & Architecture Account to the Street Reconstruction Stabilization Fund for continuing street, sidewalk, and pavement condition assessment and design services.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.J12. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0881](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$69,184.64 from the Infrastructure and Asset Management (IAM) Professional & Technical Account to the Facility Renovation Stabilization Fund for continuing asset management program and planning services.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.J13. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0903](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$646.08 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Buildings Plumbing R&M Account for asbestos sampling.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.J14. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0904](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$248,419.50 from the Facility Renovation Stabilization Fund for continuing building design services.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 6.J15. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0906](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$817,137.42 from the Facility Renovation Stabilization Fund for continuing building design services.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 6.J16. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0907](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$151,252.50 from the Street Reconstruction Stabilization Fund for continuing street, sidewalk, and pavement condition assessment and design services.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 6.J17. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0908](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$69,184.64 from the Facility Renovation Stabilization Fund for continuing asset management program and planning services.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

6.J18. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0924](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$319,923,766 to fund the FY 2024 General Fund Operating Budget.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

6.J19. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0926](#)) Requesting the rescission of \$13,232,471 of authorized but un-issued borrowings.

Director of Capital Projects Rich Raiche explained that these will be addressed as part of larger projects.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

6.J20. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0927](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$2,383,367 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Rainy Day Stabilization Fund.

Finance Director Bean stated that the city will have in excess of \$7 million in rainy day funds with approval of this item. This will be adjusted as revenue increases.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

6.J21. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0928](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$2,000,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Salary & Wage Stabilization Fund.

Finance Director Bean said that the new balance is in area of \$7.7 million and that the city is in negotiations with all unions now.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

6.J22. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0929](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$1,000,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Compensated Absence Liability Fund.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

6.J23. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0931](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$4,676,448 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Street Reconstruction and Renovation Stabilization Fund to support the FY 2023 5-Year Capital Investment Plan.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

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| 6.J24. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-0932</a> ) | Requesting approval of the expenditure limitations for departmental Revolving Funds for FY 2024.<br><b>RESULT:    <u>APPROVED</u></b>  |
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| 6.J25. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-0934</a> ) | Requesting the appropriation or reserve of \$3,283,713 in estimated FY 2024 Community Preservation Act (CPA) revenue for CPA projects and expenses.<br><b>RESULT:    <u>APPROVED</u></b>                               |
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| 6.J26. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-0935</a> ) | Requesting the appropriation of \$638,218 to fund the FY 2024 Kennedy School Pool Enterprise Fund budget.<br><b>RESULT:    <u>APPROVED</u></b>   |
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| 6.J27. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-0936</a> ) | Requesting the appropriation of \$221,481 from the Kennedy School Pool Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings Account to the FY 2024 Kennedy School Pool Enterprise Fund budget.<br><b>RESULT:    <u>APPROVED</u></b>       |
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| 6.J28. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-0938</a> ) | Requesting the appropriation of \$40,000 from the Dilboy Field Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings Account to the FY 2024 Dilboy Field Enterprise Fund budget.<br><b>RESULT:    <u>APPROVED</u></b>                      |
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| 6.J29. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-0939</a> ) | Requesting the appropriation of \$1,600,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Sewer Stabilization Fund to support the Water-Sewer Capital Investment Plan.<br><b>RESULT:    <u>APPROVED</u></b>    |
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| 6.J30. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-0941</a> ) | Requesting the appropriation of \$400,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Water Stabilization Fund to support the Water-Sewer Capital Investment Plan.<br><b>RESULT:    <u>APPROVED</u></b>      |
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| 6.J31. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-0942</a> ) | Requesting the appropriation of \$1,636,836 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Parks Stabilization Fund to support the FY 2023 5-Year Capital Investment Plan.<br><b>RESULT:    <u>APPROVED</u></b> |
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| 6.J32. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-0943</a> )            | Requesting the appropriation of \$5,890,276 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to support the FY 2023 5-Year Capital Investment Plan.            |
|  | <b>RESULT:    <u>APPROVED</u></b>   |
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| 6.J33. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-0945</a> )            | Requesting the appropriation of \$271,200 to fund the FY 2024 Dilboy Fields Enterprise Fund budget.   |
|  | <b>RESULT:    <u>APPROVED</u></b>   |
| <br>   |   |
| 6.J34. Officer's<br>Communication<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-0946</a> ) | Superintendent of Schools conveying the School Department budget, approved by the School Committee's Finance and Facilities Subcommittee, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on May 16, 2023.          |
|  | <b>RESULT:    <u>PLACED ON FILE</u></b>   |
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| 6.J35. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-0948</a> )            | Requesting the appropriation of \$33,863,918 to fund the FY 2024 Sewer Enterprise Fund budget.  |
|  | <b>RESULT:    <u>APPROVED</u></b>   |
| <br>   |   |
| 6.J36. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-0949</a> )            | Requesting the appropriation of \$18,996,902 to fund the FY 2024 Water Enterprise Fund budget.  |
|  | <b>RESULT:    <u>APPROVED</u></b>   |
| <br>   |   |
| 6.J37. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-0952</a> )            | Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$20,284.55 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Hazardous Waste Removal Account for removal services.                       |
|  | <b>RESULT:    <u>APPROVED</u></b>   |
| <br>   |   |
| 6.J38. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-0953</a> )            | Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$1,042.75 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Buildings Fire Alarm R&M Account for fire extinguisher maintenance services. |
|  | <b>RESULT:    <u>APPROVED</u></b>   |
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| 6.J39. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-0954</a> )            | Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$800 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Rubbish Removal Account for removal of concrete debris.                           |
|  | <b>RESULT:    <u>APPROVED</u></b>   |
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| 6.J40. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-0955</a> )            | Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$2,536.63 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Buildings Natural Gas Account for gas in city buildings.                     |
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**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.J41. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0966](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$259,382 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Energy Stabilization Fund for projects that reduce carbon emissions and energy costs.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.J42. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0967](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$500,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Open Space Acquisition Stabilization Fund to acquire new publicly accessible open space.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.J43. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0968](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$3,000,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to support flexible rental assistance programs.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.J44. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0969](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$1,500,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Fund.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.J45. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0971](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$170,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Capital Stabilization Fund for additional monies for site preparation, construction, and furnishing of a safe consumption site.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.J46. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0973](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$300,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to fund the Emergency Response Stabilization Fund. Finance Director Bean said the parameters of who would disburse the funds haven't been finalized yet.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.J47. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0974](#)) Requesting approval to create the Emergency Response Stabilization Fund for maintaining, distributing, and providing food, temporary shelter, and other common necessities of life for residents displaced by public exigency, emergency, or distress, as codified in the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 19.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 6.J48. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0975](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$12,800 from the Unemployment Compensation Account to the Recreation/Youth Program Salaries & Wages Temporary Account to provide additional staff support for the displaced Winter Hill Community Innovation School students.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.J49. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0980](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$1,750,036 from the Salary Contingency Account-Salaries to the Salary & Wage Stabilization Fund.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.J50. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0982](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$1,300,000 from the Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings Account to the Sewer Capital Stabilization Fund to build reserves for the Water-Sewer Capital Improvement Program.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.J51. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0983](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$200,000 from the Water Enterprise Retained Earnings Account to the Water Stabilization Fund to support the Water-Sewer Capital Investment Plan.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.J52. Order (ID # [23-1107](#)) By Councilor Kelly  
That line 01-12151 of the Administration - Executive Office Personal Services Account be reduced by \$81,670 in account number 511000, to eliminate the position of Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.J53. Resolution (ID # [23-1109](#)) By Councilor Burnley Jr.  
That the Administration add \$1.5 million to the FY 2024 budget for an alternative emergency response program.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**



- 6.J54. Resolution  
(ID # [23-1110](#))
- By Councilor Wilson  
That the Administration increase funding for line 51-511000 to hire a planner in the Planning, Preservation and Zoning Department.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 6.J55. Resolution  
(ID # [23-1111](#))
- By Councilor Davis  
That the Administration increase funding by \$86,151 for line 51-511000, for a Planner position dedicated to the City Council and assigned to the City Clerk's Office.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 6.J56. Resolution  
(ID # [23-1112](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the Administration add \$86,594.57 to the Personal Services line in the Economic Development Department to fund a Program Manager for Prevailing Wage, Living Wage, and Wage Theft Ordinance Oversight under a Workforce Development Division.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 6.J57. Resolution  
(ID # [23-1113](#))
- By Councilor Kelly  
That the Administration allocate \$57,000 to line 01-19052, the Housing Stability Professional and Technical Services Account 530000 for contracted legal services for tenants.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 6.J58. Resolution  
(ID # [23-1114](#))
- By Councilor Burnley Jr.  
That the Administration allocate all available Free Cash (\$82,715) to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 6.K. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE
- 6.K.1. Committee Report  
(ID # [23-1051](#))
- Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on June 12, 2023.
- Councilor Burnley gave the report and noted that a number of applicants did not appear. There was some resident feedback on an item for a flammables license and Councilor Clingan, who had chaired the committee meeting, explained that it was just a transfer of the license and not a change of use.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 6.K.2. License  
(ID # [23-0589](#))
- Renewing Garage License, Herb Chambers, 259 McGrath Hwy.

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**RESULT: APPROVED**6.K.3. License  
(ID # [23-0593](#))

Renewing Garage License, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 161 Linwood St.

**RESULT: APPROVED**6.K.4. License  
(ID # [23-0594](#))

Renewing Garage License, Mercedes Benz of Boston Commercial Vans, 161 Linwood St.

**RESULT: APPROVED**6.K.5. License  
(ID # [23-0600](#))

Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 161 Linwood St.

**RESULT: APPROVED**6.K.6. License  
(ID # [23-0752](#))

New Garage License, Zone Kar, 166 Boston Ave, 2 cars inside, 4 outside for mechanical repairs only, Mon-Fri 7:30am-5:30pm, Sat &amp; Sun closed.

**RESULT: APPROVED**6.K.7. License  
(ID # [23-0774](#))

New Billiards and Bowling License, The Public, 563 Broadway, 2 pool tables.

**RESULT: APPROVED**6.K.8. License  
(ID # [23-0917](#))

New Garage License, Somerville Auto Center, 193 Somerville Avenue, 18 cars inside only, for autobody work and spray painting, Mon-Fri: 8am-6pm, Sat: 8am-2pm, Sun: closed.

- 1) The spray booth must be used at all times for spray painting, and maintained in good condition to prevent paint fumes in the neighborhood.
- 2) This license allows no overnight exterior parking of vehicles being serviced at this location.
- 3) The hours of operation for this business are to be strictly observed to prevent disruption in the neighborhood.

**RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS**6.K.9. License  
(ID # [23-0918](#))

New Used Car Dealer License Class 2, John's Auto Sales, 166 Boston Avenue, 28 cars outside, Mon-Fri: 8am-6pm, Sat: 8am-2pm, Sun: closed.

**RESULT: APPROVED**6.K.10. License  
(ID # [23-0919](#))

New Flammables License, John's Auto Sales, 166 Boston Avenue, 7,000 gallons.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

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**7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

- 7.1. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0925](#)) Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Sections 2-322 and 2-323 of the Code of Ordinances, to update categories and associated salaries for non-union positions.

President Ewen-Campen commented that his understanding was that grade changes were not going to be made until after the compensation study was completed, and he noted that about 50 had been changed already. Human Resources Director Gill said a few were changed but she didn't have the specifics with her. Councilor Davis pointed out that the changes look like alphabetizing and Director Gill agreed and said that some were title changes and others were to correct clerical errors. Councilor Scott noted that the Chief Assessor had a grade change as did the Director of Parks and Recreation. Councilor Kelly asked why this item couldn't go to committee and President Ewen-Campen explained that if passed tonight, employees would get raise on July 1st, otherwise it would come later. Councilor Scott said this does not affect salaries for all employees. Finance Director Bean said that retroactive payments could be made to July 1 if this item is passed at a later date.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1063](#)) Requesting approval of the First Amendment to Fiber Optic Communications Easement Agreement with TOWARDEX.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1, 7.2, 7.6, and 7.7 and requested that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1069](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$155,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Immigrant Legal Services Stabilization Fund for immigration legal services.

SomerViva Director Maria Teresa Nagel spoke on the items and told the members that last year, an additional \$45,000 was added to the department's budget and it still wasn't enough. She explained that attorneys are at capacity, and this has resulted in some increased costs.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 7.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1072](#)) Requesting approval to appropriate \$200,000 from the Immigrant Legal Services Stabilization Fund for continuing legal services.

See item #23-1069.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 7.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1071](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$45,000 from various Ordinance Maintenance Accounts in the Office of Immigrant Affairs to the Immigrant Legal Services Stabilization Fund.

See item #23-1069.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 7.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1065](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$500,000 grant amendment with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Addiction Services to the Health and Human Services Department for regional youth substance misuse prevention efforts.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1, 7.2, 7.6, and 7.7 and requested that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1088](#)) Requesting authorization to seek funding and enter into related agreements with the Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) grant, appropriate funding, and dedicate 217 Somerville Avenue as open space and recreational use in perpetuity.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1, 7.2, 7.6, and 7.7 and requested that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1059](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Michael Switkez to the Biosafety Committee.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 7.8 through 7.10 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

- 7.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1064](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Francine Rogers to the Biosafety Committee.
- President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 7.8 through 7.10 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.
- RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
- FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee
- 7.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1075](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Elizabeth Champion to the Condominium Review Board.
- President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 7.8 through 7.10 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.
- RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
- FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee
- 7.11. Mayor's Communication (ID # [23-1058](#)) Conveying the appointment of Evelyn Persoff to the Municipal Compensation Advisory Board.
- RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

## 8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 8.1. Officer's Communication (ID # [23-1053](#)) School Committee conveying a resolution regarding the Winter Hill Community Innovation School, approved at the School Committee meeting of June 12, 2023.
- RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1. License (ID # [23-1062](#)) New Garage License, New England Collision Center Inc, 224 Somerville Ave, 10 cars inside, 4 cars outside for mechanical repairs, autobody work, spray painting, and washing vehicles, Mon-Fri: 8am-6pm, Sat: 8am-2pm, and Sun: closed.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of item 9.1 and requested that it be referred to the Committee on Licenses and Permits.
- RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
- FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee
- 9.2. License (ID # [23-1061](#)) Renewing Garage License, GE Auto Repair, 631 Somerville Ave.

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**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.3. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1066](#)) Parks and Recreation Department applying for a Public Event License for Family Fun Day on June 24 from 10am to 4:30pm.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.4. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1096](#)) Rob Moir applying for a Public Event License for Climate Action starts with Healthy Soils on July 5 from 1:30pm to 6:30pm (raindate July 7).

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.5. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1074](#)) Portuguese-American Civic League applying for a Public Event License for Holy Ghost Fest on July 7, July 8, and July 9 from various start times.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.6. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1089](#)) St Benedict Parish applying for a Public Event License for A mile with Jesus on July 9 from 10:30am to 1pm.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.7. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1090](#)) Aaron Greiner applying for a Public Event License for Perry St BP on July 9 from 11am to 7pm (raindate July 8).

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.8. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1093](#)) Mathias Neuber applying for a Public Event License for Electric Ave BP on July 30 from 11am to 6pm.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.9. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1097](#)) Jaclyn Pilch applying for a Public Event License for Spring Hill Terrace BP on August 9 from 4pm to 10pm (raindate August 10).

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.10. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1098](#)) Paul Morgan applying for a Public Event License for Family Bike Ride CPX Ride on August 19 from 9:30am to 10:30am (raindate August 20).

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.11. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1091](#)) Arts Council applying for a Public Event License for Evolution of Hip Hop on August 19 from 2pm to 9:30pm (raindate August 20).

**RESULT: APPROVED**

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| 9.12. Public Event<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-1094</a> )         | Trudi Cohen applying for a Public Event License for Brass Band 20th Anniversary Celebration on August 27 from 4pm to 9pm.<br><b>RESULT: <u>APPROVED</u></b>  |
| 9.13. Public Event<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-1095</a> )         | Arts Council applying for a Public Event License for Rock and Roll Yard Sale on September 10 from 7am to 7pm (raindate September 17).<br><b>RESULT: <u>APPROVED</u></b>  |
| 9.14. Public Event<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-1092</a> )         | Mark Chenevert applying for a Public Event License for Belmont St South BP on September 24 from 1:30pm to 6:30pm (raindate October 1).<br><b>RESULT: <u>APPROVED</u></b>   |
| 9.15. Public Event<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-1099</a> )         | Harris Gruman applying for a Public Event License for Honk Festival on October 6, 7, and 8 from various start times.<br><b>RESULT: <u>APPROVED</u></b>   |
| 9.16. Public Communication<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-1070</a> ) | Daniel C. and Lieba R. Savitt requesting an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Map to change the zoning district of 113 Prospect Street from Urban Residence (UR) to Neighborhood Residence (NR).<br><b>RESULT: <u>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</u></b><br><b>FOLLOWUP:</b> Land Use Committee |
| 9.17. Public Communication<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-1054</a> ) | Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) conveying the alteration of location of a section of State highway.<br><b>RESULT: <u>PLACED ON FILE</u></b>   |
| 9.18. Public Communication<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-1055</a> ) | Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) conveying the alteration of location of a section of State highway.<br><b>RESULT: <u>PLACED ON FILE</u></b>   |
| 9.19. Public Communication<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-1067</a> ) | Winter Hill Community Innovation School Parent Teacher Association and Adrienne Bruno submitting comments re: the Winter Hill Community Innovation School.<br><b>RESULT: <u>PLACED ON FILE</u></b>   |
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- 9.20. Public Communication (ID # [23-1068](#)) Union Square Neighborhood Council and nine residents submitting comments re: item #23-0635, a Zoning Text Amendment to permit variations to build out regulations by special permit in the CC5 District, USQ sub-area.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

- 9.21. Public Communication (ID # [23-1073](#)) Four residents submitting comments re: item #23-0919, New Flammables License, 166 Boston Avenue.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

## 10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 10.1. Communication (ID # [23-1116](#)) By Councilor Scott  
Conveying information regarding the FY 2023 and FY 2024 Water and Sewer rates.

Councilor Scott pointed out that of 10 positions in the department, 10 are vacant and have been for a year. The positions pay \$51,000 per year, making it difficult to fill the positions. The management of those positions is unacceptable and results in higher rates to taxpayers. Outside contractors are being paid over \$2 million to do the work, costing the taxpayers 4 times as much vs. having the work done in-house. Councilor Scott gave a breakdown of water and sewer costs showing how salary funding is distributed. He also presented a comparison of FY 2023 vs. FY 2024 data showing the number of positions added and cut for both union and non-union. He said that ratepayers are being asked for major increases in rates while conceding that there's nothing that can be done to lower cost by having work done in-house, and the failure to negotiate fair wages just passes on the cost to taxpayers. If rates are not approved, there would be a \$2 million hole in the department, that would hopefully be a driving impetus towards a speedy resolution. Councilor Strezo stated that she won't support these rate increases as they will strain low-income residents. Councilor Gomez Mouakad said that she thought the increases were tied to the Poplar Street Pump Station project.

Finance Director Haynes explained that the department is not intentionally cutting positions, but rather is redistributing manpower and awaiting the wage study to help with hiring to fill the positions. Contract costs are increasing by 20% across the board and without revenue capacity, the city can't respond to emergencies nor provide pristine water and sanitation services. The debt service is scheduled to double next year. Capital Projects Director Raiche said the city is working on a combined sewer system and that the EPA is expected to enforce overflow requirements using a guide of 4% of MHI. That would put the city's rates at quadruple over 10 years. The current increase is intended to forestall being hit with huge increases in a few years. Not increasing rates puts the city in a very bad position next year.



and over the next 5 years. President Ewen-Campen asked about the jobs not being listed in the budget and not being filled. Director Haynes replied that the department has a significant amount of lag money and if the positions are filled this year, the budget would cover the cost. The department is working with HR to come up with creative ways to hire and retain employees in the department.

Councilor Clingan asked if the positions could be eliminated in favor of outsourcing the work and Director Gill said all decisions impacting union jobs must be negotiated. In this case, the jobs aren't being cut - the funds are being channeled to another account to pay for getting the work done. Councilor Kelly commented that this seems like a crisis situation and could be considered a move towards privatization. Councilor Scott claimed that a document being shown at this meeting of the sewer department personnel was changed from the time the budget was approved tonight until now and he asked that it be removed from view. Being told that even though the positions are not listed in the budget book and that they do exist on another list, Councilor Davis claims that the city can't hire for a position that's not listed in the budget book. Budget Director Mastrobuoni provided some context on the matter. He explained that the Tuesday through Saturday crew was established a few years ago aspirationally to build out a 2nd crew to perform work that wasn't being done by city employees. The intent has always been to staff up the department to do the work in-house. Councilor McLaughlin said this makes no sense. Rate increases won't eliminate the need for work to be done, but a lot of people can't afford the increases. Councilor Wilson said the rate increase is being held hostage in order to get positions filled. President Ewen-Campen supports the effort being made for leverage but thinks not voting for the rate increases would be irresponsible. Councilor Scott asked Director Gill if changing to outside work was run by the union and she said that since there are no positions listed in the book, there can be no grievance.

Councilor Clingan commented that it looks like city isn't bargaining with the unions in good faith and people will suffer as a result. Councilor Burnley called the question and Councilor Davis opposed the motion to call the question, saying that it's irresponsible to cut off the conversation. Councilor McLaughlin opposed the motion as well and Councilor Burnley withdrew the motion.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad reminded members of the consequences of not investing in the city's infrastructure. President Ewen-Campen asked if the positions could be listed in the book and Director Mastrobuoni said that would not be a problem. Councilor Davis acknowledged that the money will come from taxpayers either way.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

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- 10.2. Resolution (ID # [23-1117](#)) By Councilor Clingan, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson  
That the Administration declare the second week of August as de-"RAT"ification week on an annual basis, with a public education campaign that includes events and announcements, and the full use of the city's communication apparatus.  
Councilor Clingan spoke about the seriousness of the rat problem and thinks it's important for everyone in the city to work together on this problem.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 10.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1104](#)) Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Sections 7-63 through 7-67 of the Code of Ordinances, the Condominium Conversion Ordinance.  
**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee
- 10.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1118](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$319,923,766 to fund the FY 2024 General Fund Operating Budget.  
Budget Director Michael Mastrobuoni addressed the Council on the amended FY 2024 budget memo and explained that the adjustments fall into 3 categories; 1) corrections/adjustments to departmental budgets, 2) actual cuts made to the budget, and 3) reinvestment/salary contingency. The overall changes result in a net increase of \$0.00.  
Councilor Gomez Mouakad requested that the Wahe Theft job description be ready by September 4th.  
Councilor Davis thanked the Administration for incorporating many of the recommendations submitted by the Council and asked if the additional Planner position is a dedicated position to assist the City Council. Director Mastrobuoni replied that it is another planner for the Planning Department.  
Councilor Burnley said that he sees evidence of cooperation in the budget but noted that his request for an alternate response program was not included. Councilor Scott stated that he compiled \$2 million in proposed budget cuts, however, he won't be reviewing them tonight. He stated that he can't, in good conscience, vote for this budget.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
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**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**NAY:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

- 10.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1105](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$82,715 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 10.6. Officer's Communication (ID # [23-1115](#)) Planning Board conveying recommendations for items #23-0506, #23-0635, and #23-0660.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

- 10.7. Officer's Communication (ID # [23-1106](#)) Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development conveying information regarding item #23-0506, an amendment to Section 12.2 of the Zoning Ordinances to reflect the recommendations in the 2022 Somerville Linkage Nexus Study.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

- 10.8. Public Communication (ID # [23-1103](#)) Corey Donahue submitting comments re: Climate Forward carbon emission goals.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

- 10.9. Public Communication (ID # [23-1108](#)) Three residents submitting comments re: FY 2024 budget.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

## 11. LATE ITEMS

- 11.1. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0506](#)) Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Section 12.2 of the Zoning Ordinances to reflect the recommendations in the 2022 Somerville Linkage Nexus Study.

Councilor McLaughlin requested that 23-0506 and 23-0660 be discharged from the Committee on Land Use and asked that they be approved tonight. Both are amendments to the Zoning Ordinances. Item #23-0506 deal with

linkage fees and item #23-0660 with Affordable Housing. Councilor Davis asked if the Administration still supports these items. Director Galligani replied that they do support them, as presented. Councilor Davis stated that the fees have been recommended by professionals and he supports both items. Councilor Wilson commented that the linkage fees won't be responsible for any development slowdowns. President Ewen-Campen suggested that anyone interested in affordable housing should read the Nexus study on linkage fees.

**RESULT:** **ORDINANCE ORDAINED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

11.2. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0660](#))

Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Section 8.1, Affordable Housing, of the Zoning Ordinances to remove errant text and amend the dimensional standards.

See item #23-0506.

**RESULT:** **ORDINANCE ORDAINED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:54 PM.



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## City Council

### Meeting Minutes

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**Wednesday, June 28, 2023**

**6:00 PM**

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#### 1. OPENING CEREMONIES

**Present:** City Councilor At Large Willie Burnley Jr.  
City Councilor At Large Charlotte Kelly  
City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo  
City Councilor At Large Jake Wilson  
Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin  
Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen  
Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan  
Ward Five City Councilor Beatriz Gomez Mouakad  
Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis  
Ward Seven City Councilor Judy Pineda Neufeld

**Absent:** Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen.  
The City Council entered Executive Session at 6:18 PM and returned at 6:42 PM.

- 1.1. Roll Call                      Call of the Roll.  
(ID # [23-1123](#))

**RESULT:**    **PLACED ON FILE**

- 1.2. Remembrances              Remembrances.  
(ID # [23-1125](#))

**RESULT:**    **APPROVED**

- 1.3. Minutes                      Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting, June 1, 2023.  
(ID # [23-1126](#))

**RESULT:**    **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**2. CITATIONS**

**3. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**4. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 5.1. Order By Councilor Wilson  
(ID # [23-0922](#)) That the City Solicitor appear in executive session pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3) to update this council on the status of collective bargaining negotiations with all municipal bargaining units.

**RESULT:** **LAID ON THE TABLE**

**6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**6.A. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- 6.A.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on June 27, 2023.  
(ID # [23-1121](#))

Chair Wilson summarized the actions taken by the Committee. Councilor Davis inquired about the discussion of the salary ordinance, requesting confirmation that the amendment before the Council appears to contain some changes, but the changes to those salaries happened during the previous budget season, and the ordinance is just catching up. Deputy Director of Human Resources Ellen Collins confirmed that all changes happened in the FY 2020 and FY 2022 budgets, and the ordinance was not updated at that time. These revisions reflect the current FY 2024 budget. Councilor Davis expressed concern about this disconnect.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

6.A.2. Order  
(ID # [23-0457](#))

By Councilor Pineda Neufeld

That this City Council discuss data from the FY 2023 budget hearings and assess the budget hearing process for FY 2024.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

6.A.3. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0667](#))

Requesting approval of a multi-year lease agreement for the East Somerville Police Station.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

6.A.4. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0813](#))

Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$6,781 Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) grant, with no new match required, from the Department of Fire Services to the Fire Department for fire prevention education for students.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

6.A.5. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0814](#))

Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$2,677 Senior Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) grant, with no new match required, from the Department of Fire Services to the Fire Department for fire prevention education for older adults.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

6.A.6. Ordinance  
(ID # [23-0827](#))

By Councilor Scott and Councilor Wilson

Amending Section 2-323 of the Code of Ordinances, Salary Ranges, to provide cost-of-living adjustments for School Committee Members and City Councilors.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

6.A.7. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0844](#))

Requesting authorization to borrow \$6,430,638 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for the Assembly Square Fire Station fit-out.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

6.A.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0846](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$24,117.07 grant that requires a match, from the Metropolitan Mayors Coalition Community Safety Initiative to the Police Department for youth violence prevention.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

6.A.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0847](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$8,039.02 from the Police Department Personal Services Overtime Account to the Police Department Special Items Grant Match Account to fund the Metropolitan Mayors Coalition Community Safety Initiative Shannon Grant match.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

6.A.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0925](#)) Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Sections 2-322 and 2-323 of the Code of Ordinances, to update categories and associated salaries for non-union positions.

**RESULT:** **ORDINANCE ORDAINED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

6.A.11. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0947](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$80,000 from the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Fund Undesignated Fund to Vida Real for continued restoration of the bell tower at 404 Broadway.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

6.A.12. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0951](#)) Requesting approval to accept the 2023-2024 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant, Home Investment Partnership and Emergency Solutions Grant programs, totaling \$3,321,097.



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**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.A.13.Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1063](#))
- Requesting approval of the First Amendment to Fiber Optic Communications Easement Agreement with TOWARDEX.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.A.14.Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1065](#))
- Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$500,000 grant amendment with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Addiction Services to the Health and Human Services Department for regional youth substance misuse prevention efforts.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.A.15.Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1088](#))
- Requesting authorization to seek funding and enter into related agreements with the Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) grant, appropriate funding, and dedicate 217 Somerville Avenue as open space and recreational use in perpetuity.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

## 7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 7.1. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1119](#))
- Requesting the transfer of \$310,000 from the Health Insurance Account to the Law Department's Damages to Persons and Property Account to fund settlement of John Doe v. City of Somerville & Josh Wairi.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

## 8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 8.1. Officer's  
Communication  
(ID # [23-1120](#))
- City Solicitor requesting to appear in Executive Session with attorneys from Brody, Hardoon, Perkins & Kesten, LLP, to discuss John Doe v. City of Somerville & Josh Wairi.

President Ewen-Campen noted that if there is not sufficient time for all questions to be answered, it can be laid on the table and taken up at the next regular meeting. Deputy City Solicitor Shapiro advised the Council that this

item requires an Executive Session.

The Council entered Executive Session at 6:18 PM and returned at 6:42 PM. No votes were taken in Executive Session except the vote to adjourn.

**RESULT:**      **APPROVED**

**AYE:**            City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:**        Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

**9.      NEW BUSINESS**

**10.     SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

**11.     LATE ITEMS**

**12.     ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was Adjourned at 6:45 PM.



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## City Council

### Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 13, 2023

7:00 PM

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#### 1. OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen. The Council entered Executive Session at 7:50 PM and returned at 8:53 PM.

- 1.1. Roll Call                      Call of the Roll.  
(ID # [23-1173](#))

**RESULT:**                      **PLACED ON FILE**

**Present:**                      City Councilor At Large Willie Burnley Jr.  
City Councilor At Large Charlotte Kelly  
City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo  
City Councilor At Large Jake Wilson  
Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin  
Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott  
Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen  
Ward Five City Councilor Beatriz Gomez Mouakad  
Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis  
Ward Seven City Councilor Judy Pineda Neufeld

**Absent:**                      Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan

- 1.2. Remembrances              Remembrances.  
(ID # [23-1174](#))

Councilor McLaughlin offered a remembrance for Bob Pettinelli.  
Councilor McLaughlin offered a remembrance for Mike Ivy.  
Councilor McLaughlin offered a remembrance for Chris White.  
President Ewen-Campen offered a remembrance on behalf of Councilor Clingan and the entire Council for Evelyn "Evie" LeSage, Councilor Clingan's mother-in-law.  
Councilor Wilson offered a remembrance on behalf of Councilor Clingan for James "Jimmy" McCallum, former Ward 4 Alderman and Housing Authority Commissioner.

**RESULT:**                      **APPROVED**

- 1.3. Minutes                      Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, June 8, 2023.  
(ID # [23-1175](#))

**RESULT: APPROVED****2. CITATIONS****3. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 3.1. Grant of Location Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 158 feet of conduit in Washington Street, from Utility Pole 358/18 to Manhole 15060 near the intersection of Knowlton Street, Tufts Street, and Washington Street.  
(ID # [23-1132](#))

The President opened the public hearing.

Jacqueline Duffy, representing Eversource, presented the proposal to supply electric service to 121 Washington Street.

Robert Schofield requested information about the specific manhole location. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

**RESULT: APPROVED****4. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

- 4.1. Withdrawn Withdrawn.  
(ID # [23-1128](#))

**RESULT: WITHDRAWN**

- 4.2. Resolution By Councilor Ewen-Campen  
(ID # [23-1162](#)) That the Chief of Police adopt a policy of de-prioritizing enforcement against cyclists who treat red lights as stop signs when it is safe to do so (the "Idaho Stop") in recognition of the compelling United States Department of Transportation data supporting this practice.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld assumed the Chair.

Councilor Ewen-Campen noted that he is not advocating to throw traffic laws out the window, but the Police Department has been issuing tickets to cyclists running red lights. He has learned that there are now 8 states that have legalized the "Idaho stop", which allows cyclists to treat a stop sign as a yield and a red light as a stop sign. In all cases, cyclists must still yield to pedestrians. The Department of Transportation has analyzed street safety data in the 8 states and concluded that the Idaho stop leads to an increase in safety and no increased risk for pedestrians, people using mobility devices, or vehicles. People not getting hurt is the most important issue.

Councilor Ewen-Campen noted that while the city does not have authority over the legality, it does have discretion around enforcement. Any decisions will be determined by the Mayor and Chief of Police, but this resolution is introduced to begin the important public conversation.

Councilor Ewen-Campen sponsored Alessandra Seiter to speak. Alessandra Seiter, Ward 5 resident, voiced strong support, noting recent efforts to de-criminalize jaywalking and de-prioritize enforcement of drug use and

possession. The Idaho stop is a common-sense, inexpensive, and immediate way to make streets safer.

Councilor Ewen-Campen sponsored Mark Chase to speak. Mark Chase, lecturer in transportation planning at Tufts University, highlighted that Somerville is a VisionZero city, and has limited resources. This is a valuable way to ensure safety of cyclists as well as pedestrians and a better use of resources.

Councilor McLaughlin expressed appreciation for giving a name to something that is frequently done. He emphasized common sense and safety. He also highlighted that the grant funding focused on fliers to educate people about bicycle safety.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

4.3. Resolution  
(ID # [23-1164](#))

By Councilor Ewen-Campen

That the Administration immediately begin the design and community outreach process for the redesign of Highland Avenue from McGrath Highway to Central Street, which is the highest priority route on the Bike Network Plan that is under municipal control.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad assumed the chair.

Councilor Ewen-Campen expressed his frustrations with the delays to the Highland Ave reconstruction. He asked that the administration share his sense of urgency for the reconstruction considering Highland Ave's priority within the bike network plan.

Councilor Wilson shared similar frustrations as Councilor Ewen-Campen and was dismayed with the loss of two years of this project.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

4.4. Order  
(ID # [23-1168](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin

That the Chief of Police and the Commissioner of Public Works address the dumping of trash, and the overgrowth of state properties near Maine Terrace, close to Interstate-93.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

4.5. Order  
(ID # [23-1170](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works address the overgrowth along McGrath Highway that is impeding pedestrian use.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

4.6. Order  
(ID # [23-1171](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works address the trash around 165 Broadway.

**RESULT: APPROVED**4.7. Resolution  
(ID # [23-1169](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin

That the Administration consider working with the Commonwealth to utilize vacant, vegetated state lands close to Interstate-93 that are currently blighted, for open space and pollution mitigation.

Councilor McLaughlin stated there are small plots of land along the state street right up to I-93 that are owned by the state. Councilor McLaughlin believes the city should have the conversation regarding taking over the land for possible open space for the city.

**RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION****FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee4.8. Resolution  
(ID # [23-1166](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin

That this City Council declares Somerville a Purple Heart Community and recognizes August 7 annually as Purple Heart Day.

Councilor McLaughlin gave some history regarding the purple heart and its significance. Councilor McLaughlin shared his gratitude for Director of Veteran Services Ted Louis-Jacques and his work with the city. Director Louis-Jacques stated that he spent time with Tom Kelly, a purple heart recipient, and returned to his department with the desire to have the city recognize those who have received a purple heart.

**RESULT: APPROVED**4.9. Resolution  
(ID # [23-1172](#))

By Councilor Kelly and Councilor McLaughlin

That the Administration update this Council on locations of sharps collection stations and work with the Commissioner of Public Works to install sharps collection stations in all public restrooms.

Councilor Kelly stated they did receive an update on the overdose prevention center. While receiving this update Councilor Kelly spoke about sharps collection stations being located in public spaces and the city is looking to include them in the new Portland loos. Councilor Kelly also requested that a list of where sharps collection stations currently exist for the public.

Councilor Wilson stated his support of this request as he has heard from constituents regarding their worries around needing spaces for injectables to be disposed of.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld also added to the conversation that this requests goes further than those who may be using drugs but also those who have medical reasons for sharps.

**RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION****FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 5.1. Order  
(ID # [23-0922](#))
- By Councilor Wilson
- That the City Solicitor appear in executive session pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3) to update this council on the status of collective bargaining negotiations with all municipal bargaining units.
- The council returned from executive session at 8:53PM.
- No votes were taken in executive session except the vote to return to open session.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld
- ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

## 6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### 6.A. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- 6.A.1. Committee Report  
(ID # [23-1140](#))
- Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on July 10, 2023.
- Councilor Pineda Neufeld reported on the actions taken by the committee. Councilor Pineda Neufeld stated the committee took up three appointments. One appointment with the Condominium Review Board and two appointments with the Biosafety Committee. The Biosafety Committee is currently going through a revamp which will change the structure of the committee to include seats for city department representatives.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- 6.A.2. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1059](#))
- Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Michael Switkez to the Biosafety Committee.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- 6.A.3. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1064](#))
- Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Francine Rogers to the Biosafety Committee.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- 6.A.4. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1075](#))
- Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Elizabeth Champion to the Condominium Review Board.

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**RESULT: APPROVED**

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**6.B. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE**

- 6.B.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on July 12, 2023.  
(ID # [23-1159](#))

Councilor Davis reported on the actions taken by the Committee. Councilor Davis stated the committee proposed amendment to the condominium conversion ordinance. The committee made a few changes to the ordinance. Councilor Davis wanted to point out three primary objectives of the amendment. One being the introduction of an alternate member on the condo review board. The second objective is to provide improvements to the language as needed. The third objective is to remove the city's right to purchase a unit if a tenant elects not to exercise their right purchase a unit that will be converted. The ordinance was challenged in court and was mostly upheld except for the city's right to purchase a unit. Thus making that portion of the ordinance unenforceable. The Committee recommended the proposed amendment for approval as amended.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.B.2. Mayor's Request Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Sections 7-63 through 7-67 of the Code of Ordinances, the Condominium Conversion Ordinance.  
(ID # [23-1104](#))

**RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

**6.C. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE**

- 6.C.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on July 12, 2023.  
(ID # [23-1142](#))

Councilor Burnley reported on the actions taken by the committee. Councilor Burnley stated the committee took up four items although two items were not voted on as the applicant did not appear despite numerous attempts to contact them. There was also a vote on a new garage license with the condition that they reduce the number of cars the applicant can store outside.

**RESULT: APPROVED**



- 6.C.2. License  
(ID # [23-0582](#))
- Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 141 Beacon St.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.C.3. License  
(ID # [23-1062](#))
- New Garage License, New England Collision Center Inc, 224 Somerville Ave, 10 cars inside, 4 cars outside for mechanical repairs, autobody work, spray painting, and washing vehicles, Mon-Fri: 8am-6pm, Sat: 8am-2pm, and Sun: closed.

3 cars outside and no vehicle may be on the sidewalk

**RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS**

6.D. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- 6.D.1. Committee Report  
(ID # [23-1148](#))
- Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on July 10, 2023.

Councilor Kelly reported on the actions taken by the committee. The committee discussed the methodology regarding pedestrian and cyclists stops. They received data regarding how many stops were made to pedestrians and cyclists, also how many written warnings were issued. Another issue discussed was the use of unmarked vehicles for traffic enforcement. There was a conversation in committee regarding a gun buy back program. The item regarding the pilot agreements was kept in committee. The item regarding traffic details was also kept in committee. The last issue discussed was the overdose prevention site. Councilor Kelly was grateful to hear that the administration is moving forward to have an overdose prevention site hopefully by the fall.

Councilor Davis added that the use of the new term of the Overdose Prevention Site is to emphasize that there are a lot of approaches hoping to be accomplished at the site. The Councilor was thrilled to hear there is a broader range of services that the city is looking to provide at the site.

Councilor Burnley voiced his gratitude to hear there is progress from the city on the site. Councilor Burnley stated that even with that progress being announced, he has heard from residents stating that the city should be moving even more quickly on the site. Councilor Burnley reiterated his desire that the city move quicker on the creation of the site. Councilor Burnley also stated his disagreement with the Chief of Police's statement that speaking on mental illness and doing targeted outreach is over-stigmatizing. The Councilor believes that without being intentional they will not attract the type of people the resolution was looking to attract. Although the city is looking to have a gun buy back program during the summer, Councilor Burnley stated the desire to have one during suicide prevention week.

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**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.D.2. Order  
(ID # [22-0367](#))

By Councilor Kelly and Councilor Pineda Neufeld  
That this Council discuss the unmet public health needs that have been identified by Somerville's non-profits and service providers.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.D.3. Order  
(ID # [23-0608](#))

By Councilor Wilson and Councilor Clingan  
That the Chief of Police provide this Council with a report containing the information requested within for all incidents where a firearm was discharged since January 1, 2018.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.D.4. Order  
(ID # [23-0616](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Davis  
That the Chief of Police and the Director of Communications and Community Engagement discuss with this Council the viability of establishing a gun buyback event, focused on those who may be a danger to themselves, including strategic outreach involving community partners in the healthcare industry.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.D.5. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0796](#))

By Councilor Kelly, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Davis and Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Administration update this Council on the progress and timeline for establishing a safe consumption site.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.D.6. Order  
(ID # [23-0912](#))

By Councilor Kelly  
That the Chief of Police halt the use of unmarked patrol vehicles for all traffic enforcement.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.D.7. Order  
(ID # [23-0913](#))

By Councilor Kelly  
That the Chief of Police and the Director of Mobility report to this Council on the methodology used for pedestrian and cyclist stops made by Police Department officers.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.D.8. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0921](#))

By Councilor Scott  
Urging the Mayor to fill the two vacancies on the Biosafety Committee and restore it to a functional body.

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**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

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**6.E. SCHOOL BUILDING FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE SPECIAL COMMITTEE**

- 6.E.1. Committee Report Report of the Special Committee on School Building Facilities and  
(ID # [23-1138](#)) Maintenance, meeting on June 28, 2023.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad reported on the actions taken by the committee. The committee reiterated the need to expedite the planning and design of the winter hill construction. The committee discussed the report on the building although it was only a structural and visual inspection. There is still more work to be done to do a more in-depth inspection. There was a conversation regarding request for proposals and a new project manager. The committee discussed whether the Department of Public Works needs more support to maintain city buildings. The Committee also received an update that there is a budget for an exterior envelope consultant to better understand building failures.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.E.2. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0972](#)) By Councilor Clingan, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson  
That the Administration expedite the planning, design and construction of the Winter Hill Community Innovation School to ensure the re-opening of said school as soon as possible.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.E.3. Order  
(ID # [23-0984](#)) By Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management and the Commissioner of Public Works present to this City Council, the building failures that took place in the Winter Hill Community Innovation School and a plan for assessing those failures.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.E.4. Order  
(ID # [23-0985](#)) By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Wilson  
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management dedicate full time staff and/or create new position(s) to the planning, design and construction process for the Winter Hill Community Innovation School and the Benjamin Brown School and include this position in the FY 2024 budget.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.E.5. Order  
(ID # [23-0987](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Wilson  
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management explain what Request for Proposals (RFP) will be necessary for consultant services for planning and architectural services for any future school building programming and planning, and expedite those RFPs.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.E.6. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0989](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Wilson  
That the Administration create a permanent staff position for a Superintendent of School Buildings within the Department of Public Works to oversee all maintenance, repairs and assessments of school buildings, and include this position in the FY 2024 Budget.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.E.7. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0990](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Wilson  
That the Administration evaluate the need to create permanent staff positions within the Department of Public Works for school buildings that address the highest needs of our school buildings including, but not limited to: mechanical systems, plumbing systems, fire alarm and electrical systems and exterior envelope and structural systems.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.E.8. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0991](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Wilson  
That the Administration include in the FY 2024 budget, \$150,000 for an exterior envelope consultant to assess ongoing leaks in school buildings.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**
- 7.1. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0779](#))
- Requesting approval of a Sidewalk Easement and Maintenance Agreement at 100 Chestnut Street.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 and 7.3 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.2. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1156](#))
- Requesting the appropriation of \$119,032.68 from the Parks Stabilization Fund for additional construction services for Reavis Field at the High School.
- Director of Infrastructure & Asset Management, Rich Raiche, gave an update on the construction of Revis Field. Director Raiche stated the city is looking to change the crumb rubber infill material and underlying supporting pad to

an organic infill material.

Councilor Jake Wilson spoke in support of the request to pay for the change of infill material. Councilor Wilson stated the organic infill material will make a drastic difference and be extremely helpful.

Councilor Lance Davis stated that he was not in support of the decision to no longer build the field above a parking garage which would have provided parking for City and School staff. Councilor Davis stated his although he has opposed the construction of the field as it is currently planned with no parking, he will support the decision to replace the crumb rubber.

President Ewen-Campen asked for an expected date of completion for the field.

Director Raiche stated the expected date of completion for the field is September 26 although there is an expected completion date of November 13 for the entire project which includes the surrounding area of the field.

Director Raiche also stated they are aiming to open the bike path for the beginning of the school year on August 30 although no promises can be made.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

- 7.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1127](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend an additional \$300,000, with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Infectious Disease & Laboratory Sciences to the Health and Human Services Department for COVID-19 case investigation and contact tracing.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 and 7.3 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

## 8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1. License (ID # [23-1129](#)) Renewing Billiards and Bowling License, Diesel Cafe, 257 Elm St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 - 9.20 and 10.8

- 10.12 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.2. License  
(ID # [23-1158](#))

New Drainlayer's License, GVC Construction Inc.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 - 9.20 and 10.8 - 10.12 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.3. License  
(ID # [23-1150](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Galway Excavation LLC.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 - 9.20 and 10.8 - 10.12 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.4. License  
(ID # [23-1130](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, L.V.M.J. Corporation.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 - 9.20 and 10.8 - 10.12 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.5. License  
(ID # [23-1131](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Tascon Corporation.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 - 9.20 and 10.8 - 10.12 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.6. License  
(ID # [23-1152](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, W.L. French Excavating.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 - 9.20 and 10.8 - 10.12 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.7. License  
(ID # [23-1137](#))

New Sign/Awning License, Gong Cha, 418 Highland Ave, replacing 1 awning cover.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 - 9.20 and 10.8 - 10.12 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

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| 9.8. Withdrawn<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-1154</a> )     | Withdrawn.<br><br><b>RESULT: <u>WITHDRAWN</u></b>  |
| 9.9. Public Event<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-1153</a> )  | Arts Council applying for a Public Event License for Mr. Ho's Orchestrotica Music in the Park on July 14 from 5pm to 9pm (raindate July 20).<br>Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 - 9.20 and 10.8 - 10.12 and approve them tonight.<br><b>RESULT: <u>APPROVED</u></b> |
| 9.10. Public Event<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-1151</a> ) | Arts Council applying for a Public Event License for ArtBeat: Pulse on July 15 from 8am to 11pm (raindate July 16).<br>Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 - 9.20 and 10.8 - 10.12 and approve them tonight.<br><b>RESULT: <u>APPROVED</u></b>                          |
| 9.11. Public Event<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-1161</a> ) | Dalbir Singh applying for a Public Event License for Shabeel on July 15 from 8am to 7pm (raindate July 22).<br>Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 - 9.20 and 10.8 - 10.12 and approve them tonight.<br><b>RESULT: <u>APPROVED</u></b>                                  |
| 9.12. Public Event<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-1133</a> ) | Yessenia Lopez applying for a Public Event License for St Benedict Feast Day on July 16 from 8am to 12:30pm.<br>Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 - 9.20 and 10.8 - 10.12 and approve them tonight.<br><b>RESULT: <u>APPROVED</u></b>                                 |
| 9.13. Public Event<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-1157</a> ) | Arts Council applying for a Public Event License for Anbdu on July 29 from 3pm to 9:30pm (raindate July 30).<br>Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 - 9.20 and 10.8 - 10.12 and approve them tonight.<br><b>RESULT: <u>APPROVED</u></b>                                 |
| 9.14. Public Event<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-1134</a> ) | Richard Lawson applying for a Public Event License for Glendale Ave BP on August 12 from 11am to 6:30pm (raindate August 13).<br>Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 - 9.20 and 10.8 - 10.12 and approve them tonight.  |
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**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.15. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1135](#))

Cortney Kirk applying for a Public Event License for Spring St BP on August 13 from 11:30am to 4:30pm (raindate August 20).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 - 9.20 and 10.8 - 10.12 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.16. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1136](#))

Anthony Leccese applying for a Public Event License for Procession for S.S. Comas & Damian on September 10 from 2:30pm to 6:30pm (raindate September 17).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 - 9.20 and 10.8 - 10.12 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.17. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1155](#))

Megan Smith applying for a Public Event License for Adrian St/Joseph St BP on September 16 from 12pm to 6pm (raindate September 17).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 - 9.20 and 10.8 - 10.12 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.18. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1167](#))

Arts Council applying for a Public Event License for SomerStreets: Strike up the Bands on September 17 from 12pm to 8pm.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 - 9.20 and 10.8 - 10.12 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.19. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1163](#))

Arts Council applying for a Public Event License for What the Fluff? on September 23 from 12pm to 9pm (raindate September 24).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 - 9.20 and 10.8 - 10.12 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.20. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1165](#))

Arts Council applying for a Public Event License for Ignite Festival on September 30 from 2pm to 11pm (raindate October 1).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 - 9.20 and 10.8 - 10.12 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**



**10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS****10.1. Order**  
**(ID # [23-1183](#))**

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad

That the Director of Water and Sewer and the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management explain what maintenance will be required for the new Poplar Street Pump Station and Spring Hill Sewer Separation Project, and how these maintenance requirements will be staffed to ensure their proper upkeep.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad stated the desire for a discussion to understand what the plans are to maintain the projects especially regarding staff needs.

**RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

**10.2. Order**  
**(ID # [23-1184](#))**

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad

That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management report on recent air conditioning failures in City Hall and what repairs have been or will be completed to address those issues.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad has heard that there are issues with air conditioning in city hall and would like some updates as to what is occurring.

**RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

**10.3. Resolution**  
**(ID # [23-1185](#))**

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad

That this Council and the Administration, resolve to support all programs to ensure that all youth reach their full potential and to eliminate all academic gaps between our white students and our students of color, starting at the early stages of development.

**RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee

**10.4. Resolution**  
**(ID # [23-1186](#))**

By Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Ewen-Campen

That the Administration utilize city and community space for cooling centers this summer for homeless community members while we await long term warming and cooling centers.

Councilor McLaughlin stated this comes from conversations held with residents addressing homelessness issues and there was a focus on warming centers during the winter and now the need for identifying cooling centers for the homeless community.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

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- 10.5. Order  
(ID # [23-1187](#))
- By Councilor Burnley Jr.  
That the Commissioner of Public Works appear before this Council to discuss what actions have and can be taken to ensure that trash and recycling barrels do not obstruct sidewalks after pick-up.
- Councilor Burnley stated the desire to have a conversation on how to approach this issue with the director whether that be using contractors or city staff.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
- 10.6. Withdrawn  
(ID # [23-0697](#))
- Withdrawn.
- RESULT:** **WITHDRAWN**
- 10.7. Withdrawn  
(ID # [23-1124](#))
- Withdrawn.
- RESULT:** **WITHDRAWN**
- 10.8. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1182](#))
- Emma Garfinkel applying for a Public Event License for Pomi's at the Park on July 15 from 8am to 2pm.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 - 9.20 and 10.8 - 10.12 and approve them tonight.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- 10.9. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1176](#))
- Noah Pestana applying for a Public Event License for OnPoint Improv on July 23 and July 30 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm (raindates July 26 and August 2).
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 - 9.20 and 10.8 - 10.12 and approve them tonight.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- 10.10. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1180](#))
- Rob Moir applying for a Public Event License for Climate Action Table on July 25 from 1:30pm to 5:30pm (raindate July 26).
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 - 9.20 and 10.8 - 10.12 and approve them tonight.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- 10.11. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1179](#))
- Hannah O'Brien applying for a Public Event License for Pan Mass Challenge X SmartBear on August 3 from 2:45pm to 5:15pm (raindate August 8).
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 - 9.20 and 10.8
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- 10.12 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

10.12. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1181](#))

Council on Aging applying for a Public Event License for Mayor Ballantyne's Senior Picnic on August 8 from 8:30am to 2pm (raindate August 9).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 - 9.20 and 10.8 - 10.12 and approve them tonight.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

10.13. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [23-1178](#))

Aaron Kaplowitz submitting comments re: item #23-1162, a resolution regarding the "Idaho Stop".

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

**11. LATE ITEMS**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:30 PM.



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## City Council

### Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 20, 2023

7:00 PM

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#### 1. OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen.

- 1.1. Roll Call                      Call of the Roll.  
(ID # [23-1193](#))

**RESULT:**      **PLACED ON FILE**

**Present:**      City Councilor At Large Willie Burnley Jr.  
City Councilor At Large Charlotte Kelly  
City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo  
City Councilor At Large Jake Wilson  
Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen  
Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan  
Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis  
Ward Seven City Councilor Judy Pineda Neufeld

**Absent:**      Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin  
Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott  
Ward Five City Councilor Beatriz Gomez Mouakad

#### 2. CITATIONS

#### 3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

#### 4. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

#### 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### 6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

#### 7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 7.1. Mayor's Request      Requesting rescission of the authorization to borrow \$2,500,000 in a bond,  
(ID # [23-1188](#))      and to appropriate the same amount for heating, ventilation, and air  
conditioning (HVAC) improvements due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 7.1

through 7.5. President Ewen-Campen sponsored Infrastructure and Asset Management Director Richard Raiche to speak. Director Raiche highlighted that he does not expect for structural investigation of the Winter Hill Community Innovation School to be done for the fall. After review of multiple options, the Edgerly Building was designated as the place to move Winter Hill students in grades 1-8, with other programs moving to the Capuano School. The city received a waiver for emergency procurement to facilitate the quick selection of a contractor through a solicited quote process. Suffolk was the contractor selected to perform the work. The work that will be done to accommodate students at the Edgerly Building by the end of August includes brick replacement, conversion of office spaces to classrooms, updating electrical systems for technology needs, and resurfacing the parking lot to allow for space for a play yard. Director Raiche praised the cross-departmental team and emphasized that they have completed months worth of work in a very short period of time.

Councilor Clingan asked about the status of a kitchen area and Director Raiche stated that there is a separate task force evaluating kitchen/cafeteria needs, but the production kitchen will remain at the Winter Hill Community Innovation School and that space has been deemed structurally safe to continue using it for that purpose. Additional warming ovens are budgeted for the Edgerly Building. Councilor Clingan also asked if Director Raiche and his team were confident the work would be completed by August 30. Director Raiche acknowledged that this is an aggressive timeline but emphasized that he and the entire team are focused on ensuring that the work is as complete as possible by that date.

Councilor Strezo asked Director Raiche about the plans for transportation for students. Director Raiche confirmed that there is a task force that includes Director Brad Rawson of the Mobility Division, studying transportation. Somerville Public Schools (SPS) currently has contracts for bus transportation. Councilor Strezo asked how many students may need support with transportation. Director Raiche stated that it was too early to know. Councilor Strezo also asked what would happen to construction debris that is in the area of the Edgerly Building. Director Raiche stated the debris is from the deconstruction of the 1895 Building and will be brought back up closer to 1895 Building and removed from the current site. Councilor Strezo inquired whether the kitchen renovation in the Edgerly Building is a permanent or a temporary solution. Director Raiche noted that upgrades to the kitchen will be a temporary solution.

Councilor Kelly requested a detailed checklist of work being done with this funding. Director Raiche stated the City and SPS

communication teams will be sending updates and communications. Councilor Kelly asked if there were any costs for moving staff and Director Raiche stated that most of the moving costs are included in the operating budgets for both the city, in particular the Department of Public Works (DPW), and SPS. Director Raiche also stated that there are ongoing discussions with Tufts University regarding the Tufts Administration Building (TAB). Councilor Kelly also asked if there had been any consideration of other city buildings such as the Cummings Building. Director Raiche responded that the family resource center and some Parks and Recreation programming may be located in the Cummings Building, however the TAB is the most suitable.

Councilor Kelly asked if the building engineer is looking to reopen or shut down the Winter Hill Community Innovation School for permanent construction. Director Raiche said that the building engineer needs to evaluate the potential of the building, and it is still too early to determine. Councilor Kelly asked if there is a world where all the work being done in the Edgerly Building will be able to hold a long-term plan to maintain students until the Winter Hill Community Innovation School is rebuilt and re-operating and Director Raiche noted that it is certainly a consideration, but the staff will be utilizing this year to evaluate what works and then make decisions for next year, rather than making a multi-year determination up front. He highlighted that there is no contemplation of a mid-year move.

Councilor Wilson requested insight on how the decisions are being made, given the uncertainty of the Winter Hill Community Innovation School. Director Raiche stated that there have been multiple walk-throughs of the Edgerly space with Information Technology, DPW, Capital Projects, the incoming Assistant Principal, and other SPS staff, including a room-by-room evaluation of the scope of work. Councilor Wilson asked Finance Director Ed Bean about the impact of the funding for this work on long term financial planning. Director Bean stated that he scoured as many resources as possible to avoid affecting the Capital Investment Plan (CIP). Director Bean stated none of the appropriations presented affect the CIP. Director Bean added that the total budget presented for this work is \$5,164,191 with appropriations totaling \$4,819,805 tonight as well as approximately \$324,000 in unused bond funds. Director Bean added that as the situation with the Winter Hill Community Innovation School unfolds, the funding and CIP will be updated as needed.

Councilor Clingan asked for a timeline on the Request for Proposals (RFP) process for a feasibility study. Director Raiche noted that staff have been trying to resolve projections for special needs enrollment which will be a big driver for the RFP, as those projections will define the project size. The city will then look to issue a Request for Quotes

in the fall.

The 5 items were approved together. Following approval of the items, Councilor Clingan moved for reconsideration of all items in the hopes that reconsideration fails. The motion was not approved on a roll call vote of 0 in favor, 8 opposed (Davis, Strezo, Clingan, Wilson, Burnley, Kelly, Pineda Neufeld, Ewen-Campen) and 3 absent (McLaughlin, Scott, Gomez Mouakad).

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

7.2. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1189](#))

Requesting authorization to borrow \$2,500,000 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for capital improvements to the Edgerly Education Center and the Winter Hill Community Innovation School.

See item 23-1188.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

7.3. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1190](#))

Requesting approval to appropriate \$1,361,025 from the COVID-19 Stabilization Fund and transfer the same amount to the Edgerly Building Improvement Project for capital costs related to the renovation of the Edgerly Education Center.

See item 23-1188.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

7.4. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1191](#))

Requesting approval to appropriate \$460,110 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to the Edgerly Building Improvement Project for capital repairs to the Edgerly Education Center.

See item 23-1188.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

7.5. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1192](#))

Requesting approval to appropriate \$498,670 in unused bond proceeds from completed capital projects to the Edgerly Building Improvement Project for capital repairs to the Edgerly Education Center.

See item 23-1188.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

9. NEW BUSINESS



**10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS****11. LATE ITEMS****12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was Adjourned at 7:38 PM on a roll call vote of 8 in favor (Davis, Strezo, Clingan, Wilson, Burnley, Kelly, Pineda Neufeld, Ewen-Campen), 0 opposed, and 3 absent (McLaughlin, Scott, Gomez Mouakad).



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## City Council

### Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 3, 2023

7:00 PM

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#### 1. OPENING CEREMONIES

<b>Present:</b>	City Councilor At Large Willie Burnley Jr. City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo City Councilor At Large Jake Wilson Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan Ward Five City Councilor Beatriz Gomez Mouakad Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis Ward Seven City Councilor Judy Pineda Neufeld
<b>Absent:</b>	City Councilor At Large Charlotte Kelly Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Ward Seven City Councilor Judy Pineda Neufeld.

- 1.1. Roll Call                      Call of the Roll.  
(ID # [23-1200](#))

**RESULT:**    **PLACED ON FILE**

#### 2. CITATIONS

#### 3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

#### 4. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

#### 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### 6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

#### 7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 7.1. Mayor's Request      Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$108,379 to the Capital -  
(ID # [23-1199](#))              Building Lease Account to pay for a License Agreement regarding use of  
space at the Tufts Administration Building (TAB) on Holland Street.  
Finance Director Ed Bean said that the amount is for a license, which is a

shorter-term agreement than a lease. The appropriation will come from the tax levy, as new growth has been greater than expected. Chief of Staff Nikki Spencer explained that an agreement has been worked out with Tufts to house some displaced departments, as the Edgerly Building is being vacated to make space for Winter Hill students. A lease has yet to be finalized. Solicitor Cindy Amara explained the difference between a lease and license and noted that she doesn't anticipate that the substantive details will be different under a lease.

Councilor Strezo spoke about parking and asked if city employees will have to pay for parking. Chief of Staff Spencer said that the city is working on terms to have the city pay the cost. Director Bean said it would be considered a taxable benefit to the employees. Councilor Strezo called attention to the fact that visitors to the Council on Aging are charged \$2.50 per hour. She requested that the cost be absorbed by the city under the lease agreement when it is signed. Councilor Clingan asked if the rental amount was competitive and Director Bean said that it works out to \$32 per square foot, with \$20 of that going to operational expenses. He went on to say that there aren't many properties with that amount of rental space. Councilor Clingan wants to be sure that the property is suitable for the city employees. Councilor Gomez Mouakad noted that signage isn't allowed in the building. She also asked who will be handling the maintenance of the space and Chief of Staff Spencer said that the Department of Public Works will be responsible. Chief of Staff Spencer said that she hopes to have all of the particulars ready for the Council by its meeting on August 24. Councilor McLaughlin noted that the city once owned this building.

The item was approved on a roll call vote of 8 in favor (McLaughlin, Davis, Strezo, Clingan, Wilson, Burnley, Gomez Mouakad, Pineda Neufeld), 0 opposed and 3 absent (Scott, Kelly, Ewen-Campen).

Councilor Clingan moved for reconsideration in the hope that reconsideration fails.

Reconsideration failed on a roll call vote of 0 in favor, 8 opposed (McLaughlin, Davis, Strezo, Clingan, Wilson, Burnley, Gomez Mouakad, Pineda Neufeld) and 3 absent (Scott, Kelly, Ewen-Campen).

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS****11. LATE ITEMS****12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was Adjourned at 7:24 PM on a roll call vote of 8 in favor (McLaughlin, Davis, Strezo, Clingan, Wilson, Burnley, Gomez Mouakad, Pineda Neufeld), 0 opposed and 3 absent (Scott, Kelly, Ewen-Campen).



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## City Council

### Meeting Minutes

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**Thursday, August 24, 2023**

**7:00 PM**

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#### **1. OPENING CEREMONIES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen.

- 1.1. Roll Call                      Call of the Roll.  
(ID # [23-1304](#))

Councilor Gomez-Mouakad arrived at 7:07pm

**RESULT:**     **PLACED ON FILE**

**Present:**     City Councilor At Large Willie Burnley Jr.  
City Councilor At Large Charlotte Kelly  
City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo  
City Councilor At Large Jake Wilson  
Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin  
Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott  
Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen  
Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan  
Ward Five City Councilor Beatriz Gomez Mouakad  
Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis  
Ward Seven City Councilor Judy Pineda Neufeld

- 1.2. Remembrances              Remembrances.  
(ID # [23-1303](#))

**RESULT:**     **APPROVED**

- 1.3. Minutes                      Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, June 22, 2023.  
(ID # [23-1273](#))

**RESULT:**     **APPROVED**

- 1.4. Minutes                      Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting, June 28, 2023.  
(ID # [23-1300](#))

**RESULT:**     **APPROVED**

#### **2. CITATIONS**

### 3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 3.1. Grant of Location (ID # [23-1242](#)) Comcast applying for a Grant of Location to install 515 feet of conduit as follows: Starting from Utility Pole 362/6 at the intersection of Columbia Street and Webster Avenue, 300 feet to Utility Pole 76/5 at the intersection of Columbia Street and Windsor Place, from Utility Pole 76/5, 55 feet to a proposed manhole, and from said manhole, 160 feet to a point of pickup at 495 Columbia Street.
- Coordinate with the management at Royal Hospitality and any open auto businesses on the street.
- Dave Flewelling, representing Comcast, spoke in favor of the item and explained the purpose of the request. There being no further speakers, the Public Hearing was closed. Councilor Scott commented that this impacts one of the city's largest employers. He asked to condition approval upon Comcast's coordination with neighboring businesses to keep roadways open.
- RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS**

### 4. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

- 4.1. Order (ID # [23-1206](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen  
That this City Council hereby reappoints Kimberly M. Wells to the position of City Clerk for a three-year term.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 4.2. Order (ID # [23-1281](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Kelly  
That the Director of Mobility design traffic calming infrastructure for Laurel Street, which sees large volumes of high speed, one-way traffic down a steep hill.
- RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee
- 4.3. Resolution (ID # [23-1280](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson  
In support of the Massachusetts State House Employee Union.
- President Ewen-Campen sponsored Morgan Simko, a State House employee and union organizer, to speak on the item. This resolution acknowledges the right for state house staffers to decide whether or not to join a union. Ms. Simko spoke about the duties performed by staffers and she asked the Council to support passage of this resolution.
- RESULT: APPROVED**

- 4.4. Order  
(ID # [23-1286](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Chief of Police conduct compliance checks on liquor stores.
- Councilor McLaughlin noted that establishments that serve liquor have a responsibility to ensure that people are not over-served.  
**RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee
- 4.5. Order  
(ID # [23-1287](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Health and Human Services coordinate daily inspection and cleanup of all City-owned properties along lower Broadway.
- Councilor McLaughlin spoke about the need for more consistent cleanup efforts.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 4.6. Order  
(ID # [23-1288](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Community Outreach, Help and Recovery (COHR) team work in conjunction with the Homeless Coalition to address homelessness in East Somerville open spaces.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 4.7. Order  
(ID # [23-1289](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Director of Housing and the Director of Health and Human Services update this Council regarding repeated requests to provide shelter to homeless residents.
- Councilor McLaughlin noted that this request has been made for a number of years.  
**RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee
- 4.8. Order  
(ID # [23-1290](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Director of Health and Human Services engage Somerville Cares About Prevention to conduct compliance checks on establishments serving liquor to prevent over-serving of alcohol.
- RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee
- 4.9. Order  
(ID # [23-1292](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Director of Inspectional Services conduct regular inspections of liquor stores in East Somerville to ensure cleanliness outside of the properties, and fine businesses in violation accordingly.

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**RESULT: APPROVED**

4.10. Order  
(ID # [23-1293](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development investigate the possibility of seizing by eminent domain, 118 Broadway, aka the East End Grill, for the purpose of providing homelessness services.

Councilor McLaughlin noted that someone died in this building due to the elements.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

4.11. Order  
(ID # [23-1294](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Burnley Jr.  
That the Director of Health and Human Services update this Council on the progress of Safe Consumption sites.

Councilor McLaughlin is optimistic that this will come to fruition and his desire is to get drugs off the street and out of the parks. He urged consideration of unintended consequences.

**RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION****FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

4.12. Resolution  
(ID # [23-1283](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Administration update this Council on the progress toward providing direct homeless services to East Somerville residents in temporary and permanent locations within Ward 1.

**RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION****FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

4.13. Resolution  
(ID # [23-1284](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Administration update this Council regarding increases in homelessness and the direct responses taken by the city to address those increases.

**RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION****FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

4.14. Resolution  
(ID # [23-1291](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Ewen-Campen  
That the Administration update this Council regarding progress toward Portland Loos.

**RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION****FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee



4.15. Resolution  
(ID # [23-1282](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Scott, Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Davis  
That the Mayor declare a State of Emergency due to rapidly increasing homelessness in the city.

Councilor McLaughlin sponsored Kate Byrne to speak on behalf of Pastor Jordan Harris. Ms. Byrne detailed multiple experiences of some of the city's homeless population and noted that recently, 21 people were sleeping in Chuckie Harris Park. She noted that Somerville is failing to meet its values in this city and said that East Somerville is the most under-served area of the city. On behalf of Pastor Harris, she asked that everyone stand up to correct the problem of homelessness.

Councilor McLaughlin spoke about growing up in Somerville and is astonished that the homeless situation is worse than it has ever been here in Somerville, a city that is now considered to be affluent. His constituents want this matter treated as a real emergency to save lives. He asked for a physical location in East Somerville to be used as a shelter for homeless individuals. He went on to list a series of recent crimes perpetrated in East Somerville in just the last month. Councilor McLaughlin said that day-to-day issues need to be addressed instead of being ignored. Standards need to be upheld in the community, and to that end, individuals need to be given the tools to lift themselves up.

Councilor Davis spoke about increasing aid to our community partners to help address the problem. Councilor Scott commented on the degradation of services over the years in the city and he believes that the city has the capacity to address the problem and provide for our neighbors. Councilor Pineda Neufeld commented on the state and federal aid cuts that the city has seen and she would like the city to commit its available funds to work on the problem. Councilor Wilson commented that homelessness is the result of a policy failure. Councilor Kelly asked Liaison Singh if the administration has considered appropriating funds from the \$300,000 emergency response stabilization fund and Liaison Singh replied that the administration is looking at all options. Councilor Gomez Mouakad spoke about where and how the city could make space for residents, noting that there are several vacant buildings in the city.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

4.16. Communication  
(ID # [23-1285](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin  
Conveying numerous locations suitable for temporary and long-term shelter for the homeless population.

Councilor McLaughlin submitted a list of properties that might be suitable for short and long-term shelter that he would like the administration to consider and he asked the administration to sweep the city to find and secure additional properties, as well.

**RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

- 4.17. Resolution (ID # [23-1295](#)) By Councilor Strezo  
That the Administration designate a small children's section in City Hall between the Council Chamber and the Subcommittee Room for parents and caregivers.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION****FOLLOWUP:** Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS****6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES****7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

- 7.1. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1205](#)) Requesting ordainment of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to repeal Section 10.9 Steep Slopes.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION****FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

- 7.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1230](#)) Requesting approval to allow the Chief of Police to assign police officers at all polling locations for the November 7, 2023 Municipal Election, as required by the VOTES Act.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**NAY:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

**ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

- 7.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1231](#)) Requesting approval of November 1, 2023 through November 3, 2023 as the dates for Early Voting.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

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- 7.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1232](#)) Requesting approval to change the polling location for Ward 4 Precinct 2 and Ward 4 Precinct 2A from the Winter Hill Community Innovation School to the Senior Building at 240 Pearl Street, and the polling location for Ward 4 Precinct 3 from the Winter Hill Community Innovation School to the Brazilian Presbyterian Church at 212 School Street.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 7.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1240](#)) Requesting authorization to borrow \$6,878,900 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for various sewer improvement projects as part of participation in the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) I/I Local Financial Assistance Program, Phases 9-11.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.28, and 10.6 through 10.11, and refer those items to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1239](#)) Requesting authorization to borrow \$4,269,990 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for the recurring FY 2024 Sewer Improvements program.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.28, and 10.6 through 10.11, and refer those items to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1298](#)) Requesting approval to appropriate \$513,421 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to replace seven police vehicles.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.28, and 10.6 through 10.11, and refer those items to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1202](#)) Requesting approval to appropriate \$411,776 from the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Open Space Reserve Fund to the Public Space and Urban Forestry Division for renovation of Henry Hansen Park.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.28, and 10.6 through 10.11, and refer those items to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1204](#)) Requesting approval to appropriate \$150,000 from the Salary & Wage Stabilization Fund to the Police Department - Personnel Services - Other Lump Sum Benefits Account to settle pending litigation.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.28,
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and 10.6 through 10.11, and refer those items to the Committee on Finance.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.10. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1146](#))
- Requesting approval to re-purpose \$100,000 in Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds awarded to the Parks and Urban Forestry Division for the design of Junction Park, to be used for construction.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.28, and 10.6 through 10.11, and refer those items to the Committee on Finance.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.11. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1203](#))
- Requesting approval to appropriate \$98,053 from the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Historic Preservation Reserve Fund to the Somerville Museum for restoration of the collection storage area.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.28, and 10.6 through 10.11, and refer those items to the Committee on Finance.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.12. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1201](#))
- Requesting approval to appropriate \$97,000 from the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Open Space Reserve Fund to the Public Space and Urban Forestry Division for renovation of the Brown Schoolyard.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.28, and 10.6 through 10.11, and refer those items to the Committee on Finance.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.13. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1229](#))
- Requesting approval of a transfer of \$57,716.11 from the Veterans Department's Ordinary Maintenance - Veterans Benefits account to the Personal Services - Salaries account to fund the Veterans Project Manager position through the end of FY 2024.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.28, and 10.6 through 10.11, and refer those items to the Committee on Finance.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.14. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1260](#))
- Requesting approval of a transfer of \$2,105.53 from the Salary Contingency Account to the Medicare Account for Medicare tax reimbursement.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.28, and 10.6 through 10.11, and refer those items to the Committee on Finance.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.15. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1234](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$250,000 grant with no new match required, from MA Department of Housing and Community Development to the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development Mobility Division for the study/design of sound walls for interstate-93 near the Mystic housing developments.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.28, and 10.6 through 10.11, and refer those items to the Committee on Finance.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.16. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1207](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$100,000 grant with no new match required, from MA Department of Housing and Community Development to the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development Administration Division for the study of energy efficiency opportunities in affordable housing for low and moderate income households.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.28, and 10.6 through 10.11, and refer those items to the Committee on Finance.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.17. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1208](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$100,000 grant with no new match required, from MA Department of Housing and Community Development to the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development Administration Division for focus groups and a feasibility study related to the development of a rental registry and energy retrofitting housing.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.28, and 10.6 through 10.11, and refer those items to the Committee on Finance.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.18. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1261](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$95,000 grant with no new match required, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to the Office of Sustainability and Environment for the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program 2.0 Planning Grant.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.28, and 10.6 through 10.11, and refer those items to the Committee on Finance.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.19. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1263](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$75,000 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department to support the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) sustainability and upgrades.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.28, and 10.6 through 10.11, and refer those items to the Committee on Finance.  
**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.20. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1050](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$48,612.38 grant that requires a match, from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to the Fire Department for the purchase of high visibility jackets.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.28, and 10.6 through 10.11, and refer those items to the Committee on Finance.  
**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.21. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1262](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$13,616.79 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for the purchase of ten motorcycle operator headsets that include microphones.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.28, and 10.6 through 10.11, and refer those items to the Committee on Finance.  
**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.22. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1255](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$4,980 grant with no new match required, from Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) to the Fire Department for the purchase of emergency response equipment.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.28, and 10.6 through 10.11, and refer those items to the Committee on Finance.  
**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.23. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1252](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$3,830 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General to the Health and Human Services Department for the FY 2024 Healthy Summer Youth Jobs program.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.28, and 10.6 through 10.11, and refer those items to the Committee on Finance.  
**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.24. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1238](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$16,929.60 using available funds in the Engineering Repairs & Maintenance - Highways Account for Police details.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.28, and 10.6 through 10.11, and refer those items to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.25. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1196](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$13,833.64 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Admin Professional and Technical account for FY 2022 Roca services.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.28, and 10.6 through 10.11, and refer those items to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.26. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1160](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$3,867.08 using available funds in the Health and Human Services Professional & Technical Services Account for revenue management consulting services.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.28, and 10.6 through 10.11, and refer those items to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.27. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1197](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$440 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Repair & Maintenance Vehicles Account for vehicle inspections.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.28, and 10.6 through 10.11, and refer those items to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.28. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1241](#)) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$31.40 using available funds in the Law Department's Ordinary Maintenance Recordings Account for public access to court electronic recordings.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.28, and 10.6 through 10.11, and refer those items to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee



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- 7.29. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1299](#)) Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Christopher J. Ward to the position of Deputy Police Chief.
- President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the reading of items 7.29 through 7.35 and refer those items to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee
- 7.30. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1256](#)) Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Jeffrey DiGregorio to the position of Police Captain.
- President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the reading of items 7.29 through 7.35 and refer those items to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee
- 7.31. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1257](#)) Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Salvatore Fusco to the position of Police Lieutenant.
- President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the reading of items 7.29 through 7.35 and refer those items to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee
- 7.32. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1258](#)) Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Samir Messaoudi to the position of Police Sergeant.
- President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the reading of items 7.29 through 7.35 and refer those items to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee
- 7.33. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1259](#)) Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Steven Scrugli to the position of Police Sergeant.
- President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the reading of items 7.29 through 7.35 and refer those items to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
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**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

- 7.34. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1237](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Cassie Walston to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the reading of items 7.29 through 7.35 and refer those items to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

- 7.35. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1235](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Dennis Lemard to the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the reading of items 7.29 through 7.35 and refer those items to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

## 8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1. License (ID # [23-1209](#)) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Environic Solutions Inc.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 9.2. License (ID # [23-1210](#)) New Garage License, Ravelo's Auto Service, 61 Washington St, 3 vehicles inside, 4 vehicles outside for mechanical repairs and autobody work, Mon-Fri: 8am-6pm, Sat: 8am-2pm, Sun: closed.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

- 9.3. License (ID # [23-1226](#)) New Second Hand Dealer License, Luce Boutique, 56 Union Square, buying and selling women's accessories and clothing.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.3 through 9.41 and asked that they be approved this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 9.4. License  
(ID # [23-1227](#))
- Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Charlie's Family LLC, Med. #80.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.3 through 9.41 and asked that they be approved this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.5. License  
(ID # [23-1228](#))
- Renewing Taxi Medallion License, SSR Cab Inc, Med. #81.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.3 through 9.41 and asked that they be approved this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.6. License  
(ID # [23-1276](#))
- Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 136 Curtis St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.3 through 9.41 and asked that they be approved this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.7. License  
(ID # [23-1270](#))
- Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 176 Curtis St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.3 through 9.41 and asked that they be approved this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.8. License  
(ID # [23-1267](#))
- Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 12 Dearborn Rd.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.3 through 9.41 and asked that they be approved this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.9. License  
(ID # [23-1269](#))
- Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 29 Latin Way.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.3 through 9.41 and asked that they be approved this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.10. License  
(ID # [23-1278](#))
- Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 43 Latin Way.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.3 through 9.41 and asked that they be approved this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.11. License  
(ID # [23-1236](#))
- Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 98 Packard Ave.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.3 through 9.41 and asked that they be approved this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.12. License  
(ID # [23-1271](#))
- Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 8 Professors Row.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.3 through 9.41 and asked that they be approved this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.13. License  
(ID # [23-1296](#))
- Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 14 Professors Row.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.3 through 9.41 and asked that they be approved this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.14. License  
(ID # [23-1275](#))
- Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 28 Professors Row.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.3 through 9.41 and asked that they be approved this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.15. License  
(ID # [23-1279](#))
- Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 92 Professors Row.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.3 through 9.41 and asked that they be approved this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.16. License  
(ID # [23-1243](#))
- Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 98 Professors Row.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.3 through 9.41 and asked that they be approved this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.17. License  
(ID # [23-1268](#))
- Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 13 Sawyer Ave.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.3 through 9.41 and asked that they be approved this evening.

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**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.18. License  
(ID # [23-1272](#))

Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 37 Sawyer Ave.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.3 through 9.41 and asked that they be approved this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.19. License  
(ID # [23-1274](#))

Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 45 Sawyer Ave.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.3 through 9.41 and asked that they be approved this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.20. License  
(ID # [23-1277](#))

Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 21 Whitfield Rd.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.3 through 9.41 and asked that they be approved this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.21. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1301](#))

Elizabeth Devane applying for a Public Event License for Community Corporation Annual Summer BBQ on August 26 from 9am to 2pm (raindate August 27).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.3 through 9.41 and asked that they be approved this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.22. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1211](#))

Emma Garfinkel applying for a Public Event License for Pomi's Park Playdate on August 26 from 9:30am to 12:30pm.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.3 through 9.41 and asked that they be approved this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.23. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1212](#))

Julia Tenney applying for a Public Event License for Boston Area Puzzle Hunt on August 27 and September 10 from 10am to 7pm.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.3 through 9.41 and asked that they be approved this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.24. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1302](#))

Saladin Islam applying for a Public Event License for Groundwork Harvest Festival on August 27 from 10am to 8pm.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.3 through 9.41 and asked that they be approved this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.25. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1245](#))

Rocco Dirico applying for a Public Event License for Tufts Discover Davis Square on September 3 from 10:30am to 6pm.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.3 through 9.41 and asked that they be approved this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.26. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1213](#))

Veteran's Department applying for a Public Event License for Veteran's Health and Wellness Day on September 9 from 10am to 4pm.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.3 through 9.41 and asked that they be approved this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.27. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1214](#))

Helen Corrigan applying for a Public Event License for Irving St Block Party on September 9 from 11:30am to 8pm (raindate September 10).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.3 through 9.41 and asked that they be approved this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.28. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1215](#))

Rob Maher applying for a Public Event License for Spring Hill Block Party on September 9 from 12pm to 11pm (raindate September 16).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.3 through 9.41 and asked that they be approved this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.29. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1216](#))

Kevin Fitzpatrick applying for a Public Event License for Greene St Block Party on September 9 from 1pm to 10pm (raindate September 23).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.3 through 9.41 and asked that they be approved this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.30. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1247](#))

Lorna McKenzie-Pollock applying for a Public Event License for Prospect Hill Block Party on September 9 from 3pm to 8pm (raindate September 10).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.3 through 9.41 and asked that they be approved this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

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- 9.31. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1217](#)) Alex Feldman applying for a Public Event License for Rogers Ave Block Party on September 16 from 3pm to 8pm (raindate September 17).  
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.3 through 9.41 and asked that they be approved this evening.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.32. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1248](#)) Beth Kevles applying for a Public Event License for Hancock Neighborhood Block Party on September 17 from 12pm to 8pm (raindate September 24).  
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.3 through 9.41 and asked that they be approved this evening.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.33. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1218](#)) Lindsay Allen applying for a Public Event License for East Somerville Main Streets Foodie Crawl on September 19 from 2pm to 10:30pm (raindate September 20).  
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.3 through 9.41 and asked that they be approved this evening.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.34. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1219](#)) Parks and Recreation Department applying for a Public Event License for Fall Festival on September 23 from 10am to 5pm.  
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.3 through 9.41 and asked that they be approved this evening.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.35. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1220](#)) Anton Tutter applying for a Public Event License for Outside on Oxford Block Party on September 23 from 12pm to 9pm (raindate September 24).  
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.3 through 9.41 and asked that they be approved this evening.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.36. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1221](#)) Aaron Bickel applying for a Public Event License for Cycle 4 CMT Boston on September 24 from 7:30am to 9:30am.  
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.3 through 9.41 and asked that they be approved this evening.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.37. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1222](#)) Nelson Salazar applying for a Public Event License for Virginia St Block Party on September 24 from 2:30pm to 8pm (raindate October 1).  
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.3 through 9.41 and asked that they be approved this evening.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
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- 9.38. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1223](#)) James Adams applying for a Public Event License for Hudson St Block Party on October 7 from 1pm to 7pm (raindate October 14).  
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.3 through 9.41 and asked that they be approved this evening.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.39. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1249](#)) Joe Wright applying for a Public Event License for School St Block Party on October 14 from 11am to 6pm (raindate October 21).  
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.3 through 9.41 and asked that they be approved this evening.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.40. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1224](#)) Meredith Jones applying for a Public Event License for Trull St Block Party on October 14 from 12pm to 9pm (raindate October 15).  
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.3 through 9.41 and asked that they be approved this evening.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.41. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1225](#)) Arts Council applying for a Public Event License for SomerStreets: Monster Mash on October 22 from 12pm to 8pm (raindate October 29).  
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.3 through 9.41 and asked that they be approved this evening.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.42. Public Communication  
(ID # [23-1194](#)) Carol Rego submitting comments re: rent stabilization.  
**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**
- 9.43. Public Communication  
(ID # [23-1195](#)) Katherine Kaufmann submitting comments re: Armory building.  
**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**
- 9.44. Public Communication  
(ID # [23-1233](#)) Chris Dwan submitting comments re: city lawsuit against Newport Construction for improper removal of trees on Beacon Street.  
**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

- 9.45. Public Communication (ID # [23-1250](#)) 18 residents submitting comments re: item #23-1162, a resolution regarding the "Idaho Stop".

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

## 10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 10.1. Order (ID # [23-1297](#)) By Councilor Wilson  
That the Director of Mobility work with relevant departments and divisions to install wayfinding signage on the Community Path, including freeway exit-style signage on the Community Path Extension, given that segment's limited access.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

- 10.2. Order (ID # [23-1312](#)) By Councilor Wilson, Councilor Davis and Councilor Ewen-Campen  
That the Director of Mobility update this Council on plans to expand bicycle parking in the city, with a focus on Davis Square and Union Square including potentially using intersection daylighting spaces for bike racks.

That the Director of Mobility update this Council on plans to expand bicycle parking in the city, with a focus on Davis Square, Union Square, and Ball Square including potentially using intersection daylighting spaces for bike racks.

Councilor Davis spoke about safety measures sometimes making it more difficult for businesses to operate and he thinks this might be an easy fix for cyclists. Councilor Gomez Mouakad asked that Ball Square be included in the Order. The order was amended to add Ball Square.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AS AMENDED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

- 10.3. Order (ID # [23-1308](#)) By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Strezo  
That the Director of the Arts Council and the Director of Economic Development take the steps outlined within, relative to the Armory building.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

- 10.4. Order (ID # [23-1309](#)) By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Strezo  
That the Director of Economic Development take the steps described within, relative to the Armory building.



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**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

- 10.5. Resolution  
(ID # [23-1310](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Strezo  
That the Administration report to this Council on the usage of the Armory building by existing tenants, city tenants, and what have been the vacancies.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

- 10.6. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1244](#))
- Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$61,710 grant that requires a match, from Metro North Regional Employment Board to the Health and Human Services Department for YouthWorks Summer Program.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.28, and 10.6 through 10.11, and refer those items to the Committee on Finance.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 10.7. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1264](#))
- Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$6,285 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Buildings Elevator Repair & Maint Account for repairs to the High School elevators.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.28, and 10.6 through 10.11, and refer those items to the Committee on Finance.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 10.8. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1265](#))
- Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$4,509.75 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Buildings Interior Maint Account for asbestos testing.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.28, and 10.6 through 10.11, and refer those items to the Committee on Finance.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 10.9. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1246](#))
- Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$3,867.08 using available funds in the Health and Human Services Professional and Technical Services Account for Public Consulting Group for Medicaid billing services.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.28, and 10.6 through 10.11, and refer those items to the Committee on Finance.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 10.10. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1251](#))
- Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$2,684 using available funds in the Health and Human Services Professional and Technical Services Account for The Throne Depot for portable restrooms.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.28, and 10.6 through 10.11, and refer those items to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 10.11. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1266](#))
- Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$980 using available funds in the Buildings Fire Alarm Repair & Maint Account for Fire Alarm testing and services.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.28, and 10.6 through 10.11, and refer those items to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 10.12. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1307](#))
- Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jennifer Tsolas to the Condominium Review Board.
- President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the reading of item 10.12 and refer the item to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee
- 10.13. Mayor's  
Communication  
(ID # [23-1313](#))
- Conveying an update on the Winter Hill Community Innovation School.
- Mayor Ballantyne gave an update and said that the first day of school is August 30 and that the school buildings will be ready for students. Approximately 430 students and staff are being relocated because of the issues at the Winter Hill Community Innovation School (WHCIS). Work at the Edgerly School is still underway and on schedule to welcome students back. At the Edgerly, classroom space has been created, including music and art rooms, as well as outside recess areas. Staff began moving in yesterday (August 23). Tours of the facility are being planned for the families whose children will attend school there. There will be an orientation for students being relocated to the Capuano School. Mayor Ballantyne stated that the administration's commitment to the WHCIS community continues and that progress continues to be made on needs assessments. Engineers and architects have completed a broader study of the school and a report should be ready in September. Additional phases of the project will come in the fall. The Mayor thanked the Council for

approving the necessary funding for this project. Updates are available at <https://www.somervillema.gov/WHCIS>. Councilor Strezo asked about transportation of students and School Superintendent Dr. Rubén Carmona explained that service will be provided for students with special needs or homeless challenges. The criteria is in place for transportation of students and those will be transmitted to the families. Approximately 110 students will be provided with transportation. Councilor Clingan asked Superintendent Carmona to reach out to the Mystic Learning Center to discuss and coordinate transportation. Councilor Kelly asked what was being done to ensure that everything is done by this fall and Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management Richard Raiche replied that all targets have been hit to date, adding that the same process applies to the Brown School. Councilor Clingan asked about asbestos in the WHCIS and when the school would be back online. He also inquired about food services. Director Raiche said that the finish line is in sight, but there is no definitive date. Assistant Superintendent of Operations Chad Mazza stated that the East Somerville and Argenziano Schools are being considered for food services. The plan is to renovate the entire kitchen at the Edgerly to service the school for hot meals. The School Department is partnering with a company in Malden to provide hot food until the kitchen renovation is complete. Councilor Strezo asked about the plan for the teen center and Chief of Staff Nikki Spencer said that hours and programs in other locations are being ramped up and that some services will be available at the Edgerly in the evenings.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

10.14. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1315](#))

Council on Aging applying for a Public Event License for Mayor Ballantyne's Senior Picnic on September 14 from 8:30am to 2pm (raindate September 15).

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

10.15. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [23-1305](#))

John Fragione and Agostino Feola, Trustees of Frala Realty Trust, requesting the adoption of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Map to change the zoning district of 295-297 Medford Street and 93 Walnut Street from Mid-Rise 3 (MR3) to Mid-Rise 5 (MR5).

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

10.16. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [23-1306](#))

Mai Lau, 635 Somerville Avenue LLC, requesting the adoption of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Map to change the zoning district of 627 Somerville Avenue from Neighborhood Residence (NR) to Mid-Rise 3 (MR3).

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

- 10.17. Public Communication  
(ID # [23-1311](#))
- Jeffrey Maciak submitting comments re: cleaning up Somerville.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

**11. LATE ITEMS**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:13 PM.



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## City Council

### Meeting Minutes

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**Thursday, August 31, 2023**

**7:00 PM**

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#### **1. OPENING CEREMONIES**

<b>Present:</b>	City Councilor At Large Willie Burnley Jr. City Councilor At Large Charlotte Kelly City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo City Councilor At Large Jake Wilson Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan Ward Five City Councilor Beatriz Gomez Mouakad Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis Ward Seven City Councilor Judy Pineda Neufeld
<b>Absent:</b>	Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen. Councilor Clingan noted that today is Overdose Awareness Day and asked that the Council remember the tens of thousands of people who have died from drug overdoses.

- 1.1. Roll Call                      Call of the Roll.  
(ID # [23-1318](#))

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b><u>PLACED ON FILE</u></b>
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#### **2. CITATIONS**

#### **3. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

#### **4. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

#### **5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

#### **7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

- 7.1. Mayor's Request      Requesting approval of a 1.5-year lease for the Tufts Administration  
(ID # [23-1319](#))              Building (TAB), from September 1, 2023 through February 28, 2025.

Chief of Staff Nikki Spencer thanked the Council for its assistance in relocating the students and staff affected by the situation at the Winter Hill Innovation School and said that most of School Department staff has already moved into the Tufts Administration Building (TAB).

Councilor Burnley inquired about taxes on the building and asked if the city would pay them. Budget Director Mike Mastrobuoni explained that there are no taxes on the building as Tufts is tax exempt. He went on to say the this would not affect any PILOT agreements the city has with Tufts. Councilor Burnley asked why it was included in the lease agreement and City Solicitor Cindy Amara said the lease was started from a template and the focus was on important details of the agreement. She stated that it doesn't have a substantive effect on the city. Councilor Burnley asked Solicitor Amara about Tufts PILOT agreement(s) and she said that the language was included to clarify that Tufts would not use this towards any PILOT. Councilor Wilson asked why the lease is for 1.5 years and Chief of Staff Spencer said the city requested that time frame to be able to consider any future use of the facility by the city.

Councilor Strezo asked for information regarding parking and Chief of Staff Spencer said that the details are still being worked out. There are 79 paid spaces available as well as an additional 25 spaces for the Council on Aging and SCALE. These spaces are reserved for the city and School Department under the terms of the lease. Some employees will be allowed to park on neighborhood streets and city employees and School Department personnel will have free access to blue bikes.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld spoke about the bus shelter that was removed, saying she spoke to the Mobility Department about having it replaced and she asked that the administration work to bring this to fruition

Director Mastrobuoni explained that the lease is expected to be funded from the general fund through tax revenue, since there is more new growth than previously anticipated. Councilor Gomez Mouakad suggested that a better picture of the city's finances should be made available when financial requests, such as this, are made.

Councilor Strezo asked about the 'right of first offer' in the lease and Chief of Staff Spencer said this wasn't included in the license, but it is in the lease. City Solicitor Amara explained it's there for the benefit of the city. Councilor Wilson asked if the city would be responsible for utility costs, i.e., water and sewer during its tenancy and Chief of Staff Spencer stated that Tufts included those costs as part of the rent. Director Mastrobuoni spoke about comparable rents saying there's not a lot of available buildings this big and in terms of pricing, the only other experience was a few years back when moving ISD was being considered, and at that time, the rent estimates were close to \$1 million per year.

Councilor Clingan asked if the DPW will still be doing maintenance under this lease and Chief of Staff Spencer explained that it's the city's responsibility to provide custodial and basic maintenance services for the building and these services will be contracted for with a vendor. Councilor Pineda Neufeld asked about the plan for election days, since this is a polling

location and Chief of Staff Spencer will get an answer and report back. In closing, she commented that the Tufts team was extremely accommodating to the city's needs.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

7.2. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1320](#))

Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$1,053,387 to the Capital - Building Lease Account to pay for a Lease Agreement regarding use of space at the Tufts Administration Building (TAB) on Holland Street.

See item #23-1319.

Councilor Ewen-Campen moved for reconsideration of items 7.1 and 7.2 (23-1319 and 23-1320) in the hopes that reconsideration fails.

Reconsideration failed on a roll call vote of 0 in favor, 10 opposed (McLaughlin, Davis, Strezo, Clingan, Wilson, Burnley, Gomez Mouakad, Kelly, Pineda Neufeld, Ewen-Campen), 1 absent (Scott).

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

8. **COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

10. **SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

11. **LATE ITEMS**

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was Adjourned at 7:45 PM on roll call vote of 10 in favor (McLaughlin, Davis, Strezo, Clingan, Wilson, Burnley, Gomez Mouakad, Kelly, Pineda Neufeld, Ewen-Campen), 0 opposed, 1 absent (Scott).





# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## City Council

### Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 14, 2023

7:00 PM

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#### 1. OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen. The Council entered Executive Session at 8:28 PM and returned at 9:10 PM.

- 1.1. Roll Call                      Call of the Roll.  
(ID # [23-1386](#))

Councilor Gomez Mouakad arrived at 7:07 p.m.

**RESULT:**      **PLACED ON FILE**

**Present:**      City Councilor At Large Willie Burnley Jr.  
City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo  
City Councilor At Large Jake Wilson  
Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin  
Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott  
Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen  
Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan  
Ward Five City Councilor Beatriz Gomez Mouakad  
Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis  
Ward Seven City Councilor Judy Pineda Neufeld  
**Absent:**      City Councilor At Large Charlotte Kelly

- 1.2. Remembrances              Remembrances.  
(ID # [23-1387](#))

Councilors McLaughlin and Clingan requested a moment of silence in memory of Adeline Angiulo.  
Councilor Strezo and the entire Council requested a moment of silence in memory of Emanuel Carlo.  
President Ewen-Campen requested a moment of silence in memory of Howard Horton.

**RESULT:**      **APPROVED**

- 1.3. Minutes                      Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, July 13, 2023.  
(ID # [23-1388](#))

**RESULT:**      **APPROVED**

- 1.4. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting, July 20, 2023.  
(ID # [23-1389](#))

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 1.5. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting, August 3, 2023.  
(ID # [23-1390](#))

**RESULT: APPROVED**

## 2. CITATIONS

- 2.1. Citation By Councilor Ewen-Campen  
(ID # [23-1333](#)) Commending John Wilson on the conclusion of his mind-boggling HBO series, "How To with John Wilson".

President Ewen-Campen recognized former resident John Wilson for his achievement and urged people to watch his series, which ran for 3 seasons.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 2.2. Citation By Councilor Ewen-Campen  
(ID # [23-1350](#)) Commending Edra Mercer on the auspicious occasion of her 100th birthday.

President Ewen-Campen recognized Edra Mercer, a Somerville resident since 1955, who was active in the community.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

## 3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 3.1. Grant of Location Cambridge Network Solutions applying for a Grant of Location to install 63  
(ID # [23-1335](#)) feet of conduit in Medford Street, from existing Verizon Manhole 26/515 to a point of pickup at 35 Medford Street.

Jeffrey Harrington, representing Cambridge Network Solutions, spoke in favor of the item and explained the purpose of the request. There being no further speakers, the Public Hearing was closed.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 3.2. Grant of Location Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 198 feet of conduit in  
(ID # [23-1336](#)) Broadway, from Manhole 1922 located at the intersection of Broadway and Fenwick Street to a point of pickup at 366 Broadway.

Jacqueline Duffy, representing Eversource, spoke in favor of the item and explained the purpose of the request. There being no further speakers, the Public Hearing was closed. Councilor Strezo asked Ms. Duffy to follow up on her requests to repair broken light fixtures in the city.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 3.3. Grant of Location (ID # [23-1337](#)) Verizon applying for a Grant of Location to install 429 feet of conduit along Somerville Avenue and Poplar Street, from Manhole 44/252 in Somerville Avenue to Manhole 44/20 located at the intersection of Poplar Street and Linwood Street.

**CONDITION: None of the existing pedestrian infrastructure, including planters, shall be removed from Poplar Street as part of this work.**

Steve Klaubert, representing Verizon, spoke in favor of the item and explained the purpose of the request. There being no further speakers, the Public Hearing was closed. Councilor Scott expressed concern about the lack of a reasonable exit in that area and asked that the item be conditioned so that none of the planters, etc., used for pedestrian exit, be removed.

**RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS**

- 3.4. Grant of Location (ID # [23-1338](#)) Verizon applying for a Grant of Location to install 209 feet of conduit in Somerville Avenue, from Manhole 44/42 to existing Extenet handhole located near 345 Somerville Avenue.

**CONDITION: Brick sidewalk must be restored.**

Steve Klaubert, representing Verizon, spoke in favor of the item and explained the purpose of the request. There being no further speakers, the Public Hearing was closed. Councilor Scott requested that the item be conditioned so that the brick sidewalk be restored to pristine condition.

**RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS**

#### **4. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

- 4.1. Order (ID # [23-1355](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson

That the Director of Engineering re-pave Highland Avenue from Central Street to Walnut Street this year instead of waiting until 2024.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld assumed Chair.

Councilor Ewen-Campen stated his case for repaving the roadway now, saying that it is unviable. Councilor Davis made a motion that the Administration report to this Council on the ability to require further repairs on Highland Ave, and if none, an explanation on whether that complies with road engineering regulations. He asked that a copy of the order be sent to the Law Department.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad has questions concerning roadway patching and she would like the item referred to Public Utilities and Public Works.

Councilor Clingan commented that this is a safety issue for students at the high school, as well.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

4.2. Order  
(ID # [23-1356](#))

By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Wilson and Councilor Gomez Mouakad

That the Director of Mobility and Director of Engineering install a quick-build two-way protected bicycle facility on School Street, between Highland Avenue and the Community Path.

Councilor Ewen-Campen commented about people travelling the wrong way to get to the bike path and he would like to get started on this as soon as possible. Councilor McLaughlin spoke about the Neighborways Program and its usefulness in traversing the city.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

4.3. Resolution  
(ID # [23-1357](#))

By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Scott, Councilor Davis and Councilor Clingan

That the Mayor hire a minimum of four Department of Public Works Grounds Division staff to increase maintenance of public spaces and new native planting projects, in advance of the Pollinator Action Plan.

Councilor Ewen-Campen spoke about the plantings undertaken by the city and he believes that additional labor is necessary in order to maintain them. Councilor Scott said this is a request to add capacity in the Department of Public Works and return the work in-house as opposed to outsourcing it.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

4.4. Order  
(ID # [23-1358](#))

By Councilor Clingan and Councilor Ewen-Campen

That the Director of Economic Development appear before this Council to discuss the current status of the implementation of the Gilman Square Neighborhood Plan.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

4.5. Order  
(ID # [23-1359](#))

By Councilor Clingan and Councilor Ewen-Campen

That the Director of Capital Projects provide this Council with a printed timeline for the reconstruction of a new Winter Hill Community School.

Councilor Clingan noted that parents are having anxiety about what's going to happen at the school and the lack of information that has been provided. He would like to have some sort of guide or timeline for the project. Councilor Wilson commented that communication about the process has been an issue.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

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**FOLLOWUP:** School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee

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4.6. Order  
(ID # [23-1361](#))

By Councilor Clingan

That the Director of Engineering place speed humps on School Street, between Broadway and Medford Street.

Councilor Clingan asked that this be put on the list of speed hump work.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

4.7. Order  
(ID # [23-1362](#))

By Councilor Clingan

That the Director of Mobility place in-street spring-loaded pedestrian crosswalk signs on Medford Street at Sycamore, Thurston, and Dartmouth Streets.

Councilor Clingan noted that this is the second request and said that he will also bring the matter to the attention of 311.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

4.8. Resolution  
(ID # [23-1360](#))

By Councilor Clingan

That the Administration declare the second week of October as de-"RAT"ification week on an annual basis, with a robust public education campaign that includes events and announcements and the full use of the city's communication apparatus.

Councilor Clingan commented that the Administration did not embrace his earlier request for a September campaign, so he is trying again. He noted that the rat problem is continuing and will continue to grow unless the public is educated in ways to combat them.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

4.9. Order  
(ID # [23-1363](#))

By Councilor Strezo

That the Commissioner of Public Works raise the low-hanging wires in front of 50 Chandler Street so that they do not get snagged on cars.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

4.10. Order  
(ID # [23-1364](#))

By Councilor Strezo

That the Director of Planning, Preservation and Zoning discuss the potential for density bonus incentives, such as \$150,000 for homeowners to build affordable housing for rent, or homeownership.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

- 4.11. Order  
(ID # [23-1366](#))
- By Councilor Strezo  
That the Director of Sustainability and Environment discuss the plan for outreach for the online Climate Survey and how residents without computers are brought into the conversation.
- Councilor Strezo commented that an entire group of people is being excluded due to their lack of online resources.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee
- 4.12. Order  
(ID # [23-1385](#))
- By Councilor Strezo and Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Commissioner of Public Works take the appropriate measures to repair the broken light fixtures at New Hampshire and Pennsylvania Avenues and file a complaint for Eversource to address the situation.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- 4.13. Resolution  
(ID # [23-1365](#))
- By Councilor Strezo  
That the Administration discuss the progress of the parking plan within the lease of the Tufts Administration Building (TAB).
- Councilor Strezo pointed out that the parking rate there is \$2.50 per hour and that access to handicap parking is only available after entering the lot by paying the fee, causing some visitors to park on neighborhood streets.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee
- 4.14. Order  
(ID # [23-1367](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Commissioner of Public Works ensure that the new Police sub-station in East Somerville is easily accessible to the public and includes public restrooms.
- Councilor McLaughlin said that the current station is very inaccessible to the public and he's requesting that the new station be accessible and include public restrooms.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee
- 4.15. Order  
(ID # [23-1368](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Commissioner of Public Works address the overgrowth and trash on the corner of Lincoln Avenue and Mt. Vernon Street.
- RESULT:** APPROVED

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- 4.16. Order  
(ID # [23-1369](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Commissioner of Public Works address the graffiti on the sidewalk in front of 75 Washington Street.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- 4.17. Order  
(ID # [23-1370](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Davis  
That the Director of Health and Human Services create a homeless worker program, similar to the Roca program, that offers compensated community cleanup and other community service jobs to the un-housed.
- Councilor McLaughlin said the city used this program before and he would like to address two problems at the same time and he hopes that this order generates some action by the Administration.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee
- 4.18. Order  
(ID # [23-1371](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Commissioner of Public Works ensure that the port-a-potties in East Somerville are consistently cleaned.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- 4.19. Order  
(ID # [23-1372](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Wilson  
That the Director of Health and Human Services update this Council on homelessness outreach efforts, including the hiring of four clinicians, case managers and home visitations.
- Councilor McLaughlin noted that the city has many resources available, but they're not connecting to on the ground situations.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee
- 4.20. Order  
(ID # [23-1373](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Ewen-Campen  
That the Director of Inspectional Services update this Council on enforcement of the Dark Skies ordinance that restricts light pollution and reduces energy consumption.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee
- 4.21. Order  
(ID # [23-1375](#))
- By Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Ewen-Campen  
That the Director of Engineering consider installing water fountains along the Community Path Extension.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee
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4.22. Order  
(ID # [23-1376](#))

By Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Wilson  
That the Director of Engineering consider adding speed humps and other traffic calming measures to Victoria Street to mitigate the impact of cut-through traffic on this residential neighborhood.

Discussed with item 4.23 (ID # 23-1377)

Councilor Pineda Neufeld spoke about construction in the area leading to Victoria Street having increased traffic. She has spoken to the Mobility and Traffic Department about this and would like to discuss the matter in committee.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

4.23. Order  
(ID # [23-1377](#))

By Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Wilson  
That the Director of Mobility add additional signage on Victoria Street to reduce speeds.

See item 4.22 (ID #23-1377).

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

4.24. Resolution  
(ID # [23-1374](#))

By Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Burnley Jr.  
That the Administration update this Council on the recipients of the \$10 million American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds allocation for the nonprofit funding round.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld asked for an update and Councilor Burnley commented that he has been informed that some ARPA funds could be used to reduce medical debt.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**6.A. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE**

**6.A.1. Committee Report** Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on September 6, 2023.  
(ID # [23-1321](#))

Councilor Pineda Neufeld reported that eight appointments were recommended for approval, as follows: one to the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, one to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, one to the Condominium Review Board and eight promotions within the Police Department.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**



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| 6.A.2. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-1235</a> )  | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Dennis Lemard to the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.<br><b>RESULT:     <u>APPROVED</u></b>   |
| 6.A.3. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-1237</a> )  | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Cassie Walston to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.<br><b>RESULT:     <u>APPROVED</u></b>   |
| 6.A.4. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-1256</a> )  | Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Jeffrey DiGregorio to the position of Police Captain.<br><b>RESULT:     <u>APPROVED</u></b>  |
| 6.A.5. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-1257</a> )  | Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Salvatore Fusco to the position of Police Lieutenant.<br><b>RESULT:     <u>APPROVED</u></b>  |
| 6.A.6. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-1258</a> )  | Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Samir Messaoudi to the position of Police Sergeant.<br><b>RESULT:     <u>APPROVED</u></b>  |
| 6.A.7. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-1259</a> )  | Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Steven Scrugli to the position of Police Sergeant.<br><b>RESULT:     <u>APPROVED</u></b>   |
| 6.A.8. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-1299</a> )  | Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Christopher J. Ward to the position of Deputy Police Chief.<br><b>RESULT:     <u>APPROVED</u></b>  |
| 6.A.9. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-1307</a> )  | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jennifer Tsolas to the Condominium Review Board.<br><b>RESULT:     <u>APPROVED</u></b>   |
| 6.B. <u>FINANCE COMMITTEE</u>                              |  |
| 6.B.1. Committee Report<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-1379</a> ) | Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on September 12, 2023.<br><br>Councilor Wilson reported that the Committee recommended for approval, several items, including a sidewalk easement/maintenance agreement, acceptance and expenditures of grant funds, re-purposing and appropriation of Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds, payment of prior year |
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invoices, departmental fund transfers and borrowing funds in a bond and appropriating same.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

6.B.2. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0779](#))

Requesting approval of a Sidewalk Easement and Maintenance Agreement at 100 Chestnut Street.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

6.B.3. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1050](#))

Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$48,612.38 grant that requires a match, from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to the Fire Department for the purchase of high visibility jackets.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

6.B.4. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1146](#))

Requesting approval to re-purpose \$100,000 in Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds awarded to the Parks and Urban Forestry Division for the design of Junction Park, to be used for construction.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

6.B.5. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1196](#))

Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$13,833.64 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Admin Professional and Technical account for FY 2022 Roca services.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

6.B.6. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1197](#))

Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$440 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Repair & Maintenance Vehicles Account for vehicle inspections.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

6.B.7. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1201](#))

Requesting approval to appropriate \$97,000 from the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Open Space Reserve Fund to the Public Space and Urban Forestry Division for renovation of the Brown Schoolyard.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

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| 6.B.8. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-1202</a> )  | Requesting approval to appropriate \$411,776 from the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Open Space Reserve Fund to the Public Space and Urban Forestry Division for renovation of Henry Hansen Park.<br><br><b>RESULT:     <u>APPROVED</u></b>  |
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| 6.B.9. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-1203</a> )  | Requesting approval to appropriate \$98,053 from the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Historic Preservation Reserve Fund to the Somerville Museum for restoration of the collection storage area.<br><br><b>RESULT:     <u>APPROVED</u></b>  |
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| 6.B.10. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-1207</a> ) | Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$100,000 grant with no new match required, from MA Department of Housing and Community Development to the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development Administration Division for the study of energy efficiency opportunities in affordable housing for low and moderate income households.<br><br><b>RESULT:     <u>APPROVED</u></b>            |
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| 6.B.11. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-1208</a> ) | Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$100,000 grant with no new match required, from MA Department of Housing and Community Development to the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development Administration Division for focus groups and a feasibility study related to the development of a rental registry and energy retrofitting housing.<br><br><b>RESULT:     <u>APPROVED</u></b> |
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| 6.B.12. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-1229</a> ) | Requesting approval of a transfer of \$57,716.11 from the Veterans Department's Ordinary Maintenance - Veterans Benefits account to the Personal Services - Salaries account to fund the Veterans Project Manager position through the end of FY 2024.<br><br><b>RESULT:     <u>APPROVED</u></b>   |
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| 6.B.13. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-1238</a> ) | Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$16,929.60 using available funds in the Engineering Repairs & Maintenance - Highways Account for Police details.<br><br><b>RESULT:     <u>APPROVED</u></b>  |
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| 6.B.14. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-1239</a> ) | Requesting authorization to borrow \$4,269,990 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for the recurring FY 2024 Sewer Improvements program.<br><br><b>RESULT:     <u>APPROVED</u></b>   |
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**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

6.B.15. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1240](#))

Requesting authorization to borrow \$6,878,900 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for various sewer improvement projects as part of participation in the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) I/I Local Financial Assistance Program, Phases 9-11.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

6.B.16. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1241](#))

Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$31.40 using available funds in the Law Department's Ordinary Maintenance Recordings Account for public access to court electronic recordings.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

6.B.17. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1255](#))

Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$4,980 grant with no new match required, from Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) to the Fire Department for the purchase of emergency response equipment.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

6.B.18. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1261](#))

Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$95,000 grant with no new match required, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to the Office of Sustainability and Environment for the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program 2.0 Planning Grant.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.B.19. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1264](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$6,285 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Buildings Elevator Repair & Maint Account for repairs to the High School elevators.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.B.20. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1265](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$4,509.75 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Buildings Interior Maint Account for asbestos testing.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.B.21. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1266](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$980 using available funds in the Buildings Fire Alarm Repair & Maint Account for Fire Alarm testing and services.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

6.C. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- 6.C.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-1253](#)) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting in Joint Session with the Planning Board on September 7, 2023.

Councilor McLaughlin reported that much of the meeting was focused on changing the zoning district of 200 Inner Belt Road from Commercial to High-Rise. Other items dealt with amending the Zoning Ordinances Section 10.3, and changes to the zoning map. Three public hearings were held.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

6.D. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- 6.D.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-1380](#)) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on September 13, 2023.

Councilor Burnley reported that the two items before the Committee were kept in committee for further review.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

6.E. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- 6.E.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-1378](#)) Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on September 11, 2023.

Councilor Davis reported that a number of issues were discussed, among them homelessness assistance and warming places, compliance checks for the over serving of liquor, traffic details, and the status of an overdose prevention center.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.E.2. Order  
(ID # [23-0618](#))
- By Councilor Burnley Jr.  
That the Director of Health & Human Services work with this Council and community partners to determine if the city has a current PILOT agreement with Mass General Brigham and other healthcare providers, and how mental health services can be a component of such agreements, particularly as part of a mental health gun buyback program.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.E.3. Resolution  
(ID # [23-1172](#))
- By Councilor Kelly and Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Administration update this Council on locations of sharps collection stations and work with the Commissioner of Public Works to install sharps collection stations in all public restrooms.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.E.4. Resolution  
(ID # [23-1284](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Administration update this Council regarding increases in homelessness and the direct responses taken by the city to address those increases.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.E.5. Communication  
(ID # [23-1285](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin  
Conveying numerous locations suitable for temporary and long-term shelter for the homeless population.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.E.6. Order  
(ID # [23-1286](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Chief of Police conduct compliance checks on liquor stores.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.E.7. Order  
(ID # [23-1290](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Director of Health and Human Services engage Somerville Cares About Prevention to conduct compliance checks on establishments serving liquor to prevent over-serving of alcohol.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.E.8. Order  
(ID # [23-1294](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Burnley Jr.  
That the Director of Health and Human Services update this Council on the progress of Safe Consumption sites.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

## 7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

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- 7.1. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1351](#)) Requesting approval to appropriate \$100,000 from the Encore Artist and Cultural Support Stabilization Fund to support Local Cultural Council grants to artists, organizations, and schools.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.1 and 7.2 and refer the item to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1348](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$118.44 using available funds in the Department of Infrastructure and Management Office Supplies Account for office supplies.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.1 and 7.2 and refer the item to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1349](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Courtney Koslow to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change.
- President Ewen-Campen waived the reading of items 7.3 and referred the items to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee
- 7.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1354](#)) Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for GrayKey Digital Forensics Analysis Tool.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee
- 7.5. Mayor's Communication (ID # [23-1392](#)) Conveying information regarding Somerville's upcoming first-ever Civic Day celebration.
- Courtney Henderson, from SomerViva, informed the members that the celebration is scheduled for Saturday, September 30th and she asked members of the Council to participate in the event.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**
8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 8.1. Officer's Communication (ID # [23-1352](#))
- City Solicitor requesting that this Council convene in Executive Session to discuss property at Matignon pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(6).
- The Council voted to enter into Executive Session at 8:28 PM to discuss this matter.
- The regular Council meeting reconvened at 9:11 PM. President Ewen-Campen reported that no votes were taken in Executive Session other than the vote to adjourn.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld
- ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Kelly

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1. License (ID # [23-1339](#))
- New Garage License, Quick Auto Center, 30 Joy Street, 0 cars inside, 40 cars outside, for charging money to store vehicles, maintaining and operating a tow vehicle, and storing unregistered vehicles, Mon-Fri: 8am-6pm, Sat: 8am-2pm, and Sun: closed.
- Councilor Burnley waived the reading of items 9.1 and 9.2 and asked that they be referred to the Committee on Licenses and Permits.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee
- 9.2. License (ID # [23-1340](#))
- New Garage License, Ravelo's Auto Service, 61 Washington Street, 3 cars inside, 4 cars outside, for mechanical repairs, autobody work, and charging money to store vehicles, Mon-Fri: 8am-6pm, Sat: 8am-2pm, and Sun: closed.
- Councilor Burnley waived the reading of items 9.1 and 9.2 and asked that they be referred to the Committee on Licenses and Permits.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee
- 9.3. License (ID # [23-1324](#))
- Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 32 Dearborn Rd.
- Councilor Burnley waived the reading of items 9.3 - 9.18 and asked that they be approved this evening.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**



- 9.4. License  
(ID # [23-1342](#))
- Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 39R Latin Way.

Councilor Burnley waived the reading of items 9.3 - 9.18 and asked that they be approved this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.5. License  
(ID # [23-1325](#))
- Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 40A Latin Way.

Councilor Burnley waived the reading of items 9.3 - 9.18 and asked that they be approved this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.6. License  
(ID # [23-1347](#))
- Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 75 Packard Ave.

Councilor Burnley waived the reading of items 9.3 - 9.18 and asked that they be approved this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.7. License  
(ID # [23-1326](#))
- Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 125 Powder House Blvd.

Councilor Burnley waived the reading of items 9.3 - 9.18 and asked that they be approved this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.8. License  
(ID # [23-1343](#))
- Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 8 Whitfield Road.

Councilor Burnley waived the reading of items 9.3 - 9.18 and asked that they be approved this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.9. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1327](#))
- Haley Suarez applying for a Public Event License for Riverfest on September 16 from 10am to 10pm (raindate September 17).

Councilor Burnley waived the reading of items 9.3 - 9.18 and asked that they be approved this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.10. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1328](#))
- Gil Cayford applying for a Public Event License for Rock in the Park on September 16 from 4pm to 10pm.

Councilor Burnley waived the reading of items 9.3 - 9.18 and asked that they be approved this evening.

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**RESULT: APPROVED**9.11. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1345](#))

David Margolin applying for a Public Event License for Highland Rd BP on September 17 from 3pm to 8pm (raindate October 1).

Councilor Burnley waived the reading of items 9.3 - 9.18 and asked that they be approved this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**9.12. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1323](#))

John Long applying for a Public Event License for Chandler St BP on September 23 from 2:30pm to 7:30pm (raindate September 24).

Councilor Burnley waived the reading of items 9.3 - 9.18 and asked that they be approved this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**9.13. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1329](#))

Kelsey Kent applying for a Public Event License for Lexington Ave BP on September 23 from 3pm to 9pm.

Councilor Burnley waived the reading of items 9.3 - 9.18 and asked that they be approved this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**9.14. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1344](#))

Adam Parker applying for a Public Event License for Foundation for Animals: Dog Festival on September 24 from 7am to 5pm.

Councilor Burnley waived the reading of items 9.3 - 9.18 and asked that they be approved this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**9.15. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1330](#))

Communications & Community Engagement Department applying for a Public Event License for Civic Day on September 30 from 8:30am to 6:30pm.

Councilor Burnley waived the reading of items 9.3 - 9.18 and asked that they be approved this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**9.16. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1331](#))

Brandon Wilson applying for a Public Event License for Josephine Ave BP on September 30 from 2pm to 9:30pm (raindate October 1).

Councilor Burnley waived the reading of items 9.3 - 9.18 and asked that they be approved this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

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- 9.17. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1346](#))
- Marcy Goldstein-Gelb applying for a Public Event License for Boston-Prichard Ave BP on October 1 from 3pm to 10pm (raindate October 22).
- Councilor Burnley waived the reading of items 9.3 - 9.18 and asked that they be approved this evening.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.18. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1332](#))
- Zachary Baum applying for a Public Event License for Annual Vintage Market on October 8 from 9am to 9pm (raindate October 29).
- Councilor Burnley waived the reading of items 9.3 - 9.18 and asked that they be approved this evening.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.19. Public Communication  
(ID # [23-1317](#))
- Ert Dredge submitting comments re: item #23-1162, a resolution regarding the "Idaho Stop".
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**
- 10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**
- 10.1. Resolution  
(ID # [23-1393](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Wilson  
That the Administration update the City Council on the status of body cameras for police officers.
- Councilor McLaughlin noted that it has been a few years since this was negotiated, yet not implemented. President Ewen-Campen would like the Administration to work out a new use policy.
- RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee
- 10.2. Order  
(ID # [23-1397](#))
- By Councilor Wilson and Councilor Pineda Neufeld  
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management update this Council on the sewer separation work and any opportunities for prioritizing problematic areas of the city.
- RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
- 10.3. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1316](#))
- Requesting approval to extend and amend a contract with Warner Larson Incorporated for an additional three years, and a revised amount of \$123,683.35, for the redesign and improvements of the Auxiliary Sports Fields at Dilbooy Park.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of item 10.3 and refer the item to the Committee on Finance.
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**RESULT:**     **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 10.4. Grant of Location     Eversource applying for an amendment to License BL22-000036, a Grant of  
(ID # [23-1391](#))     Location for 205 Beacon Street.

Jacqueline Duffy, representing Eversource, explained that the customer changed the plans, thus requiring this amendment. Councilor Scott said this is a change from underground work to above ground work and he has several questions. He would like to lay this item on the table. Ms. Duffy requested a copy of the documentation stating that Eversource is not permitted to install pad mounted transformers.

**RESULT:**     **LAID ON THE TABLE**

- 10.5. License                 New Drainlayer's License, Form Up Sitework LLC.  
(ID # [23-1394](#))

Councilor Burnley waived the reading of items 10.5 and 10.6 and asked that they be approved this evening.

**RESULT:**     **APPROVED**

- 10.6. Public Event           Kelsey Kent applying for a Public Event License for Lexington Ave BP on  
(ID # [23-1395](#))     September 24 from 4pm to 9pm.

Councilor Burnley waived the reading of items 10.5 and 10.6 and asked that they be approved this evening.

**RESULT:**     **APPROVED**

## 11. LATE ITEMS

- 11.1. Order                 By Councilor Davis  
(ID # [23-1399](#))     That the Administration report to this Council on the ability to require further repairs on Highland Ave, and if none, an explanation on whether that complies with road engineering regulations.

**RESULT:**     **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:40 PM.



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## City Council

### Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 28, 2023

7:00 PM

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#### 1. OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen. The City Council entered into recess at 8:38 PM and returned at 8:49 PM.

- 1.1. Roll Call                      Call of the Roll.  
(ID # [23-1467](#))

**RESULT:      PLACED ON FILE**

**Present:**      City Councilor At Large Willie Burnley Jr.  
City Councilor At Large Charlotte Kelly  
City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo  
City Councilor At Large Jake Wilson  
Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin  
Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott  
Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen  
Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan  
Ward Five City Councilor Beatriz Gomez Mouakad  
Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis  
Ward Seven City Councilor Judy Pineda Neufeld

- 1.2. Remembrances              Remembrances.  
(ID # [23-1468](#))

Councilor Scott requested a moment of silence in memory of Rose Caterino. President Ewen-Campen requested a moment of silence in memory of John Nunziato.

**RESULT:      APPROVED**

- 1.3. Minutes                      Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, August 24, 2023.  
(ID # [23-1469](#))

**RESULT:      APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

1.4. Minutes  
(ID # [23-1470](#))

Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting, August 31, 2023.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

2. CITATIONS

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

4.1. Resolution  
(ID # [23-1428](#))

By Councilor Wilson and Councilor Pineda Neufeld  
That the City of Somerville observe World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims.

Councilor Wilson noted that there were two instances of Somerville residents being struck crossing the street during September.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.2. Order  
(ID # [23-1429](#))

By Councilor Scott, Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Wilson  
That the Director of Mobility implement a quick-build safety treatment for the intersection of Prospect and Webster Streets.

Councilor Scott said this intersection has been a chronic problem and is extremely dangerous. He thinks that this problem could be addressed sooner than later. President Ewen-Campen noted that there are five streets converging at this location, which is very confusing, and he doesn't think that it's a situation that can wait for a long term solution.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.3. Resolution  
(ID # [23-1430](#))

By Councilor Strezo and Councilor Burnley Jr.  
That the Administration brief the City Council on how a 2023 federal government funding shutdown could impact Somerville.

Councilor Strezo would like to have a conversation on this and noted that SNAP benefits would cease for 125,000 families in MA and 7,000 federal workers in our region would be furloughed. Liaison Singh said city departments are gathering information to assess the impacts to the city and its residents. Councilor Burnley commented that the Head Start Program would be impacted also, along with child care.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.4. Communication  
(ID # [23-1431](#))

By Councilor Strezo  
Conveying a report of the Children's Cabinet meeting.

Councilor Strezo reported that the Cabinet has been working on out of school time programs as much as possible and noted that transportation remains a problem for after school programs. She went on to say that a coordinator position has been filled, that additional programming is coming,

and that the Youth Services Division is in place. The Cabinet has also had discussions about workforce development and a policy that appears to her to be poverty shaming.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.5. Order  
(ID # [23-1432](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Davis

That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management provide a report on the status of the Fire Department Master Planning Study, including projected timelines for the feasibility study, design, bidding and construction, and prioritization strategies.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad said projections won't be available until 2024-2025, but she thinks it's important to keep the study on track.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.6. Order  
(ID # [23-1433](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Strezo

That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management provide an update on the repairs of the Teele Square Fire Station, including a timeline for such repairs.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee



**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.7. Order  
(ID # [23-1434](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Ewen-Campen

That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management report on recent damages to the City Hall clock tower and share any concerns regarding potential damage to the building structure.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad spoke about other deficiencies with the building, saying that things are at the point where they have to be fixed.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.8. Order  
(ID # [23-1435](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Ewen-Campen

That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management report on ongoing deficiencies of City Hall and the City Hall Annex that could impair the future use of these buildings.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.9. Order  
(ID # [23-1438](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Strezo  
That the Chief of Police report on the training, education and policies established for officers to address violence against LGBTQ and gender non-conforming individuals.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad said she wants to make sure that officers have the proper training to address incidents involving violence against LGBTQ and gender non-conforming individuals.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.10. Order  
(ID # [23-1439](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Davis  
That the Director of Mobility, the Director of Engineering, and the Commissioner of Public Works consider integrating the installation of bike racks in sidewalks when conducting repairs to such sidewalks, including infill of trees that have been removed.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.11. Resolution  
(ID # [23-1436](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Ewen-Campen  
That the Administration collaborate with the School Department on determining the best and future use of the 1895 Building.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad expressed concern that some city buildings aren't getting the focus they deserve.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.12. Resolution  
(ID # [23-1437](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Ewen-Campen  
That the Administration report on capacity to allow parallel staffing and funding for the development of the 1895 Building, School Building Master Plan and the Fire Department Master Plan Building Study.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.13. Order  
(ID # [23-1441](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Commissioner of Public Works address the sewage smell around 85 Washington Street.

Councilor McLaughlin moved to waive the reading of item 4.13 through 4.32 and asked that they be approved.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.14. Order  
(ID # [23-1442](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Commissioner of Public Works place an "Illegal Dumping" sign by the vacant lot on Maine Avenue, parallel to Interstate-93.

Councilor McLaughlin moved to waive the reading of item 4.13 through 4.32 and asked that they be approved.

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**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.15. Order  
(ID # [23-1443](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works ensure that the trash bin and adjacent trash outside of the Edgerly School on Otis Street is disposed of regularly and that rodent mitigation efforts are implemented.

Councilor McLaughlin moved to waive the reading of item 4.13 through 4.32 and asked that they be approved.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.16. Order  
(ID # [23-1444](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works ensure that Knowlton Street is cleaned of any trash not picked up by street sweepers due to cars not having moved on street sweeping day.

Councilor McLaughlin moved to waive the reading of item 4.13 through 4.32 and asked that they be approved.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.17. Order  
(ID # [23-1445](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the sidewalks on Knowlton Street and make repairs to ensure Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance.

Councilor McLaughlin moved to waive the reading of item 4.13 through 4.32 and asked that they be approved.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.18. Order  
(ID # [23-1446](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works address the potholes on Benedict Avenue.

Councilor McLaughlin moved to waive the reading of item 4.13 through 4.32 and asked that they be approved.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.19. Order  
(ID # [23-1447](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works pick up the multiple bags of trash at the intersection of Broadway, Mt. Vernon Street and Lombardi Way.

Councilor McLaughlin moved to waive the reading of item 4.13 through 4.32 and asked that they be approved.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.20. Order  
(ID # [23-1448](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works conduct regular maintenance of trash and weed removal at the underpass from Broadway into Assembly Row.

Councilor McLaughlin moved to waive the reading of item 4.13 through 4.32 and asked that they be approved.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.21. Order  
(ID # [23-1449](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair or replace the wooden barrier along Grand Union Blvd, behind the former Circuit City, and pick up the pile of wood in the vicinity.

Councilor McLaughlin moved to waive the reading of item 4.13 through 4.32 and asked that they be approved.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.22. Order  
(ID # [23-1450](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works conduct regular maintenance along the medians on East Broadway.

Councilor McLaughlin moved to waive the reading of item 4.13 through 4.32 and asked that they be approved.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.23. Order  
(ID # [23-1471](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repaint the artificial curb extension on Myrtle Street.

Councilor McLaughlin moved to waive the reading of item 4.13 through 4.32 and asked that they be approved.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.24. Order  
(ID # [23-1472](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the empty tree well in front of 38 Pearl Street and install a new tree.

Councilor McLaughlin moved to waive the reading of item 4.13 through 4.32 and asked that they be approved.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.25. Order  
(ID # [23-1473](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Director of Water and Sewer address the leaky fire hydrant by Pinckney and Pearl Streets.

Councilor McLaughlin moved to waive the reading of item 4.13 through 4.32 and asked that they be approved.



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**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.26. Order  
(ID # [23-1451](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin

That the Director of Inspectional Services address the excessive light pollution and after-hours activity at the car wash at 31 Washington Street and report back to the Ward 1 Councilor.

Councilor McLaughlin moved to waive the reading of item 4.13 through 4.32 and asked that they be approved.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.27. Order  
(ID # [23-1452](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin

That the Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry inspect the trees on Mt. Vernon Street, close to Broadway, that are intertwined with wires, and take appropriate measures.

Councilor McLaughlin moved to waive the reading of item 4.13 through 4.32 and asked that they be approved.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld



4.28. Order  
(ID # [23-1453](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin

That the Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry inspect the tree at 29 Knowlton Street and determine if it is dead and needs to be cut down.

Councilor McLaughlin moved to waive the reading of item 4.13 through 4.32 and asked that they be approved.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.29. Order  
(ID # [23-1454](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin

That the Director of Engineering implement additional traffic calming measures near the Edgerly school on Cross, Otis and Bonair Streets, to include speed bumps and street paint.

Councilor McLaughlin moved to waive the reading of item 4.13 through 4.32 and asked that they be approved.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.30. Order  
(ID # [23-1455](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin

That the Director of Engineering address the water drainage issues at the intersection of Cross, Ellsworth and Otis Streets.

Councilor McLaughlin moved to waive the reading of item 4.13 through 4.32 and asked that they be approved.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.31. Order  
(ID # [23-1456](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin

That the Director of Engineering install a speed hump and curb extension on Myrtle Street to address speeding traffic.

Councilor McLaughlin moved to waive the reading of item 4.13 through 4.32 and asked that they be approved.

**RESULT:**     **APPROVED**

**AYE:**           City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.32. Order  
(ID # [23-1457](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin

That the Director of Engineering install speed bumps on Mt. Vernon Street.

Councilor McLaughlin moved to waive the reading of item 4.13 through 4.32 and asked that they be approved.

**RESULT:**     **APPROVED**

**AYE:**           City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.33. Resolution  
(ID # [23-1440](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson

In recognition of the trend to curtail access to books and other resources.

Councilor McLaughlin spoke about the 1st Amendment and said that books banned in years past are accepted reading today. He sponsored Laura Saunders to speak, who said that there has been an exponential rise in challenges to books and that it's happening all over the country and it prevents people from getting information. Over 30 states have passed or are trying to pass legislation to facilitate banning books. Councilor McLaughlin also sponsored Christina Ciampa to speak on the matter. She is a vendor with the library and schools in the city for LGBTQ books. She spoke about the hate and resistance to having different views about how people live and

said that librarians and teachers need to be protected from banning books.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.34. Ordinance  
(ID # [23-1461](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr.

Amending Section 12-116 of the Code of Ordinances to create a Safe Streets ordinance, to expedite protected bike lanes.

Councilor Burnley said that this is about making residents safe. He commented that he understands that a thoughtful approach to this matter is necessary and that additional regular working sessions will be held to work out any problems that may arise. Councilor Davis requested that this item be sent to the Law Department for review in preparation for discussions in committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

4.35. Order  
(ID # [23-1460](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Ewen-Campen

That the Director of Planning, Preservation and Zoning discuss with this Council the potential benefits and detriments of removing all parking minimums.

Councilor Burnley noted that there is a deep desire to remove parking minimums from our society and explained that this just says that the city won't force someone to build parking at a certain level.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.36. Resolution  
(ID # [23-1458](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Kelly, Councilor Scott, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Davis  
In support of a prison moratorium and elder parole.

Councilor Burnley spoke in support of two bills (S.1979/H.1795) that would require a five-year prison and jail construction moratorium. He noted that MA has seen a rapid decline in the number of incarcerated women over the last decade and that approximately 20% of women incarcerated at MCI-Framingham are pre-trial detainees from Middlesex County who can't afford to pay the freedom extortion, i.e., bail. He also spoke about a way that MA could continue to maximize pathways for release through implementing elder parole by passing an Act which would make people ages 55 and older eligible to see the Parole Board after they have served half of their sentence or at least 15 years.

He sponsored Evan Drucker Chardle and Michaela Kaplan, who said that many rabbis are supporting this effort and that 200 Somerville residents have also acted in support. A 5-year pause would allow time to focus on decarceration and ways to reimagine communities, not prisons. Councilor Burnley asked that a copy of the Resolution be sent to the Governor's Office.

**RESULT:**      **APPROVED**

**AYE:**              City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.37. Resolution  
(ID # [23-1459](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Kelly and Councilor Scott  
In opposition to "Cop City".

Councilor Burnley sponsored Barka Bendhadi to speak, who said that as a Somerville resident, she refuses to let voices be silenced in the midst of ecological destruction, rampant police violence, and the brutal obstruction of protest and descent and said that affiliation with Cop City should be opposed in any way possible. She stated that a single tree struck down in Atlanta is a threat to clean air for all of us here and that deforestation of the Weelaunee Forest increases everybody's vulnerability to the climate crisis. Additionally, she said that militarized police forces have formed the backbone of oppression against black, brown, trans and queer communities in our country for centuries. Ms. Bendhadi said that if Cop City is allowed to be built, police forces from around the country will be invited to come to Atlanta to learn better ways to attack, harass, terrorize and even kill members of neighborhoods under the guise of public safety. She went on to speak about those who had been arrested for protesting Cop City and said that no one should have to spend their time in a cage for anything.

Councilor Burnley stated that Cop City would impact everyone and that supporting this Resolution is a stand against militarized policing and a stand for the environment. Councilor Scott spoke about following up at a future

point to ensure that no Somerville Police Department personnel attend training at the facility. Councilor McLaughlin asked to be recorded as voting 'no' on the Resolution, saying that he feels that this has nothing to do with the City of Somerville and is of no consequence, adding that he's tired of issues of no consequence being put before the City Council. Councilor Pineda Neufeld expressed her concern about quality of life issues in the city and wants to spend her time working for city residents. She also asked to be recorded as voting 'no' on the Resolution. Councilor Gomez Mouakad asked to be recorded as voting 'no' on the Resolution and spoke about kids being caged at the border, adding that there are people in this community who are struggling and that's where the City Council's efforts should be focused. Councilor Kelly apologized to the speakers for the disrespect shown for their concerns and noted that Somerville is designing a \$100 million cop city of its own in competition to Atlanta's. Councilor McLaughlin stated that he is not disrespecting anyone and that he's just saying that the City Council has no role voting on issues in Atlanta. That, he said, is disrespectful to Atlanta's citizens and is pandering.

Councilor Davis agreed that there will be no positive impact from this resolution but noted that the City Council often supports resolutions as symbolic actions. He expressed concern that a roll call vote on this item isn't helpful to anyone and he suggested that it be referred to the Committee on Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations. Councilor Davis said that, although he supports the spirit of the item, he has concerns with some of the language. Councilor Burnley said that the subject matter has directly impacted members of our community and that he doesn't care if other Councilors feel that discussing this Resolution makes it impossible for them to deal with other issues. He said the behavior of some Councilors tonight was atrocious and that he wasn't entirely surprised by it. Councilor Burnley asked that a roll call vote be taken on the item. Councilor Gomez Mouakad said that she takes responsibility if she was disrespectful and commented that time, money and resources are finite. Councilor Davis requested that the City Solicitor provide an opinion regarding Somerville Police Department personnel going to Cop City. He asked Councilor Burnley if he would remove the words "accepting trainees from" from the Resolution as having them on record might come into play at a future point in time. Councilor Burnley opted to keep the language as is and Councilor Davis commented that the language is unwise.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**NAY:** City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 5.1. Grant of Location Eversource applying for an amendment to License BL22-000036, a Grant of Location for 205 Beacon Street.  
(ID # [23-1391](#))

Jacqueline Duffy, representing Eversource, was available for questions. Councilor Scott said the concern is that accepting some requests and denying others might be viewed as discriminatory. In this particular case, his inclination is to recommend approval of the item.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES****6.A. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- 6.A.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on September 26, 2023.  
(ID # [23-1413](#))

Councilor Wilson presented the Committee Report and said that a number of items were discussed, among them, acceptance and expenditure of grants, appropriations, payment of prior invoices, departmental transfers, and a contract extension.

Councilor Scott said that he had asked the administration for additional information regarding grants to the Police Department and noted that he has received some material but is still somewhat vexed. He's ok with severing the items and returning them to the Finance Committee.

Councilor Kelly said that the committee voted to approve the items predicated on receiving the info tonight. She asked to sever item #23-1263 and return it to the committee.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 6.A.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1127](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend an additional \$300,000, with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Infectious Disease & Laboratory Sciences to the Health and Human Services Department for COVID-19 case investigation and contact tracing.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 6.A.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1160](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$3,867.08 using available funds in the Health and Human Services Professional & Technical Services Account for revenue management consulting services.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 6.A.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1204](#)) Requesting approval to appropriate \$150,000 from the Salary & Wage Stabilization Fund to the Police Department - Personnel Services - Other Lump Sum Benefits Account to settle pending litigation.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld



6.A.5. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1234](#))

Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$250,000 grant with no new match required, from MA Department of Housing and Community Development to the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development Mobility Division for the study/design of sound walls for interstate-93 near the Mystic housing developments.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

6.A.6. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1244](#))

Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$61,710 grant that requires a match, from Metro North Regional Employment Board to the Health and Human Services Department for YouthWorks Summer Program.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

6.A.7. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1246](#))

Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$3,867.08 using available funds in the Health and Human Services Professional and Technical Services Account for Public Consulting Group for Medicaid billing services.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld



- 6.A.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1251](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$2,684 using available funds in the Health and Human Services Professional and Technical Services Account for The Throne Depot for portable restrooms.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 6.A.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1252](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$3,830 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General to the Health and Human Services Department for the FY 2024 Healthy Summer Youth Jobs program.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 6.A.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1260](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$2,105.53 from the Salary Contingency Account to the Medicare Account for Medicare tax reimbursement.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 6.A.11. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1262](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$13,616.79 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for the purchase of ten motorcycle operator headsets that include microphones.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

6.A.12.Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1263](#))

Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$75,000 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department to support the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) sustainability and upgrades.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

6.A.13.Resolution  
(ID # [23-1291](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Ewen-Campen  
That the Administration update this Council regarding progress toward Portland Loos.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

6.A.14.Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1298](#))

Requesting approval to appropriate \$513,421 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to replace seven police vehicles.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

6.A.15.Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1316](#))

Requesting approval to extend and amend a contract with Warner Larson Incorporated for an additional three years, and a revised amount of \$123,683.35, for the redesign and improvements of the Auxiliary Sports Fields at Dilboy Park.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

6.A.16. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1348](#))

Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$118.44 using available funds in the Department of Infrastructure and Management Office Supplies Account for office supplies.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

6.A.17. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1351](#))

Requesting approval to appropriate \$100,000 from the Encore Artist and Cultural Support Stabilization Fund to support Local Cultural Council grants to artists, organizations, and schools.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

6.B. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

6.B.1. Committee Report  
(ID # [23-1411](#))

Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on September 20, 2023.

Councilor Strezo presented the Committee Report. Among the items discussed by the committee were the planning process for the Armory Building, the hiring process and staffing numbers for crossing guards and ways to attract candidates for crossing guard positions.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

6.B.2. Order  
(ID # [23-1308](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Strezo  
That the Director of the Arts Council and the Director of Economic Development take the steps outlined within, relative to the Armory building.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

6.B.3. Order  
(ID # [22-1566](#))

By Councilor Strezo, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Burnley Jr.  
That the Director of Human Resources update this Council on the hiring process and staffing numbers for crossing guards for the 2022-2023 school year.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

6.B.4. Order  
(ID # [22-1567](#))

By Councilor Strezo, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Burnley Jr.  
That the Director of Human Resources discuss the possibility of modernizing crossing guard positions to attract candidates and increase hiring.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

6.C. LAND USE COMMITTEE

6.C.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on September 21, 2023.  
(ID # [23-1412](#))

Councilor McLaughlin presented the Committee Report and said that a 'down zoning' item was approved and that an item for White Street Place was discharged w/no recommendation so that the Ward Five councilor could weigh in. Councilor Gomez Mouakad explained the situation and asked that the item be tabled for two weeks to give her time to hear from constituents.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

6.C.2. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [23-1033](#))

David Einis requesting the adoption of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Map to change the zoning district of 0 White Street Place from Mid-Rise 4 (MR4) to Urban Residential (UR) and 14 White Street Place from Neighborhood Residential (NR) to UR.

**RESULT:** **LAID ON THE TABLE**

6.C.3. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [23-1070](#))

Daniel C. and Lieba R. Savitt requesting an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Map to change the zoning district of 113 Prospect Street from Urban Residence (UR) to Neighborhood Residence (NR).

**RESULT:** **ORDINANCE ORDAINED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

6.D. **LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE**

6.D.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-1410](#)) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on September 19, 2023.

Councilor Davis presented the Committee Report and spoke about two surveillance technology items that were kept in committee awaiting additional information from the administration.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 6.D.2. Public Communication  
(ID # [23-0219](#)) Bicycle Advisory Committee submitting comments re: ticketing by 311.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

6.E. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

- 6.E.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-1409](#)) Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on September 18, 2023.

Councilor Gome Mouakad presented the Committee Report and spoke about the discussion of the Citywide Bicycle Network Plan, which took up most of the meeting.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 6.E.2. Order (ID # [23-0289](#)) By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Ewen-Campen  
That the Commissioner of Public Works install high visibility flexible bollards at all entrances to the Community Path from a vehicular road, to prevent the entry of non-authorized vehicles into the path.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.E.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0585](#)) Requesting approval of the Citywide Bicycle Network Plan.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 6.E.4. Order  
(ID # [23-0900](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the Director of Mobility and the Director of Engineering integrate traffic calming measures on Hudson and Summer Streets and plan for the work to be implemented prior to the start of the Highland Avenue improvement construction.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.E.5. Order  
(ID # [23-0901](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the Director of Mobility develop a strategy for the implementation of speed radar detectors on north-south cut-through streets throughout the city, including but not limited to Central Street and Cedar Street.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.E.6. Order  
(ID # [23-1297](#))
- By Councilor Wilson  
That the Director of Mobility work with relevant departments and divisions to install wayfinding signage on the Community Path, including freeway exit-style signage on the Community Path Extension, given that segment's limited access.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.E.7. Order  
(ID # [23-1312](#))
- By Councilor Wilson, Councilor Davis and Councilor Ewen-Campen  
That the Director of Mobility update this Council on plans to expand bicycle parking in the city, with a focus on Davis Square and Union Square including potentially using intersection daylighting spaces for bike racks.
- That the Director of Mobility update this Council on plans to expand bicycle parking in the city, with a focus on Davis Square, Union Square, and Ball Square including potentially using intersection daylighting spaces for bike racks.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR
- 7.1. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1407](#))
- Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Section 2-373 of the Code of Ordinances, to establish a Vaccine Revolving Fund.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.2 and 7.4 through 7.12 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.2. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1408](#))
- Requesting approval to authorize a FY 2024 expenditure limitation of \$60,000 for the Vaccine Revolving Fund.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.2 and



7.4 through 7.12 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.3. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1400](#))

Requesting authorization to borrow \$973,985 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for the cost of acquiring a custom Fire Pumper.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 7.4. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1401](#))

Requesting approval of a transfer of \$29,780 from the Health and Human Services Professional and Technical Services Account to the Council on Aging Professional and Technical Services Account for nutritional counseling and education at the Senior Center.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.2 and 7.4 through 7.12 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.5. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1398](#))

Requesting the use of \$1,500 in available funds in the Inspectional Services Staff Development Account to establish a Food and Refreshments Account, to provide food and refreshments for staff during quarterly training sessions.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.2 and 7.4 through 7.12 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.6. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1341](#))

Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$220,560 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to the Health and Human Services Department for Tobacco Control Prevention.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.2 and 7.4 through 7.12 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee



- 7.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1402](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$75,000 grant with no new match required, from MA Department of Housing and Community Development to the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development Administration Division for a partnership with the City of Medford to examine the zoning and economic development potential of the parcels along Broadway that are split by the municipal boundary.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.2 and 7.4 through 7.12 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1424](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend an \$18,400 grant with no new match required, from Mass Cultural Council to the Arts Council for unrestricted operating support.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.2 and 7.4 through 7.12 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1427](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$2,298.83 using available funds in the Human Resources Arbitration Services Account for arbitration transcription services.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.2 and 7.4 through 7.12 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1425](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$2,250 using available funds in the Human Resources Arbitration Services Account for arbitration services.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.2 and 7.4 through 7.12 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.11. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1419](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$2,207.50 using available funds in the Fire Department Professional & Technical Account for medical case management costs.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.2 and 7.4 through 7.12 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.12. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1426](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$440 using available funds in the Human Resources Professional & Technical Services Account for language testing services.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.2 and 7.4 through 7.12 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

## 8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 8.1. Officer's Communication (ID # [23-1353](#)) City Clerk requesting approval to release thirteen sets of Executive Session minutes as described within.

President Ewen-Campen stated that City Solicitor has approved the release of these minutes. City Clerk Wells explained that this is a normal procedure governed by the Rules of the Council.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

- 8.2. Officer's Communication (ID # [23-1396](#)) Fair Housing Commission conveying the Fiscal Year 2022 Fair Housing Commission Annual Report.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 8.3. Officer's Communication (ID # [23-1405](#)) School Committee Chair conveying the appointment of Emily Ackman to the PILOT Advisory Task Force.

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**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 8.4. Officer's Communication (ID # [23-1406](#)) School Committee Chair conveying the appointment of Matthew Caughey to the PILOT Advisory Task Force.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1. License (ID # [23-1420](#)) New Drainlayer's License, JF Excavation Corp.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.7 and 10.17 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 9.2. License (ID # [23-1421](#)) Renewing Drainlayer's License, McGue Excavating LLC.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.7 and 10.17 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.3. License  
(ID # [23-1422](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Meninno Construction Co. Inc.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.7 and 10.17 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.4. License  
(ID # [23-1423](#))

Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Sam's Falafel and Shawarma, 215 Highland Ave.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.7 and 10.17 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.5. License  
(ID # [23-1465](#))

Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Sadel and G Transportation, Inc, Med #70.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.7 and 10.17 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.6. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1462](#))

Tareq Rantisi applying for a Public Event License for World Music Concert Series: Celebrate Diverse Somerville on October 15 from 11:30am to 4:30pm. (raindate October 22).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.7 and 10.17 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.7. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1463](#))

East Somerville Main Streets applying for a Public Event License for Halloween BP & Pet Parade on October 28 from 1pm to 7pm (raindate October 29).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.7 and 10.17 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.8. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [23-1381](#))

Four residents submitting comments re: item #23-0791, amending the Zoning Ordinances to include vegetated roofs.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.9. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [23-1464](#))

Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) conveying the alteration of a location of a section of State highway.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

10.1. Order  
(ID # [23-1476](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Director of Mobility place NOT A THROUGH STREET signs on the Washington Street side of Franklin and Washington Avenues.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

10.2. Order  
(ID # [23-1477](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Director of Water and Sewer clean the sewers along Chester Avenue.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

10.3. Order  
(ID # [23-1480](#))

By Councilor Scott

That the Chief of Police provide a written explanation, and any accompanying documentation, of the Police Department's receipt of GrayKey surveillance technology from Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI)/Boston without requiring a grant acceptance from the City Council.

Councilor Scott said that he wants to understand the funding source.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

10.4. Order  
(ID # [23-1481](#))

By Councilor Scott

That the Commissioner of Public Works clear the low-hanging plant growth overhanging the Prospect Street sidewalk over the rail right-of-way, opposite the Union Square stop.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld



10.5. Order  
(ID # [23-1482](#))

By Councilor Scott

That the Director of Inspectional Services issue any appropriate citations for overgrowth at 50 Webster Avenue blocking the northbound sidewalk, and arrange for the Public Works Department to clear the growth if not removed by the property owner by Friday September 29, 2023.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

10.6. Order  
(ID # [23-1483](#))

By Councilor Scott

That the Commissioner of Public Works clear weeds and vegetation on the north fence line of the city-owned lot at 217 Somerville Avenue.

Councilor Scott said residents in the area are complaining about this situation.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

10.7. Order  
(ID # [23-1484](#))

By Councilor Scott

That the Director of Engineering, in conjunction with the Mayor, schedule a meeting with the Duck Village and Perry Park neighborhoods about continuing flooding problems.

Councilor Scott said this has been an ongoing problem for years and he would like a commitment from the Administration to deal with it.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld



10.8. Order  
(ID # [23-1485](#))

By Councilor Scott

That the Chief of Police share with this Council, copies of any reports of noise complaints for Sally O'Brien's at 335 Somerville Avenue, during 2023.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

10.9. Order  
(ID # [23-1486](#))

By Councilor Scott

That the Director of Inspectional Services, the Chief of Police and the City Clerk meet with this Council to discuss the operation of duly licensed live music venues in the city, and the applicability of the Noise Ordinance as written.

Councilor Scott commented that the ordinance isn't to penalize any business, but he would like to make sure that everyone is on the same page.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

10.10. Order  
(ID # [23-1487](#))

By Councilor Scott

That the City Solicitor and the Director of Planning, Preservation and Zoning assist in drafting an ordinance amendment prohibiting the placement of transformers and other electrical transmission infrastructure above ground within the city limits without specific approval by a Special Permit Granting Authority, or other appropriate mechanism.

Councilor Scott said most transformer requests go through a site plan review. The problem is that in some cases the equipment can't be run off pole, so a transformer needs to be placed underground or above ground. The city's policy is to not allow above ground installations. The right of way legislation (MGL Chapter 166 Sections 22A-N) details ways that a municipality may prevent above ground installations. Councilor Scott

submitted a corresponding motion, (see item #23-1494).

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

10.11. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1198](#))

Requesting ordainment of an amendment to the Somerville Zoning Ordinances, Sections 3.1 Neighborhood Residence and 3.2 Urban Residence, to permit the house and triple decker building types without any conditions, and to repeal the lot depth, dwelling units per lot, and development benefits requirements.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

10.12. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1489](#))

Requesting ordainment of an amendment to the Somerville Zoning Ordinances to replace the text of Section 9.1.11 Residential Use Categories and revise Table 9.1.1 Permitted Uses and the corresponding permitted use table of each zoning district, in accordance with changes to Table 9.1.1, to replace the two residential use categories.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

10.13. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1478](#))

Requesting the time only extension of two months, to November 30, 2023, for the Inspectional Services Residential Property Rodent Control Program contract.

Director Antanavica clarified that this is for the residential program.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 10.14. Officer's  
Communication  
(ID # [23-1466](#))

Licensing Commission conveying a change to the Rules and Regulations of the Somerville Licensing Commission regarding closed captioning.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 10.15. Officer's  
Communication  
(ID # [23-1490](#))

Chief of Police conveying supplemental information regarding items #23-1262 and #23-1263, grants from Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Management.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 10.16. License  
(ID # [23-1479](#))

New Extended Operating Hours License, Dumpling Garden, 273 Broadway, opening Sunday-Saturday from 10am to 2am for in-store, take-out and delivery service.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

- 10.17. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1491](#))

Daniel Wong applying for a Public Event License for Oak Street BP on September 30 from 1pm to 7pm (raindate October 1).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.7 and 10.17 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

10.18. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [23-1488](#))

1,136 individuals (556 residents) submitting comments re: Armory building.

Stephanie Scherpf, Executive Director of Arts at the Armory said that a community meeting was held and a petition created and delivered to the city urging that four actions be taken. 1) abandon the present model, 2) adopt a 3rd party model, 3) develop an RFP, and 4) work with a consultant. To date, a response from the city has not been received. The members of the Arts community have given Arts at the Armory the mandate to carry the future of building forward. Director Scherpf said that the petitioners don't think that the city has the ability to carry out the process without their input. She commented that she recently spoke at a Housing and Community Development Committee meeting and left frustrated. She believes that the city's approach has been to hold up the process, noting that this matter has been going on for over two years. She said that the building is already a success and that her organization wants to help the city and she thinks that the Armory Master Plan needs to be re-started. Councilor Gomez Mouakad agrees that the process needs to start over with input from the tenants. President Ewen-Campen noted that the reason the city took the building by eminent domain was to protect the artist community and he believes that the issue will be worked out.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

11. LATE ITEMS

11.1. Order  
(ID # [23-1494](#))

By Councilor Scott

That the Planning Board consider whether the public safety, health, convenience or welfare would be advanced by implementation of a program (a) prohibiting new installation or construction of or (b) requiring progressive removal of poles and overhead wires and associated overhead structures within all or any part or parts of the municipality, in accordance with MGL Chapter 166 Sections 22A-N.

**RESULT:**     **APPROVED**

**AYE:**           City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

## 12.     **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:22 PM.



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## City Council

### Meeting Minutes

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Thursday, October 12, 2023

7:00 PM

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#### 1. OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen. The Council entered into recess at 7:32 PM and returned at 7:42 PM.

- 1.1. Roll Call                      Call of the Roll.  
(ID # [23-1535](#))

**RESULT:**      **PLACED ON FILE**

**Present:**      City Councilor At Large Willie Burnley Jr.  
City Councilor At Large Charlotte Kelly  
City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo  
City Councilor At Large Jake Wilson  
Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin  
Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott  
Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen  
Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan  
Ward Five City Councilor Beatriz Gomez Mouakad  
Ward Seven City Councilor Judy Pineda Neufeld

**Absent:**      Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis

- 1.2. Remembrances              Remembrances.  
(ID # [23-1536](#))

Councilor McLaughlin requested a moment of silence in memory of Nancy Coutoumas.  
Councilors Clingan and Strezo requested a moment of silence in memory of Loretta Larivee.

**RESULT:**      **APPROVED**

- 1.3. Minutes                      Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, September 14, 2023.  
(ID # [23-1537](#))

**RESULT:**      **APPROVED**

## 2. CITATIONS

- 2.1. Citation (ID # [23-1533](#)) By Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
Commending Gandhi Aldana for her contributions to the Latino community in Somerville.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad spoke about Ms. Aldana's dedication to the city's Latino community and schools. She has been an organizer and activist for housing, health, and education. Ms. Aldana thanked the Council for this recognition and spoke of Somerville being a city that welcomes and offers opportunities to immigrants from other countries.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 2.2. Citation (ID # [23-1534](#)) By Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
Commending Ivan Abarca for his contributions to the Latino community in Somerville.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad spoke about Mr. Abarca's dedication to Somerville's immigrant community since his arrival here in 2012. A native of Mexico, Mr. Abarca has taught at multiple places around the world. Here at home, he has been actively involved with youth soccer in the city and has been an organizer and activist for housing, health, and education. Mr. Abarca thanked the Council for this recognition and said that his work goes beyond the Latino community. He spoke of his experiences being an immigrant in different countries and said that there is a huge disconnect between Somerville's city services and immigrants for a multitude of reasons and that immigrants don't know that the city is here to help them. Councilor Wilson spoke about his interactions with Mr. Abarca and the impact that he's had on the youth soccer program in Somerville.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

## 3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 3.1. Grant of Location (ID # [23-1527](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 50 feet of conduit in Allen Street, from Manhole 31939 to a point of pickup at 13 Allen Street.

Jacqui Duffy, representing Eversource, spoke in favor of the item and explained the purpose of the request. There being no further speakers, the Public Hearing was closed.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 3.2. Grant of Location (ID # [23-1528](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install a total of 302 feet of conduit and a new manhole as follows: Starting from existing Manhole 86582 located at the intersection of Somerville Avenue and Allen Street to a new manhole. From said manhole, to a point of pickup at 21 Allen Street.

Jacqui Duffy, representing Eversource, spoke in favor of the item and

explained the purpose of the request. There being no further speakers, the Public Hearing was closed.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 3.3. Grant of Location (ID # [23-1529](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 7 feet of conduit in Alpine Street, from Utility Pole 7/1 to a point of pickup at 2 Alpine Street.

Jacqui Duffy, representing Eversource, spoke in favor of the item and explained the purpose of the request. There being no further speakers, the Public Hearing was closed.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 3.4. Grant of Location (ID # [23-1530](#)) Cambridge Network Solutions applying for a Grant of Location to install 198 feet of conduit in pathway between Gore Street, Cambridge and Medford Street, from existing Verizon Manhole 26/514 to a point of pickup at 14 McGrath Highway.

Jeff Harrington, representing Cambridge Network Solutions, spoke in favor of the item and explained the purpose of the request. There being no further speakers, the Public Hearing was closed.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

#### 4. **ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

- 4.1. Order (ID # [23-1509](#)) By Councilor Strezo and Councilor Ewen-Campen  
That the Director of Engineering consider installing speed humps and additional traffic calming measures to address excessive speed and cut-through traffic on Warren Avenue.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

- 4.2. Resolution (ID # [23-1510](#)) By Councilor Strezo  
That the Administration report on the fall and winter food distribution plans for Winter Hill Community Innovation School students at both locations.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 4.3. Resolution (ID # [23-1511](#)) By Councilor Strezo and Councilor Clingan  
That the Administration provide an update on the Edgerly building kitchen equipment, and discuss the plan to serve the Winter Hill Community Innovation School youth and future city programs.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee



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- 4.4. Resolution (ID # [23-1525](#)) By Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Pineda Neufeld  
That this City Council hereby recognizes the month from September 15th to October 15th as Hispanic Heritage Month.
- Councilor Gomez Mouakad read the Resolution into the record and then asked, “Does Somerville care about Latinos?”. She spoke about the challenges facing Latinos explaining that there’s a need to understand who they are and who their neighbors are. She went on to say that the city needs to find ways to reach out and learn about the Latino customs, because understanding creates bonds in the community. Councilor Gomez Mouakad also said that the city needs to do more to protect local businesses in the city and to understand what services are most important to the Latino community and how to provide them.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 4.5. Resolution (ID # [23-1526](#)) By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Strezo  
Supporting the passage of H.3802 and S.1489, An Act Creating a Municipal and Public Safety Building Authority.
- Councilor Clingan read the Resolution into the record and said that municipalities need oversight for the care of their buildings. Councilor Gomez Mouakad noted that the city needs a lot of infrastructure work and that there is limited funding available. She said that the city needs to seek out every source of available revenue to allow it to have an ambitious repair and rehabilitation program.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- 5.1. Public Communication (ID # [23-1033](#)) David Einis requesting the adoption of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Map to change the zoning district of 0 White Street Place from Mid-Rise 4 (MR4) to Urban Residential (UR) and 14 White Street Place from Neighborhood Residential (NR) to UR.
- Councilor Gomez Mouakad commented that this is a reasonable request and she received no objections from neighbors. The item was approved, enrolled and ordained.
- RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED**
- AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld
- ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis
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**6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES****6.A. LAND USE COMMITTEE**

- 6.A.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on October 5, 2023.  
(ID # [23-1514](#))

Councilor McLaughlin presented the Committee Report and said that no votes were taken. The committee discussed amending the Zoning Ordinances to remove the prohibition on more than four unrelated adults living together. The committee also discussed bringing the city into compliance with the requirements of the MBTA Communities Act. Both of those items will be discussed at a future meeting.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.A.2. Mayor's  
Communication  
(ID # [23-0356](#))

Conveying the Somerville Linkage Nexus Study Final Report.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.A.3. Order  
(ID # [23-0459](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Director of Planning, Preservation and Zoning update this Council on the status of the property on Palmer Court, purchased by the city for the purpose of creating green space.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.A.4. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [23-0635](#))

Union Square One Development, LLC requesting the adoption of a Zoning Text Amendment to Section 8.17. g. iii to permit variations to build out regulations by special permit in the CC5 District, USQ sub-area.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

**6.B. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE**

- 6.B.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on October 3, 2023.  
(ID # [23-1504](#))

Councilor Kelly presented the Committee Report and noted that item #23-0076 will be severed from the report and returned to committee for further consideration. Councilor Burnley stated his desire to move forward with item #23-0076 this evening. Councilor Kelly's preference, based on her discussion with Committee Chair Davis, was to return the item to committee. Legislative Liaison Carrillo addressed the Council saying that there are a few pieces that the Administration would like to shore up and Councilor Strezo noted the importance of considering any unintended

consequences. Councilor Burnley said the Administration's explanation is incoherent and strange since there were no concerns earlier. He asked for a vote on severing the item from the Committee Report. The motion to sever was approved on a roll call vote of 9 in favor (McLaughlin, Scott, Strezo, Clingan, Wilson, Gomez Mouakad, Kelly, Pineda Neufeld, Ewen-Campen), 1 opposed (Burnley), 1 absent (Davis), and the item was returned to the Legislative Matters Committee.

Councilor Kelly moved to discharge item #23-1480 from the Legislative Matters Committee and refer it to the Finance Committee. The motion was approved.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

6.B.2. Order  
(ID # [22-0035](#))

By Councilor Davis

That the City Solicitor draft language to change all pronouns in the city's ordinances to gender-neutral.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

6.B.3. Ordinance  
(ID # [22-0168](#))

By Councilor Strezo and Councilor Ewen-Campen

Amendment to Ordinance 2-221, regarding adult use marijuana licenses, as described within.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

6.B.4. Order  
(ID # [22-0278](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Wilson

That the Director of Mobility review the attached draft Act Relative to the Operation and Regulation of Electric Bicycles in the City of Salem and consider supporting similar legislation.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

6.B.5. Ordinance  
(ID # [23-0076](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Kelly, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Scott

Amending Chapter 8, Article I of the Code of Ordinances by adding a new section regarding Closed Captioning Accessibility.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

6.C. **PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

6.C.1. Committee Report  
(ID # [23-1502](#))

Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, meeting on October 2, 2023.

Councilor Clingan presented the Committee Report and commented that most of the actions taken were 'housekeeping'. Several items weren't able to be discussed due to a lack of city staff being available.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.C.2. Order  
(ID # [23-0055](#))
- By Councilor Clingan  
That the Director of Engineering and the Superintendent of Water and Sewer appear before this Council's Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works to discuss the notification protocols for street work and water shutoffs.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.C.3. Order  
(ID # [23-0328](#))
- By Councilor Strezo and Councilor Ewen-Campen  
That the Commissioner of Public Works immediately remove, or raise to a safe height, the cables attached to a pole at the intersection of Harvard and Monmouth Streets, and report to the City Council who owns the pole.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.C.4. Order  
(ID # [23-0524](#))
- By Councilor Strezo and Councilor Clingan  
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove, or raise to a safe height, the cables attached to a utility pole at 54 Ten Hills Road, and report to this City Council who owns the pole.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.C.5. Order  
(ID # [23-0525](#))
- By Councilor Strezo and Councilor Pineda Neufeld  
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove or raise above human reach, the overhead wires tied to a porch railing at 76 Curtis Street, and report back to this City Council who is responsible for the wires.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.C.6. Order  
(ID # [23-0780](#))
- By Councilor Strezo  
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove, or raise above human height, the dangling wire tied to a street sign in front of 88 Foskett Street, and report to this City Council who owns the pole.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.C.7. Order  
(ID # [23-0783](#))
- By Councilor Strezo  
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove, or raise above human height, the wire wrapped around a pole at 336 Washington Street, and report to this City Council who owns the pole.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.C.8. Order  
(ID # [23-0787](#))

By Councilor Strezo

That the Commissioner of Public Works remove, or move to a safer location, the heavy cables tied to wires and suspended above the sidewalk in front of 67-69 Merriam Street, and report to this City Council who owns the poles.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.C.9. Order  
(ID # [23-0788](#))

By Councilor Strezo

That the Commissioner of Public Works remove, or raise above human height, the dangling wires in front of 143 Hudson Street, and report to this City Council who owns the poles.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.C.10. Order  
(ID # [23-0789](#))

By Councilor Strezo

That the Commissioner of Public Works remove, or raise above human height, the dangling wires in front of 43 Hudson Street, and report to this City Council who owns the poles.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.C.11. Order  
(ID # [23-0790](#))

By Councilor Strezo

That the Commissioner of Public Works remove or relocate the wires tied around a pole in front of 21 Properzi Way, and report to this City Council who owns the poles.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.C.12. Order  
(ID # [23-0883](#))

By Councilor Strezo

That the Commissioner of Public Works remove or raise above human height, the wire wrapped around a pole in front of 54 Porter Street, and report back to this City Council who owns the pole.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.C.13. Order  
(ID # [23-0884](#))

By Councilor Strezo

That the Commissioner of Public Works remove or raise above human height, the wire wrapped around a street sign in front of 9 Brastow Avenue, and report back to this City Council who owns the pole.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.C.14. Order  
(ID # [23-0885](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin

That the Director of Engineering, the Director of Water and Sewer, and the Executive Director of the Arts Council collaborate to start an "Adopt a Catch Basin" program to promote visibility and cleanliness of catch basins in creative and artistic ways.

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**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.C.15. Order  
(ID # [23-0887](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Strezo  
That the Director of Mobility install speed bumps on Myrtle Street, Lincoln Avenue and Virginia Street.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.C.16. Order  
(ID # [23-0888](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Director of Engineering update the Ward 1 Councilor regarding the pavement of Otis Street, which is half completed on one side.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.C.17. Order  
(ID # [23-0889](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the potholes on the unfinished side of Otis Street.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.C.18. Order  
(ID # [23-0892](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Director of Mobility repaint the NO BIKES ON SIDEWALKS signs along East Broadway.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.C.19. Order  
(ID # [23-0996](#))

By Councilor Strezo and Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove or raise above human height, the low hanging wire in front of 11 Bonair Street, and report to this City Council who owns the pole.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.C.20. Order  
(ID # [23-0997](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Director of Engineering utilize the partial paving program to address streets in East Somerville that have private trench restoration, to ensure half-paved streets are fully paved.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.C.21. Order  
(ID # [23-1363](#))

By Councilor Strezo  
That the Commissioner of Public Works raise the low-hanging wires in front of 50 Chandler Street so that they do not get snagged on cars.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.D. SCHOOL BUILDING FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- 6.D.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-1512](#)) Report of the Special Committee on School Building Facilities and Maintenance, meeting on October 4, 2023.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad presented the Committee Report and said that the committee received updates on several items before it. She asked councilors to look at the timeline for the city's school buildings, especially the high school.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.D.2. Resolution (ID # [23-0992](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Wilson That the Administration develop a five-year assessment plan for school building systems and structures for all schools over five years old, to ensure proper funding is in place for capital repairs and to ensure the safety and uninterrupted operation of schools.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.D.3. Resolution (ID # [23-0993](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Wilson That the Administration publish yearly on the city website, a list of ongoing school repairs and improvements, similar to that posted by Chelsea Public Schools, and provide a yearly report to the City Council of such repairs and improvements before and after completion.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.D.4. Order (ID # [23-1359](#))

By Councilor Clingan and Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Director of Capital Projects provide this Council with a printed timeline for the reconstruction of a new Winter Hill Community School.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

## 7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 7.1. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1493](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$113,440 from the Community Preservation Act Historic Preservation Reserve Fund to Just A Start for restoration and reinstallation of a historic window at 24 Webster Ave.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.12 and 10.2 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1492](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$67,478 from the Community Preservation Act Historic Preservation Reserve Fund to the Somerville Museum for storage area renovation.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.12 and 10.2 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

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**RESULT:**     **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.3.     Mayor's Request     Requesting approval of a transfer of \$11,059.72 from the Health and Human  
      (ID # [23-1403](#))     Services Professional and Technical Account to the Department of Public  
                              Works Building Rentals Account for three additional seasonal, portable  
                              bathrooms.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.12 and 10.2 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:**     **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.4.     Mayor's Request     Requesting approval to accept and expend a grant with no new match  
      (ID # [23-1501](#))     required, from the Department of Fire Services to the Fire Department for  
                              the reimbursement of Hazardous Material Response Team members.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.12 and 10.2 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:**     **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.5.     Mayor's Request     Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$44,167.81 using  
      (ID # [23-1474](#))     available funds in the Department of Public Works Electricity Account for  
                              solar net metering.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.12 and 10.2 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:**     **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.6.     Mayor's Request     Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$26,721.10 using  
      (ID # [23-1496](#))     available funds in the Department of Public Works Electricity Account for  
                              solar net metering.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.12 and 10.2 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:**     **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.7.     Mayor's Request     Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$25,418.02 using  
      (ID # [23-1475](#))     available funds in the Department of Public Works Electricity Account for  
                              solar net metering.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.12 and 10.2 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:**     **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**



**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1497](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$4,729.64 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Natural Gas Account for natural gas supply services.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.12 and 10.2 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1404](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$1,625 using available funds in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development Parks and Urban Forestry Division Account for Wedding Nook and Quincy Street open space production.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.12 and 10.2 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1498](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$1,436.40 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Grounds R&M Facility, Parks & Playgrounds for irrigation system repair and maintenance.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.12 and 10.2 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.11. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1500](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$371.44 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Motor Parts & Accessories Account for pump replacement parts.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.12 and 10.2 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.12. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1499](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$280 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Employee Training Account for Construction Supervisor continuing education.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.12 and 10.2 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.13. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1531](#)) Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for GrayKey Digital Forensics Analysis Tool.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

- 7.14. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1532](#)) Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Camera Ticket Enforcement.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

## 8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 8.1. Officer's Communication (ID # [23-1507](#)) City Clerk conveying information regarding item #23-0076, amending the Code of Ordinances by adding a new section regarding Closed Captioning Accessibility.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1. Public Event (ID # [23-1524](#)) Tivoli Olsen applying for a Public Event License for Murdock St BP on October 14 from 10:30am to 6:30pm (raindate October 15).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.7, 10.3 through 10.5, and 10.9 through 10.10 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 9.2. Public Event (ID # [23-1523](#)) Jack Connolly applying for a Public Event License for Grove St BP on October 14 from 1pm to 7pm (raindates October 15 and October 21).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.7, 10.3 through 10.5, and 10.9 through 10.10 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 9.3. Public Event (ID # [23-1520](#)) Lorna McKenzie-Pollock applying for a Public Event License for Prospect Hill BP on October 14 from 3pm to 8pm (raindate October 15).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.7, 10.3 through 10.5, and 10.9 through 10.10 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 9.4. Public Event (ID # [23-1518](#)) Dolly Goldenberg applying for a Public Event License for Belmont St Halloween BP on October 29 from 1pm to 6pm.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.7, 10.3 through 10.5, and 10.9 through 10.10 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.5. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1519](#))

Kim Durniak applying for a Public Event License for Norwood Ave BP on October 29 from 1pm to 7pm (raindate November 5).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.7, 10.3 through 10.5, and 10.9 through 10.10 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.6. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1522](#))

Ani Ajemian applying for a Public Event License for Halloween on Heath on October 29 from 1pm to 9pm.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.7, 10.3 through 10.5, and 10.9 through 10.10 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.7. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1521](#))

Kelsey Kent applying for a Public Event License for Halloween on Lexington on October 31 from 4pm to 9pm.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.7, 10.3 through 10.5, and 10.9 through 10.10 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.8. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [23-1506](#))

Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) conveying the alteration of location of a section of State highway.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

9.9. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [23-1334](#))

Five residents submitting comments re: item #23-0940, a Zoning Map Amendment to change the zoning district of 200 Inner Belt Road from Commercial Industry (CI) to High-Rise (HR).

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

## 10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

10.1. Withdrawn  
(ID # [23-1495](#))

Withdrawn.

**RESULT: WITHDRAWN**

- 10.2. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1538](#))
- Requesting approval of a transfer of \$30,020 from the Parking Department Parking Meter Receipts Account to the Capital-Building Lease Account for rental of parking spaces per the lease agreement between the Trustees of Tufts College and the City of Somerville.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.12 and 10.2 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 10.3. License  
(ID # [23-1540](#))
- New Drainlayer's License, C Naughton Corp.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.7, 10.3 through 10.5, and 10.9 through 10.10 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 10.4. License  
(ID # [23-1541](#))
- Renewing Flammables License, DW Propco JK LLC, 0 Dawes St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.7, 10.3 through 10.5, and 10.9 through 10.10 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 10.5. License  
(ID # [23-1542](#))
- Renewing Flammables License, U-Haul of Boston, 151 Linwood St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.7, 10.3 through 10.5, and 10.9 through 10.10 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 10.6. License  
(ID # [23-1546](#))
- Transferring Flammables License, from John's Auto sales to Sam's Gas & Service 166 Boston Avenue.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 10.6 through 10.8 and refer them to the Licenses and Permits Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

- 10.7. License  
(ID # [23-1545](#))
- New Garage License, Sam's Gas and Service, 166 Boston Avenue, 2 vehicles inside, 4 vehicles outside, Mon-Fri: 8am-6pm, Sat: 8am-4pm, Sun: closed.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 10.6 through 10.8 and refer them to the Licenses and Permits Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

- 10.8. License  
(ID # [23-1544](#))
- New Used Car Dealer License, Sam's Auto Sales, 166 Boston Avenue, 0 vehicles inside, 28 vehicles outside, Mon-Fri: 8am-6pm, Sat: 8am-2pm, Sun: closed.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 10.6 through 10.8 and refer them to the Licenses and Permits Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee
- 10.9. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1543](#))
- Katie Aucella applying for a Public Event License for Elizabeth Peabody House Fall Festival on October 14 from 9am to 6pm (raindate October 15).
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.7, 10.3 through 10.5, and 10.9 through 10.10 and approve them this evening.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 10.10. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1549](#))
- Emma Garfinkel applying for a Public Event License for Pomi Playground Playdate on October 26 from 2pm to 6:30pm.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.7, 10.3 through 10.5, and 10.9 through 10.10 and approve them this evening.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 10.11. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1548](#))
- Mayor's Office applying for a Public Event License for 2nd Annual Truck O Treat on October 26 from 4pm to 8pm.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 10.12. Public Communication  
(ID # [23-1539](#))
- Robert Collins submitting comments re: transportation infrastructure.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**
11. LATE ITEMS
- 11.1. Order  
(ID # [23-1480](#))
- By Councilor Scott
- That the Chief of Police provide a written explanation, and any accompanying documentation, of the Police Department's receipt of GrayKey surveillance technology from Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI)/Boston without requiring a grant acceptance from the City Council.
- RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 8:34 PM.



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## City Council

### Meeting Minutes

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Thursday, October 26, 2023

7:00 PM

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#### 1. OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen. The City Council entered recess at 7:46 PM and returned at 7:55 PM.

- 1.1. Roll Call                      Call of the Roll.  
(ID # [23-1614](#))

**RESULT:**      **PLACED ON FILE**

**Present:**      City Councilor At Large Willie Burnley Jr.  
City Councilor At Large Charlotte Kelly  
City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo  
City Councilor At Large Jake Wilson  
Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin  
Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott  
Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen  
Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan  
Ward Five City Councilor Beatriz Gomez Mouakad  
Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis  
Ward Seven City Councilor Judy Pineda Neufeld

- 1.2. Remembrances              Remembrances.  
(ID # [23-1615](#))

President Ewen-Campen requested a moment of silence in memory of K-9 Officer Lobo.

**RESULT:**      **APPROVED**

- 1.3. Minutes                      Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, September 28, 2023.  
(ID # [23-1616](#))

**RESULT:**      **APPROVED**

## 2. CITATIONS

- 2.1. Citation By Councilor Burnley Jr.  
(ID # [23-1610](#)) Commending Ken Fields for his musical contributions to the arts and arts community.

Councilor Burnley spoke about the creativity of the Arts community in Somerville and spoke about Mr. Field's contributions to the city. He sponsored Johann Correa, President of the Carnival Society of Boston, to speak. Councilor Burnley will present the Citation to Mr. Field at a later date.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

## 3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 3.1. Grant of Location Comcast applying for a Grant of Location to install 20 feet of conduit in  
(ID # [23-1560](#)) Beacon Street, from Utility Pole 142/25 to a point of pickup at 205 Beacon Street.

Dave Flewelling, representing Comcast, spoke in favor of the item and explained the purpose of the request. Resident Chris Dwan asked if this was the work that started yesterday, and Mr. Flewelling stated that Comcast hadn't begun the work yet. Councilor Scott reported that a trench was, in fact, dug yesterday and he would like to table the item to obtain additional information. There being no further speakers, the Public Hearing was closed. Prior to adjournment, this item was taken off the table and Councilor Scott said that he provided photos of the work to the City Clerk and he asked that this item be referred to the Licenses and Permits Committee.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

## 4. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

- 4.1. Resolution By Councilor Strezo, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Clingan and  
(ID # [23-1592](#)) Councilor Ewen-Campen  
That the Somerville City Council supports the passage of H.1255, An Act requiring menstrual products in buildings on public higher education campuses, H.3018 An Act requiring menstrual products in all state buildings, and S.2481, An Act to increase access to disposable menstrual products.

Councilor Strezo said this would end menstrual poverty and she asked that the item be forwarded to the state delegation.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 4.2. Order  
(ID # [23-1594](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad

That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management and the Director of Finance explain to this Council the steps and processes in the School Building Master Plan for a ballot vote on Proposition 2½ in reference to funding a School Building project.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

**FOLLOWUP:** School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee

- 4.3. Order  
(ID # [23-1595](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad

That the Director of Planning, Preservation and Zoning conduct an historic demolition review to identify buildings over 75 years old, to determine structures that could potentially be designated historic, and to expedite demolition reviews for buildings that are not potential candidates for historic preservation.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

- 4.4. Resolution  
(ID # [23-1593](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson

That the Administration provide an update on the Compensation Study, including a definite delivery timeline, at the November 9, 2023 meeting of this City Council.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad noted that municipal workers have not received a salary increase in several years. She spoke of the important work that these people perform on a daily basis, saying that when work is outsourced, the work isn't taken to heart, adding that often, outsourced workers don't know the city as well as the city's employees. She went on to say that it's been 7 months since the Compensation Study (CS) began without an end in sight. She sponsored Somerville Municipal Employees Union (SMEA) President and 30-year city employee, Ed Halloran, to speak. Mr. Halloran spoke about the various jobs that the union's members perform around the city and said that their contract expired on June 30, 2022. Negotiations came to a halt because the city didn't have market information of job salaries because the CS hadn't been completed.

He noted that some of the city's union members/employees make 25-33% less than their counterparts in Cambridge, Arlington and Waltham. He reviewed several positions, comparing salaries to other communities and said that employees are leaving the employment of Somerville due to the low pay. Presently, there are over 40 vacant positions in the city, 14 of which are for positions in the Sewer Department that have remained unfilled for 2 years. Mr. Halloran said that the city frequently outsources work at twice the rate that city employees are being paid, adding that the CS delay is



the latest insult perpetrated on the union by the city. He urged Mayor to release the CS so negotiations may continue and he asked Councilors and residents to become active in this matter.

Reference Librarian Meg Ragland was also sponsored to address the Council. Ms. Ragland, a union and bargaining representative spoke about an equipment repair request from two and a half years ago. She explained that there was a broken dehumidifier in basement of the library and that a 311 request was submitted to have it repaired. The work order was closed 9 months later with no apparent repairs having been made, resulting in mold beginning to grow, so she raised the issue during contract negotiations and asked that a safety committee be established with the SMEA. The city conceded that the repair was not made because there were no plumbers on staff. Ms. Ragland urged the Mayor to release the CS.

The final sponsored speaker was Inspectional Services Department Housing Inspector Stephanie Estrella, who said that the substantial increases in taxes, water and sewer rates, make it hard to live in Somerville and that the union has been without a contract for 16 months while work is being outsourced at a higher cost.

Councilor Clingan commented that the CS should bring salaries to competitive rates. Councilor Scott noted that he has complained about this for 6 years and said outsourcing is five times higher than the in-house cost for sewer salaries. He said that the lack of maintenance is corrosive to the residents of the city and that the message is clear - that this city does not care about its current residents. He said that we don't need a study to know how bad things really are and nobody will take better care of the city than the people who live here. It's offensive to talk about the community we're building in a place where labor has to be imported. President Ewen-Campen said wages are negotiated and everyone is waiting for the CS to be completed, adding that this situation is embarrassing and frustrating. He apologized to the city workers for what's happening.

Courtney O'Keefe, a 43-year resident and city employee said that those closest to the problem are closest to the solution and that all the administration had to do was to sit down and have a conversation with the workers.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 4.5. Order  
(ID # [23-1596](#))

By Councilor Ewen-Campen

That the Commissioner of Public Works install a water fountain for people and dogs at Nunziato field.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

- 4.6. Order  
(ID # [23-1598](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Wilson

That the City Solicitor advise this Council on the city's ability to take steps to combat predatory towing practices by adopting similar legislation as the City of Boston.

Councilor Burnley said the state's towing laws are obscure and the public needs to be aware of what can be done.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

4.7. Order  
(ID # [23-1599](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Wilson

That the Director of Parking publicize how residents can file complaints related to illegal towing, namely through the Department of Public Utilities Transportation Oversight Division.

Councilor Burnley commented that this may be a way for people to obtain restitution for being illegally towed.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

4.8. Order  
(ID # [23-1600](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Wilson, Councilor Davis, Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Ewen-Campen

That the Director of the Office of Sustainability and Environment work with this Council and Green and Open Somerville to consider the creation of an Invasive Species Czar position to spearhead outreach, education, and citywide invasive plant species removal.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

4.9. Resolution  
(ID # [23-1597](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson

In Support of Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 32BJ's cleaning contract campaign.

Councilor Burnley commented that this body should stand with any group attempting to secure better working conditions. He pointed out that some of these workers work and live in Somerville and their contract expires in 3 weeks. He asked that the Council stand united on this matter. He sponsored Roanne Riviera from Boston to speak. Ms. Riviera explained that the master contract covers 12,000 employees who provide janitorial services at multiple locations, including Somerville High School. Janitors will conduct a strike vote this Saturday to make a statement to make the public aware of their efforts. Councilor Burnley sponsored Aida Mena, who addressed the Council. Ms. Mena lives in Somerville and works in Burlington and has a daughter attending Somerville High School. She asked for the Council's support of their efforts to secure better working conditions, saying that the janitorial staff did the work during the pandemic, disinfecting and cleaning workplaces for others and in return, they need the ability to care for their own families now and in the future.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad recognized the value that these employees bring to workplaces. Councilor Clingan asked who is at the other end of the negotiations and was told that there are about 60 contractors who are a part of the master contract.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

4.10. Order  
(ID # [23-1606](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Strezo  
That the Director of Mobility advertise alternate walking paths to the intersection of Broadway and McGrath Highway.

Councilor McLaughlin said this intersection has always been an issue and in the short term, a solution is needed. He noted that the McGrath Highway overpass is available as is the Gilman Street underpass. He would like these alternate routes publicized with signage.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

4.11. Order  
(ID # [23-1601](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Director of Mobility increase signage and visibility of the newly installed rotaries along Pearl Street, Oliver Street and Glen Street.

Councilor McLaughlin said he has received mixed reviews about these rotaries, and he thinks that additional signage would be helpful. The one at Pearl and Glenn Streets is being re-adjusted.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

4.12. Order  
(ID # [23-1602](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Strezo  
That the Director of Mobility assess loading zone and metered parking at the intersection of Pearl and Cross Streets and report back to the Ward 1 Councilor.

Councilor McLaughlin noted that spots have been lost to fire lanes and he would like a solution to help the businesses situated there.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

4.13. Order  
(ID # [23-1603](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the trees by 89 Cross Street.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

4.14. Order  
(ID # [23-1604](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Commissioner of Public Works address the broken bench in Symphony Park.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 4.15. Order  
(ID # [23-1607](#)) By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Commissioner of Public Works continue to remove trash from Chuckie Harris Park on a daily basis.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 4.16. Order  
(ID # [23-1608](#)) By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the manhole cover and surrounding road at the entryway of the Cobble Hill homes.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 4.17. Order  
(ID # [23-1605](#)) By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Director of Water and Sewer inspect the sewers on Otis Street, east of McGrath Highway, and determine if they need to be cleaned.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 4.18. Order  
(ID # [23-1609](#)) By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Director of Engineering inspect the sinkhole in the road directly in front of the entrance to the Cobble Hill homes.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

## **5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

### **6.A. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- 6.A.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on October 24, 2023.  
(ID # [23-1582](#))

Councilor Wilson commented that the city will be paying for parking spots at the Tufts Administration Building (TAB). He spoke about the city's cost for providing booster shots and said that the city will not be offering RSV shots due to their high cost. Other items discussed by the committee included portable restrooms, Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds invested in the Somerville Museum and concerns about GrayKey.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.A.2. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1263](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$75,000 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department to support the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) sustainability and upgrades.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

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| 6.A.3. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-1341</a> ) | Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$220,560 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to the Health and Human Services Department for Tobacco Control Prevention.<br><b>RESULT:     <u>APPROVED</u></b>   |
| <br>  |   |
| 6.A.4. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-1398</a> ) | Requesting the use of \$1,500 in available funds in the Inspectional Services Staff Development Account to establish a Food and Refreshments Account, to provide food and refreshments for staff during quarterly training sessions.<br><b>RESULT:     <u>APPROVED</u></b>  |
| <br>  |   |
| 6.A.5. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-1401</a> ) | Requesting approval of a transfer of \$29,780 from the Health and Human Services Professional and Technical Services Account to the Council on Aging Professional and Technical Services Account for nutritional counseling and education at the Senior Center.<br><b>RESULT:     <u>APPROVED</u></b>   |
| <br>  |   |
| 6.A.6. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-1402</a> ) | Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$75,000 grant with no new match required, from MA Department of Housing and Community Development to the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development Administration Division for a partnership with the City of Medford to examine the zoning and economic development potential of the parcels along Broadway that are split by the municipal boundary.<br><b>RESULT:     <u>APPROVED</u></b> |
| <br>  |   |
| 6.A.7. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-1403</a> ) | Requesting approval of a transfer of \$11,059.72 from the Health and Human Services Professional and Technical Account to the Department of Public Works Building Rentals Account for three additional seasonal, portable bathrooms.<br><b>RESULT:     <u>APPROVED</u></b>  |
| <br>  |   |
| 6.A.8. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-1404</a> ) | Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$1,625 using available funds in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development Parks and Urban Forestry Division Account for Wedding Nook and Quincy Street open space production.<br><b>RESULT:     <u>APPROVED</u></b>   |
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| 6.A.9. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-1407</a> ) | Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Section 2-373 of the Code of Ordinances, to establish a Vaccine Revolving Fund.<br><b>RESULT:     <u>ORDINANCE ORDAINED</u></b>  |
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**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

6.A.10.Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1408](#)) Requesting approval to authorize a FY 2024 expenditure limitation of \$60,000 for the Vaccine Revolving Fund.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

6.A.11.Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1419](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$2,207.50 using available funds in the Fire Department Professional & Technical Account for medical case management costs.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

6.A.12.Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1424](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend an \$18,400 grant with no new match required, from Mass Cultural Council to the Arts Council for unrestricted operating support.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

6.A.13.Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1425](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$2,250 using available funds in the Human Resources Arbitration Services Account for arbitration services.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

6.A.14.Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1426](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$440 using available funds in the Human Resources Professional & Technical Services Account for language testing services.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

6.A.15.Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1427](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$2,298.83 using available funds in the Human Resources Arbitration Services Account for arbitration transcription services.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

6.A.16.Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1474](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$44,167.81 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Electricity Account for solar net metering.

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**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.A.17.Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1475](#))

Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$25,418.02 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Electricity Account for solar net metering.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.A.18.Order  
(ID # [23-1480](#))

By Councilor Scott  
That the Chief of Police provide a written explanation, and any accompanying documentation, of the Police Department's receipt of GrayKey surveillance technology from Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI)/Boston without requiring a grant acceptance from the City Council.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.A.19.Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1492](#))

Requesting the appropriation of \$67,478 from the Community Preservation Act Historic Preservation Reserve Fund to the Somerville Museum for storage area renovation.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.A.20.Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1493](#))

Requesting the appropriation of \$113,440 from the Community Preservation Act Historic Preservation Reserve Fund to Just A Start for restoration and reinstallation of a historic window at 24 Webster Ave.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.A.21.Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1496](#))

Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$26,721.10 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Electricity Account for solar net metering.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.A.22.Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1497](#))

Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$4,729.64 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Natural Gas Account for natural gas supply services.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.A.23.Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1498](#))

Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$1,436.40 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Grounds R&M Facility, Parks & Playgrounds for irrigation system repair and maintenance.

**RESULT: APPROVED**



- 6.A.24. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1499](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$280 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Employee Training Account for Construction Supervisor continuing education.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.A.25. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1500](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$371.44 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Motor Parts & Accessories Account for pump replacement parts.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.A.26. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1501](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a grant with no new match required, from the Department of Fire Services to the Fire Department for the reimbursement of Hazardous Material Response Team members.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.A.27. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1538](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$30,020 from the Parking Department Parking Meter Receipts Account to the Capital-Building Lease Account for rental of parking spaces per the lease agreement between the Trustees of Tufts College and the City of Somerville.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.B. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- 6.B.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-1576](#)) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting in Joint Session with the Planning Board on October 19, 2023.

Councilor McLaughlin summarized the items before the committee and read some of the public comments received at the public hearings.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.C. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- 6.C.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-1571](#)) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on October 17, 2023.

Councilor Davis noted that two Surveillance Impact Report resubmissions were recommended for approval as was an ordinance regarding closed captioning. He noted an omission in the Committee Minutes that will be before the committee at its next meeting. (The omission has no bearing on this Committee Report.) Councilor Scott commented that he is not supporting the GrayKey item and asked to sever item #23-1531 from the Committee Report so that his vote may be recorded.

**RESULT: APPROVED**



- 6.C.2. Order  
(ID # [22-1449](#))
- By Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Wilson  
That the City Solicitor and the Director of Parking provide this Council with an opinion on whether the adoption of Chapter 90, Section 20A of the Massachusetts General Laws would allow the City to mail tickets for traffic violations, including those identified through 311 reports.
- RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.C.3. Ordinance  
(ID # [23-0076](#))
- By Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Kelly, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Scott  
Amending Chapter 8, Article I of the Code of Ordinances by adding a new section regarding Closed Captioning Accessibility.
- RESULT:** **ORDINANCE ORDAINED**
- AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld
- 6.C.4. Resolution  
(ID # [23-0078](#))
- By Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Kelly, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Scott  
Supporting Closed Captioning Accessibility.
- RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.C.5. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-0234](#))
- Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Camera Ticket Enforcement.
- RESULT:** **WITHDRAWN**
- 6.C.6. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1354](#))
- Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for GrayKey Digital Forensics Analysis Tool.
- RESULT:** **WITHDRAWN**
- 6.C.7. Officer's Communication  
(ID # [23-1507](#))
- City Clerk conveying information regarding item #23-0076, amending the Code of Ordinances by adding a new section regarding Closed Captioning Accessibility.
- RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.C.8. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1531](#))
- Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for GrayKey Digital Forensics Analysis Tool.

**RESULT: APPROVED****AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld**NAY:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

- 6.C.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1532](#)) Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Camera Ticket Enforcement.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.D. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- 6.D.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-1574](#)) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on October 18, 2023.

Councilor Burnley presented the report and noted that item #23-0583 was not approved because the applicant had not appeared before the committee after several invitations to do so. He also explained some of the issues with tow companies and asked to sever item #23-1339 and refer it back to the Licenses and Permits Committee.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.D.2. License (ID # [23-0583](#)) Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 381 Washington St.

**RESULT: NOT APPROVED**

- 6.D.3. License (ID # [23-0584](#)) Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 387 Washington St.

**RESULT: NOT APPROVED**

- 6.D.4. License (ID # [23-1210](#)) New Garage License, Ravelo's Auto Service, 61 Washington St, 3 vehicles inside, 4 vehicles outside for mechanical repairs and autobody work, Mon-Fri: 8am-6pm, Sat: 8am-2pm, Sun: closed.

**RESULT: WITHDRAWN**

- 6.D.5. License (ID # [23-1339](#)) New Garage License, Quick Auto Center, 30 Joy Street, 0 cars inside, 40 cars outside, for charging money to store vehicles, maintaining and operating a tow vehicle, and storing unregistered vehicles, Mon-Fri: 8am-6pm, Sat: 8am-2pm, and Sun: closed.

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**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

- 6.D.6. License  
(ID # [23-1340](#))
- New Garage License, Ravelo's Auto Service, 61 Washington Street, 3 cars inside, 4 cars outside, for mechanical repairs, autobody work, and charging money to store vehicles, Mon-Fri: 8am-6pm, Sat: 8am-2pm, and Sun: closed.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.D.7. License  
(ID # [23-1479](#))
- New Extended Operating Hours License, Dumpling Garden, 273 Broadway, opening Sunday-Saturday from 10am to 2am for in-store, take-out and delivery service.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.D.8. Order  
(ID # [23-1486](#))
- By Councilor Scott  
That the Director of Inspectional Services, the Chief of Police and the City Clerk meet with this Council to discuss the operation of duly licensed live music venues in the city, and the applicability of the Noise Ordinance as written.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

## 7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 7.1. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1590](#))
- Requesting ordainment of an amendment to the Code of Ordinances to add Chapter 6 Article VII to restrict and prohibit new building construction and major renovation projects that are not fossil fuel-free.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

- 7.2. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1585](#))
- Requesting authorization to borrow \$5,561,768 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for street and sidewalk reconstruction.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.2, 7.4 through 7.6, and 10.10 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.3. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1584](#))
- Requesting approval of a transfer of \$52,403 from the Salary Contingency account to Police Personal Services accounts to fund a collective bargaining settlement with Local 888 - Crossing Guards.

Budget Director Mike Mastrobuoni explained the purpose of the item to the Council saying that the hourly rate will be raised to \$24/hour from \$20.25/hour and will include a sick leave benefit. The contract will run to

2026. Councilor Kelly commented that she hopes the pay rate will increase in the next budget. Matt Sirigu, Assistant City Solicitor and labor counsel, noted that the union dues provision is fairly standard in labor contracts and Councilor Pineda Neufeld voiced her displeasure about the 6-month employment requirement in order to access the sick leave benefit.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

7.4. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1517](#))

Requesting approval of a transfer of \$32,000 from the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development Housing Division Personal Services Account to the Office of Sustainability and Environment Personal Services Account to transfer the clean green program manager position to the Office of Sustainability and Environment.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.2, 7.4 through 7.6, and 10.10 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

7.5. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1554](#))

Requesting approval of a transfer of \$5,925.42 from the Infrastructure & Asset Management Personal Services Account to the Engineering Personal Services Account to fund an existing position.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.2, 7.4 through 7.6, and 10.10 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

7.6. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1555](#))

Requesting approval to create a Senior Project Manager position in the Department of Infrastructure and Asset Management - Engineering Division.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.2, 7.4 through 7.6, and 10.10 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

7.7. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1559](#))

Requesting approval for specified City Employees to work the November 7, 2023 City Election.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

7.8. Mayor's  
Communication  
(ID # [23-1557](#))

Conveying the FY 2023 report of SomerViva: Office of Immigrant Affairs.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee

**8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

- 8.1. Officer's Communication  
(ID # [23-1547](#))
- Planning Board conveying recommendations for item #23-0940.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

- 9.1. License  
(ID # [23-1558](#))
- New Drainlayer's License, New England Construction Managers Inc.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.14 and 10.16 through 10.19 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 9.2. License  
(ID # [23-1611](#))
- Renewing Outdoor Goods License, 130 Broadway LLC, 130 Broadway.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.14 and 10.16 through 10.19 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 9.3. License  
(ID # [23-1580](#))
- Renewing Taxi Stand License, Green and Yellow Cab, 295 Broadway.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.14 and 10.16 through 10.19 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 9.4. License  
(ID # [23-1579](#))
- Renewing Taxi Stand License, Green and Yellow Cab, 1 Davis Sq.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.14 and 10.16 through 10.19 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 9.5. License  
(ID # [23-1578](#))
- Renewing Taxi Stand License, Green and Yellow Cab, 22-26 Union Sq.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.14 and 10.16 through 10.19 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

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| 9.6. License<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-1612</a> )       | Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, Hillside Service Center, 45 Mystic Ave.<br><br>Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.14 and 10.16 through 10.19 and approve them this evening.<br><b>RESULT: <u>APPROVED</u></b>  |
| 9.7. License<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-1613</a> )       | Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, Somerville Motors Inc, 182 Washington St.<br><br>Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.14 and 10.16 through 10.19 and approve them this evening.<br><b>RESULT: <u>APPROVED</u></b>  |
| 9.8. Public Event<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-1561</a> )  | Samuel Feller applying for a Public Event License for Neighborhood Chili Cookoff on October 27 from 10am to 5pm (raindate November 3).<br><br>Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.14 and 10.16 through 10.19 and approve them this evening.<br><b>RESULT: <u>APPROVED</u></b> |
| 9.9. Public Event<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-1562</a> )  | Tiffany Cayarga applying for a Public Event License for Kingston St BP on October 28 from 4pm to 10pm (raindate October 29).<br><br>Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.14 and 10.16 through 10.19 and approve them this evening.<br><b>RESULT: <u>APPROVED</u></b>           |
| 9.10. Public Event<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-1563</a> ) | Kelsey Coffin applying for a Public Event License for Partridge Ave Halloween BP on October 29 from 4pm to 9pm.<br><br>Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.14 and 10.16 through 10.19 and approve them this evening.<br><b>RESULT: <u>APPROVED</u></b>                        |
| 9.11. Public Event<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-1564</a> ) | Danielle Angelillo applying for a Public Event License for Pleasant Ave BP on October 31 from 3pm to 9pm.<br><br>Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.14 and 10.16 through 10.19 and approve them this evening.<br><b>RESULT: <u>APPROVED</u></b>                              |
| 9.12. Public Event<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-1565</a> ) | Adrienne Agarwal applying for a Public Event License for Hall St BP on November 4 from 2:30pm to 7pm (raindate November 5).<br><br>Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.14 and 10.16 through 10.19 and approve them this evening.<br><b>RESULT: <u>APPROVED</u></b>            |
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- 9.13. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1566](#)) Alliance for Safe Streets applying for a Public Event License for World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims on November 19 from 3pm to 7pm (raindate November 20).  
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.14 and 10.16 through 10.19 and approve them this evening.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.14. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1567](#)) Somerville Road Runners applying for a Public Event License for 27th Annual Gobble Gobble Gobble Road Race on November 23 from 6am to 1pm.  
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.14 and 10.16 through 10.19 and approve them this evening.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.15. Public Communication  
(ID # [23-1551](#)) Harvard University conveying its Fall 2023 Accountability Report.  
**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**
- 9.16. Public Communication  
(ID # [23-1552](#)) David Thorpe submitting comments re: Somerville High School Scholarship Foundation.  
**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 9.17. Public Communication  
(ID # [23-1556](#)) Digital Fourth submitting comments re: item #23-1354, Surveillance Technology Impact Report for GrayKey Digital Forensics Analysis Tool.  
**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**
- 9.18. Public Communication  
(ID # [23-1572](#)) Yizhi You submitting comments re: homelessness in East Somerville.  
President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.18 through 9.20 and Place them on File.  
**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**
- 9.19. Public Communication  
(ID # [23-1573](#)) Bill Valletta submitting comments re: City Council Orders, item #22-1593 and item #23-0612.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.18 through 9.20 and Place them on File.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

- 9.20. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [23-1589](#))

Tufts University conveying its Fall 2023 Accountability Report.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.18 through 9.20 and Place them on File.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

## 10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 10.1. Order  
(ID # [23-1618](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Gomez Mouakad

That the Director of Parks and Recreation provide additional play and athletic equipment for the outdoor recess area at the Edgerly School.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AS AMENDED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee

- 10.2. Order  
(ID # [23-1619](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Clingan

That the Director of Parks and Recreation provide an outdoor storage box at the Edgerly School for additional equipment.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee

- 10.3. Order  
(ID # [23-1620](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Gomez Mouakad

That the Director of Inspectional Services inspect the Edgerly building for noise issues during class time, and provide necessary adjustments to classrooms to address acoustic issues.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AS AMENDED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee

- 10.4. Order  
(ID # [23-1621](#))

By Councilor Clingan, Councilor Scott and Councilor Burnley Jr.

That the Director of Engineering provide this Council with an update on the 2013 Pedestrian Accessibility Study and the progress made in the 10 years since its release.



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**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee

10.5. Order  
(ID # [23-1622](#))

By Councilor Clingan, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Gomez Mouakad

That the Director of the Office of Racial and Social Justice update this Council on the implementation of the FileVine system that was procured to track Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) complaints.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee

10.6. Order  
(ID # [23-1623](#))

By Councilor Clingan, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Scott  
That the Director of the Office of Racial and Social Justice update this Council on the status of the procurement of a Braille embosser to accommodate requests for materials in Braille.

Councilor Clingan sponsored resident Holly Simone, Co-Chair of the Commission for Persons with Disabilities, to speak. Ms. Simone explained that it's a big task to format data for braille and that they're using a process that reduces the volume of documents and reduces costs. She briefly explained that in order to utilize this process, there is some standardization that would need to be done to the original documents.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee

10.7. Order  
(ID # [23-1624](#))

By Councilor Clingan and Councilor Wilson

That the Director of Mobility add a speed bump to Shore Drive at Governor Winthrop Road.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

10.8. Zoning Ordinance  
(ID # [23-1625](#))

By Councilor Pineda Neufeld

Amending Section 7.2.7 of the Zoning Ordinances to add Shared Workspace & Arts Education to Table 7.2.7 Permitted Uses.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

10.9. Resolution  
(ID # [23-1626](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr.

That the Administration increase the \$55,000 allotted to support food access to \$100,000, in accordance with its promise to pledge \$1 million for participatory budgeting.

Councilor Burnley noted that this amount represents the unused portion of the promised \$1 million allotment for participatory budgeting.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee

10.10. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1550](#))

Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$108,226.70 grant with no new match required from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council to the Health and Human Services Department to support implementation of the Somerville-Cambridge Shared Public Health Service Initiative.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.2, 7.4 through 7.6, and 10.10 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

10.11. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1632](#))

Requesting confirmation of the reappointment of Linda Dubuque as City Treasurer and Collector of Taxes.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld moved to waive the readings of items 10.11 through 10.14 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

10.12. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1635](#))

Requesting confirmation of the reappointment of Francis J. Golden as Chief Assessor and Chair of the Board of Assessors.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld moved to waive the readings of items 10.11 through 10.14 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

10.13. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1631](#))

Requesting confirmation of the reappointment of Michael Flynn to the Board of Assessors.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld moved to waive the readings of items 10.11 through 10.14 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

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- 10.14. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1633](#))
- Requesting confirmation of the reappointment of Richard Scanlon to the Board of Assessors.
- Councilor Pineda Neufeld moved to waive the readings of items 10.11 through 10.14 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee
- 10.15. Officer's  
Communication  
(ID # [23-1627](#))
- Chief of Police conveying supplemental information regarding Somerville's participation in the Metro Boston Homeland Security Region (MBHSR).
- Councilor Kelly commented that this is the information she requested and Councilor Scott spoke about resolutions prohibiting the city from participating in the federal government's surplus military programs.
- RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**
- 10.16. License  
(ID # [23-1628](#))
- Renewing Taxi Medallion License, V.I.N.L. Transportation Inc., Med. #65.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.14 and 10.16 through 10.19 and approve them this evening.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- 10.17. License  
(ID # [23-1629](#))
- Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 3, Ed's Used Auto Parts, 516 Columbia St.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.14 and 10.16 through 10.19 and approve them this evening.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- 10.18. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1634](#))
- Theia Henderson applying for a Public Event License for Holyoke Rd BP on October 28 from 11am to 6pm (raindate October 29).
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.14 and 10.16 through 10.19 and approve them this evening.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- 10.19. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1636](#))
- J.T. Scott applying for a Public Event License for Springfield St BP on October 31 from 4pm to 10:30pm.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.14 and 10.16 through 10.19 and approve them this evening.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
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- 10.20. Public Communication (ID # [23-1617](#)) Charles Zammuto requesting the adoption of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Map to change the zoning district of 563-565 Broadway from Urban Residence (UR) to Mid-Rise 4 (MR4).

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

**11. LATE ITEMS**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:27 PM.



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## City Council

### Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 9, 2023

7:00 PM

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#### 1. OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen. The City Council entered Executive Session at 8:16 PM and returned at 9:07 PM.

##### 1.1. Roll Call (ID # [23-1688](#))

Call of the Roll.

Councilor Davis experienced some technical difficulties and joined the meeting at 7:06 PM.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

**Present:** City Councilor At Large Willie Burnley Jr.  
City Councilor At Large Charlotte Kelly  
City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo  
City Councilor At Large Jake Wilson  
Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin  
Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen  
Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan  
Ward Five City Councilor Beatriz Gomez Mouakad  
Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis  
Ward Seven City Councilor Judy Pineda Neufeld

**Absent:** Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott

##### 1.2. Remembrances (ID # [23-1689](#))

Remembrances.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

##### 1.3. Minutes (ID # [23-1690](#))

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, October 12, 2023.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

## 2. CITATIONS

## 3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 3.1. Grant of Location (ID # [23-1680](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 47 feet of conduit in Albion Street, from Utility Pole 3/22 to a point of pickup at 156 Albion Street.

Hannah Cooper, representing Eversource, spoke in favor of the item and explained the purpose of the request. There being no further speakers, the Public Hearing was closed.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

- 3.2. Grant of Location (ID # [23-1681](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 147 feet of conduit in Lowell Street, from Utility Pole 215/2 to a point of pickup at the rear of 657 Somerville Avenue.

Hannah Cooper, representing Eversource, spoke in favor of the item and explained the purpose of the request. There being no further speakers, the Public Hearing was closed.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

- 3.3. Grant of Location (ID # [23-1682](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 160 feet of conduit in the intersection of Broadway and Thurston Street, from Manhole 1922 to a point of pickup at 115 Thurston Street.

Hannah Cooper, representing Eversource, spoke in favor of the item and explained the purpose of the request. There being no further speakers, the Public Hearing was closed.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

- 3.4. Grant of Location (ID # [23-1683](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 10 feet of conduit in Medford Street, from Utility Pole 228/2 to a point of pickup at 22 McGrath Highway.

Hannah Cooper, representing Eversource, spoke in favor of the item and explained the purpose of the request. There being no further speakers, the Public Hearing was closed.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

#### 4. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

- 4.1. Resolution (ID # [23-1662](#)) By Councilor Wilson, Councilor Davis, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Strezo  
Supporting Somerville's application to the Fossil Fuel Free Demonstration Program.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

4.2. Resolution  
(ID # [23-1664](#))

By Councilor Wilson, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Davis and Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
Commending the actions taken to improve the safety of the municipal fleet.

Councilor Wilson commented that the Department of Public Works is utilizing nine vehicle speed limiters and he asked that Councilors urge the administration to continue with this program and to implement other vehicle safety technology.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

4.3. Order  
(ID # [23-1665](#))

By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Wilson  
That the Director of Engineering relocate the western curb cut where the Community Path crosses School Street so it simply goes straight.

Councilor Ewen-Campen spoke on the item saying that he doesn't understand why the curb was cut at that particular spot. He has had conversations with various city staff about this, and despite their best efforts to explain the reason, he still doesn't understand it. He asked that the item be sent to the Traffic and Parking Committee.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott



4.4. Order  
(ID # [23-1667](#))

By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson

That the Director of Mobility either widen the newly constructed intersection at Benton Road and Summer Street or make Benton Road a one-way street.

Councilor Ewen-Campen said that this intersection has curb bump outs that make it difficult to negotiate turns. He has discussed the matter with Mobility staff, who indicated their belief that the area in question was designed properly. He's raising the issue because he thinks that the city got it wrong and that it should be fixed.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

4.5. Communication  
(ID # [23-1666](#))

By Councilor Ewen-Campen

Conveying an important upcoming opportunity to support changes to the state plumbing code that will facilitate the creation of gender-neutral single occupancy restrooms.

Councilor Ewen-Campen noted that this is an important issue for trans people and caregivers and is really a common sense issue. As this is highly regulated by the state plumbing code, there is nothing that can be done locally. There is momentum to get this changed and there are two roads to pursue, i.e., change the state law or ask the board that oversees the plumbing code to change it. That board is holding a public hearing on the matter next Friday and Councilor Ewen-Campen urged anyone interested to attend or submit comments.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

4.6. Order  
(ID # [23-1677](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Davis and Councilor Clingan That the Director of Water and Sewer explain the increases in water bills for households with new water meters and consider a forgiveness period for unexpected increases due to inaccuracies in prior metering.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad commented that some residents have received huge water bills and President Ewen-Campen explained that the new meters being installed do work, but the transponder has had problems causing several property owners to get incorrect bills. He also commented that the information provided by city staff was inadequate and unclear. Councilor Clingan commented that the new meters are more accurate, which also may be a contributing factor in some bills being higher than what people were used to. He would like to see payments for these large bills stretched over time. Councilor Strezo commented that she would like to see data on how many higher bills have been received.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

4.7. Order  
(ID # [23-1678](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Wilson That the Director of Planning, Preservation and Zoning consider a modification to the Zoning Ordinances in the Neighborhood Residence District to allow full reconstruction of roof line, or larger modifications to roof line, by right for projects that commit to meeting requirements of the new Specialized Stretch Code for Passive House and all electric standards, even when not applicable.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad said the city's zoning code is specific on how to modify roof lines and she doesn't think this should be under the purview of zoning. She noted that basements are allowed to be modified and asked why not roof lines. Councilor Wilson thinks the proposal would help both the climate and housing goals of the city.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

4.8. Resolution  
(ID # [23-1679](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Strezo  
That this City Council commit to facilitating and procuring interpretation when sponsoring non-English speaking speakers.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad noted that, despite having access to translation services, the City Council is not being active in coordinating those services. She said that she knows firsthand that English only policy and rhetoric are rooted in our historical racism and colonialism and that social and cultural biases are embedded in our society. She said that she put this Resolution forth because diversity might be challenging, but inclusion is hard and to achieve inclusion, bias needs to be fought. She stated that language discrimination is rooted in the white supremacy and colonial paths of our society over centuries. She said that we are making a lot of progress and that it is the City Council's collective responsibility to challenge and overcome linguistic discrimination.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**6.A. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE**

**6.A.1. Committee Report** Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel  
(ID # [23-1643](#)) Matters, meeting on November 1, 2023.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld summarized the actions taken by the committee and said that the committee recommended three candidates for approval. There were two candidates for Board of Assessors positions who had to

leave the meeting prior to their interviews, so those interviews will be conducted at the next committee meeting.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

- 6.A.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0439](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Michael Santangelo to the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

- 6.A.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1349](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Courtney Koslow to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.A.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1632](#)) Requesting confirmation of the reappointment of Linda Dubuque as City Treasurer and Collector of Taxes.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.A.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1635](#)) Requesting confirmation of the reappointment of Francis J. Golden as Chief Assessor and Chair of the Board of Assessors.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

6.B. **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- 6.B.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-1645](#)) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on November 6, 2023.

Councilor Wilson summarized the actions taken by the committee and said that an update was received on the high school scholarship programs, grants were accepted, a personnel shift from the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development to the Office of Sustainability and Environment was approved, as was a new position in the Engineering Department. He spoke about a bonding request for street and sidewalk reconstruction noting that the plan would include five intersections and floating bus stops, and improvements to slow down vehicle turn speeds. A prioritization list is not yet available. During the Committee meeting, Councilor Scott commented that most of this work, which is regular infrastructure maintenance, is being

primarily funded through bonding and he was told that there's a move to gradually transition those costs to the general fund.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

6.B.2. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1517](#))

Requesting approval of a transfer of \$32,000 from the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development Housing Division Personal Services Account to the Office of Sustainability and Environment Personal Services Account to transfer the clean green program manager position to the Office of Sustainability and Environment.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

6.B.3. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1550](#))

Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$108,226.70 grant with no new match required from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council to the Health and Human Services Department to support implementation of the Somerville-Cambridge Shared Public Health Service Initiative.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

6.B.4. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [23-1552](#))

David Thorpe submitting comments re: Somerville High School Scholarship Foundation.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

6.B.5. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1554](#))

Requesting approval of a transfer of \$5,925.42 from the Infrastructure & Asset Management Personal Services Account to the Engineering Personal Services Account to fund an existing position.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

6.B.6. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1555](#))

Requesting approval to create a Senior Project Manager position in the Department of Infrastructure and Asset Management - Engineering Division.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

6.B.7. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1585](#))

Requesting authorization to borrow \$5,561,768 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for street and sidewalk reconstruction.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED****AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld**ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott**6.C. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE**

- 6.C.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on October 30, 2023.  
(ID # [23-1642](#))

Councilor Davis summarized the actions taken by the committee and noted that the rent stabilization item was also discussed. He moved to sever the fossil fuel item in the report (item # 23-1590) and place it on file. The item was severed and placed on file.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED****AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld**ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

- 6.C.2. Mayor's Request Requesting ordainment of an amendment to the Code of Ordinances to add Chapter 6 Article VII to restrict and prohibit new building construction and major renovation projects that are not fossil fuel-free.  
(ID # [23-1590](#))

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE****AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld**ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott**6.D. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE**

- 6.D.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-1646](#)) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on November 8, 2023.

Councilor Burnley summarized the actions taken by the committee and spoke about a Grant of Location issue where a trench was dug prior to receiving the city's permission. After deliberating the matter, it was concluded that this instance was a good faith mistake. He also spoke about not recommending approval for a new garage license because the company had been towing vehicles to an unlicensed parking lot and had been using their garage prior to obtaining their permit as well as after being told not to by the city. The business has been shut down by the Inspectional Services Department. President Ewen-Campen commented that the Council might want to consider penalties for improperly doing construction work before permits are issued.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

- 6.D.2. License (ID # [23-1339](#)) New Garage License, Quick Auto Center, 30 Joy Street, 0 cars inside, 40 cars outside, for charging money to store vehicles, maintaining and operating a tow vehicle, and storing unregistered vehicles, Mon-Fri: 8am-6pm, Sat: 8am-2pm, and Sun: closed.

**RESULT:** **NOT APPROVED**

- 6.D.3. Grant of Location (ID # [23-1560](#)) Comcast applying for a Grant of Location to install 20 feet of conduit in Beacon Street, from Utility Pole 142/25 to a point of pickup at 205 Beacon Street.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

6.E. **PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

- 6.E.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-1644](#)) Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on November 2, 2023.

Councilor Kelly summarized the actions taken by the committee and spoke about dark skies issues, un-housed people in East Somerville, access to bathrooms in the Police sub-station in East Somerville. Councilor McLaughlin said that he will be requesting weekly updates on the un-housed situation.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**



**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

6.E.2. Order  
(ID # [23-1289](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Director of Housing and the Director of Health and Human Services update this Council regarding repeated requests to provide shelter to homeless residents.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

6.E.3. Order  
(ID # [23-1367](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Commissioner of Public Works ensure that the new Police sub-station in East Somerville is easily accessible to the public and includes public restrooms.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

6.E.4. Order  
(ID # [23-1370](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Davis  
That the Director of Health and Human Services create a homeless worker program, similar to the Roca program, that offers compensated community cleanup and other community service jobs to the un-housed.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

6.E.5. Order  
(ID # [23-1372](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Wilson  
That the Director of Health and Human Services update this Council on homelessness outreach efforts, including the hiring of four clinicians, case managers and home visitations.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

6.E.6. Order  
(ID # [23-1373](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Scott and Councilor Ewen-Campen  
That the Director of Inspectional Services update this Council on enforcement of the Dark Skies ordinance that restricts light pollution and reduces energy consumption.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

## 7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR



- 7.1. Withdrawn Withdrawn.  
(ID # [23-1314](#))

**RESULT: WITHDRAWN**

- 7.2. Mayor's Request Requesting ordainment of an amendment to the Code of Ordinances to add  
(ID # [23-1659](#)) Chapter 6 Article VII to restrict and prohibit new building construction and major renovation projects that are not fossil fuel-free.

Councilor Davis said this was discussed in the Legislative Matters Committee last week. He explained that the state has a pilot program for ten communities to participate in and Somerville would like to be one of the communities selected sometime after the beginning of the new year. To that end, having this ordinance in place would demonstrate to the state that the city wants to move in this direction. Two issues were raised in committee. One dealt with the definition of major renovation, and this was addressed by having the ordinance default to the state statute. The other dealt with the waiting period for implementation of the ordinance.

Councilor Burnley expressed concern about an exception that mirrors the state language that would permit some multi-family buildings to use fossil fuels. Councilor Gomez Mouakad inquired about language to allow changes if current statutes change. Christine Blais, Director of the Office of Sustainability and Environment responded that city staff tried to incorporate language that had most recently been adopted by the state. She reviewed the fire safety standards with the Somerville Fire Department and stated that she feels confident with the language. She also pointed out that the ordinance's language would be reviewed bi-annually. Councilor Burnley noted that the city hired a consultant for this ordinance and said that there is a severability clause and a conflicting provision clause.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad asked if additional capacity would be needed to enforce the ordinance and Director Blais explained that item #23-1517, (on tonight's agenda), would move a position from the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development to the Office of Sustainability and Environment, with an expanded scope, and if and when the city receives state approval, additional staff should already be available.

The item was approved, enrolled and ordained.

President Ewen-Campen moved for reconsideration in the hope that reconsideration fails. Reconsideration failed on a roll call vote of 0 in favor, 10 opposed (McLaughlin, Davis, Strezo, Clingan, Wilson, Burnley, Gomez Mouakad, Kelly, Pineda Neufeld, Ewen-Campen), 1 absent (Scott).

**RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

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**ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

- 7.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1655](#)) Requesting approval to appropriate \$165,687 from the Energy Stabilization Fund to pay for the final phase of the LED conversion project at the Albert F. Argenziano School.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.3 through 7.22 and 10.2 through 10.3 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1516](#)) Requesting approval to appropriate \$56,215.42 from the Bike Share Stabilization Fund for installation and startup cost of a BlueBike station at the 74 Middlesex Avenue Development site.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.3 through 7.22 and 10.2 through 10.3 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1661](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$2,502,191 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation, Parking Meter Receipts Account to reduce the FY 2024 Tax Rate.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.3 through 7.22 and 10.2 through 10.3 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1568](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$1,370,177 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the 90 Washington Demonstration Project Account for additional legal services.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.3 through 7.22 and 10.2 through 10.3 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1676](#)) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$500,000 from the FY 2024 Tax Levy to the Capital-Building Improvements Account to fund needed building improvements.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.3 through 7.22 and 10.2 through 10.3 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
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- 7.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1670](#)) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$384,858 from the FY 2024 Tax Levy to the School Department for unbudgeted expenditures relating to the relocation of Winter Hill Community Innovation School students.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.3 through 7.22 and 10.2 through 10.3 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1671](#)) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$272,970 from the FY 2024 Tax Levy to the School Department to fund forensic services on the School Department Information Technology (IT) network.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.3 through 7.22 and 10.2 through 10.3 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1674](#)) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$219,697 from the FY 2024 Tax Levy to various Department of Public Works Accounts to fund unbudgeted expenditures related to the Winter Hill Community Innovation School move.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.3 through 7.22 and 10.2 through 10.3 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.11. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1673](#)) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$49,974 from the FY 2024 Tax Levy to the School Department School Lunch Revolving Fund for providing meal services to participants in summer programs run by the Parks & Recreation Department.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.3 through 7.22 and 10.2 through 10.3 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.12. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1663](#)) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$28,200 to the Department of Public Works Snow Removal Account for the procurement of roadway sensors for snow removal equipment.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.3 through 7.22 and 10.2 through 10.3 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
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- 7.13. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1675](#)) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$8,150 from the FY 2024 Tax Levy to the Public, Education, and Government (PEG) Access Salaries Account to correct a budget miscalculation.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.3 through 7.22 and 10.2 through 10.3 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.14. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1588](#)) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$2,205 using available funds in the Human Resources Professional and Technical Services Account for employment medical screens.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.3 through 7.22 and 10.2 through 10.3 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.15. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1587](#)) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$1,424 using available funds in the Human Resources Professional and Technical Services Account for employment medical screens.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.3 through 7.22 and 10.2 through 10.3 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.16. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1591](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$900 using available funds in the Parks and Recreation Transportation Account for Dilboy Field bus transportation.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.3 through 7.22 and 10.2 through 10.3 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.17. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1672](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$718.51 using available funds in the Mayor's Office Maint Contract-Office Equip Account for additional printing needed for Community Meeting materials.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.3 through 7.22 and 10.2 through 10.3 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

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- 7.18. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1640](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$475 using available funds in the City Clerk's R&M - Software Account for ordinance hosting annual support fee.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.3 through 7.22 and 10.2 through 10.3 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.19. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1669](#)) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$375 using available funds in the Mayor's Office Food Supplies and Refreshment Account for dinner for staff for FY 2024 budget hearings.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.3 through 7.22 and 10.2 through 10.3 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.20. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1581](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a Community Compact Best Practices Technical Assistance grant for \$45,000 with no new match required, from the MA Department of Revenue Division of Local Services to the Economic Development Division for the development of a Commercial Tenant Guidebook.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.3 through 7.22 and 10.2 through 10.3 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.21. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1553](#)) Requesting approval of a time-only contract extension of five months for Suffolk Construction, for Construction Manager services for the Somerville High School project.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.3 through 7.22 and 10.2 through 10.3 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.22. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1586](#)) Requesting approval of a thirty-month extension to the Benefit Strategies, LLC contract for Flexible Spending Account employee benefit administration.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.3 through 7.22 and 10.2 through 10.3 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
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- 7.23. Withdrawn Withdrawn.  
(ID # [23-1570](#))

**RESULT:** **WITHDRAWN**

- 7.24. Withdrawn Withdrawn.  
(ID # [23-1637](#))

**RESULT:** **WITHDRAWN**

## 8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 8.1. Officer's Communication Chief Assessor requesting to appear at this Council's November 21, 2023 meeting for the Tax Classification Public Hearing and the determination and adoption of tax levy percentages for FY 2024.  
(ID # [23-1652](#))

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

- 8.2. Officer's Communication Commissioner of Public Works conveying updates regarding ten City Council orders approved at the meeting of September 28, 2023.  
(ID # [23-1657](#))

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1. License Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, Broadway Motor Cars, 161 Broadway.  
(ID # [23-1684](#))

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.4 and 10.5 through 10.6 and approve them this evening.

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**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

9.2. License  
(ID # [23-1685](#))

Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 3, Joseph Talewsky & Son Inc, 508-512 Columbia Street.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.4 and 10.5 through 10.6 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

9.3. License  
(ID # [23-1686](#))

Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, Real Auto Shop Inc, 463 McGrath Hwy.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.4 and 10.5 through 10.6 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

9.4. License  
(ID # [23-1687](#))

Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, Webster Auto Sales, 61 Prospect Street.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.4 and 10.5 through 10.6 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**



**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

9.5. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [23-1638](#))

Four residents submitting comments re: item #23-1198, an amendment to the Zoning Ordinances to permit the house and triple-decker building types without any conditions.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

9.6. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [23-1639](#))

Jennifer Schultz submitting comments re: item #23-1306, an amendment to the Zoning Map to change the zoning district of 627 Somerville Avenue from Neighborhood Residence (NR) to Mid-Rise 3 (MR3).

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.6 through 9.10 and Place them on File.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

9.7. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [23-1654](#))

Community Action Agency of Somerville (CAAS) submitting comments re: zoning amendments, item #23-1198, item #23-1489, and item #23-1205.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.6 through 9.10 and Place them on File.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**



**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

9.8. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [23-1656](#))

Eight residents submitting comments re: item #23-1305, an amendment to the Zoning Map to change the zoning district of 295-297 Medford Street and 93 Walnut Street from Mid-Rise 3 (MR3) to Mid-Rise 5 (MR5).

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.6 through 9.10 and Place them on File.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

9.9. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [23-1658](#))

Reverend Philip Michael Mitza submitting comments re: issues on Lower Broadway.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.6 through 9.10 and Place them on File.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

9.10. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [23-1668](#))

Pat Jehlen submitting comments re: item #23-1198, an amendment to the Zoning Ordinances to permit the house and triple-decker building types without any conditions.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 9.6 through

9.10 and Place them on File.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

## 10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 10.1. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1694](#)) Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition authorizing the City of Somerville to regulate rent in residential dwelling units.

Jill Currier, from the Office of Housing Stability and the Anti-Displacement Task Force, gave a brief presentation on the mayor's initiative, which was developed over the past five months. Three listening sessions were held to receive input from stakeholders. Nicole Eigbrett, Residential Displacement Committee Member, continued the presentation, explaining the Home Rule Petition process and noted that the proposal contains reasonable limits on yearly rent increases, enacts just cause eviction protection, and allows for the creation of a rent stabilization board. After state approval, it would come back to the city for ordainment of an ordinance. President Ewen-Campen noted that the text is available online. Councilor Gomez Mouakad asked that communications be made, in different languages, to those most affected by displacement to make them aware of what the city is attempting to do.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

- 10.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1660](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$1,970 using available funds in the Department of Racial and Social Justice Professional and Technical Services Account for transcription services.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.3 through 7.22 and 10.2 through 10.3 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 10.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1598](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$500 using available funds in the Department of Racial and Social Justice Professional and Technical Services Account for transcription services.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.3 through 7.22 and 10.2 through 10.3 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee10.4. Officer's  
Communication  
(ID # [23-1692](#))

City Solicitor requesting that this Council convene in Executive Session to discuss property at Matignon pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(6).

The City Council entered Executive Session at 8:16 PM and returned to open session at 9:07 PM. President Ewen-Campen stated that no votes were taken in Executive Session other than the vote to adjourn.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

10.5. License  
(ID # [23-1695](#))

Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, United Motors, 188 Broadway.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.4 and 10.5 through 10.6 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

10.6. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1696](#))

Health and Human Services Department applying for a Public Event License for Transgender Day of Remembrance on November 20 from 4:30pm to 6:30pm.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.4 and 10.5 through 10.6 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

10.7. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [23-1691](#))

58 residents submitting comments re: traffic calming on Ivaloo, Harrison, Kent, and Morgan Streets.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

10.8. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [23-1693](#))

Luke Miratrix submitting comments re: brick replacement in Davis Square.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

**11. LATE ITEMS**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:33 PM.



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## City Council City Council Caucus

### Meeting Minutes

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**Tuesday, November 21, 2023**

**6:30 PM**

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The meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM by the City Clerk.

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Present:

Willie Burnley Jr.

Wilfred N. Mbah

Kristen Strezo

Jake Wilson

Matthew McLaughlin

Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott

Ben Ewen-Campen

Jesse Clingan

Naima Sait

Lance L. Davis

Judy Pineda Neufeld

- 1.1. Roll Call                      Call of the Roll.  
(ID # [23-1712](#))

**RESULT:      PLACED ON FILE**

#### **2. ELECTION OF A PRESIDENT FOR 2024**

- 2.1. Election                      Election of a President of the 2024 City Council (nonbinding vote).  
(ID # [23-1713](#))

Councilor Wilson nominated Councilor Ewen-Campen for President. Councilor Davis seconded the motion. There being no other nominations, Councilor Scott moved to close nominations. The motion was seconded by Councilor Pineda Neufeld. That motion was approved on a Roll Call vote of 11 in favor (Burnley, Mbah, Strezo, Wilson, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Sait, Davis, Pineda Neufeld), 0 opposed, 0 absent. Councilor Ewen-Campen was elected as President, on a unanimous non-binding Roll Call vote of 11 in favor (Burnley, Mbah, Strezo, Wilson, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Sait, Davis, Pineda Neufeld), 0 opposed, 0 absent.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

### 3. ELECTION OF A VICE PRESIDENT FOR 2024

- 3.1. Election Election of a Vice President of the 2024 City Council (nonbinding vote).  
(ID # [23-1714](#))

Councilor McLaughlin nominated Councilor Pineda Neufeld for Vice President. Councilor Clingan seconded the motion. There being no other nominations, Councilor Davis moved to close nominations. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wilson. That motion was approved on a Roll Call vote of 10 in favor (Mbah, Strezo, Wilson, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Sait, Davis, Pineda Neufeld), 0 opposed, 1 present (Burnley).

Councilor Pineda Neufeld was elected as Vice President, on a non-binding Roll Call vote of 8 in favor (Strezo, Wilson, McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Sait, Davis, Pineda Neufeld), 0 opposed, 3 present (Burnley, Mbah, Scott).

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

### 4. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Strezo moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilor Pineda Neufeld. The motion was approved on a Roll Call vote of 9 in favor (Burnley, Mbah, Strezo, Wilson, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Sait, Davis, Pineda Neufeld), 0 opposed, 2 present (McLaughlin, Clingan)  
The meeting was Adjourned at 6:40 PM.



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## City Council

### Meeting Minutes

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**Tuesday, November 21, 2023**

**7:00 PM**

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#### 1. OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Ward Seven City Councilor Judy Pineda Neufeld.

The Council entered recess at 8:12 PM and returned at 8:19 PM.

The Council entered recess at 9:32 PM and returned at 9:41 PM.

- 1.1. Roll Call                      Call of the Roll.  
(ID # [23-1743](#))

**RESULT:**      **PLACED ON FILE**

**Present:**      City Councilor At Large Willie Burnley Jr.  
City Councilor At Large Charlotte Kelly  
City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo  
City Councilor At Large Jake Wilson  
Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin  
Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott  
Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan  
Ward Five City Councilor Beatriz Gomez Mouakad  
Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis  
Ward Seven City Councilor Judy Pineda Neufeld

**Absent:**      Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen

- 1.2. Remembrances              Remembrances.  
(ID # [23-1744](#))

Councilor McLaughlin requested a moment of silence in memory of an un-housed gentleman who recently passed away while sleeping next to the bridge on lower Broadway.

**RESULT:**      **APPROVED**

- 1.3. Minutes                      Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, October 26, 2023.  
(ID # [23-1745](#))

**RESULT:**      **APPROVED**

#### 2. CITATIONS

### 3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 3.1. Grant of Location (ID # [23-1725](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 26 feet of conduit in Eastman Road, from Utility Pole 106/5 to a point of pickup at 21 Eastman Road.

Jacqui Duffy, representing Eversource, spoke in favor of the item and explained the purpose of the request. There being no further speakers, the Public Hearing was closed.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 3.2. Grant of Location (ID # [23-1726](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 56 feet of conduit in North Street, from Utility Pole 190/4 to a point of pickup at 24 North Street.

Jacqui Duffy, representing Eversource, spoke in favor of the item and explained the purpose of the request. There being no further speakers, the Public Hearing was closed.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 3.3. Officer's Communication (ID # [23-1653](#)) Chief Assessor presenting proposed FY 2024 Tax Classifications and requesting the adoption of a minimum residential factor for FY 2024 and acceptance of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59 Section 5C, a residential exemption of 35% of average assessed value for owner-occupied properties.

**CONDITION/AMENDMENT**

Two motions were approved by Roll Call vote of 10 in favor (McLaughlin, Davis, Scott, Strezo, Clingan, Wilson, Burnley, Gomez Mouakad, Kelly, Pineda Neufeld), 0 opposed, and 1 absent (Ewen-Campen)

1. That this Council adopts a minimum residential factor of 82.6433, the legal minimum for the city for FY 2024.
2. That this Council accepts Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59 Section 5C, approving a residential exemption of 35% of average assessed value for owner occupied properties for FY 2024.

President Pineda Neufeld opened the Public Hearing. Chief Assessor Frank Golden informed the councilors that the city has realized its highest growth so far, however, he expects growth to decline in the future. He said that the city is concerned about going forward with any lab building projects without having tenants in place. Anything being constructed now will move forward and would be capped at 60% if there are no tenants in place. This situation is expected to continue for another 12-24 months. Councilor Clingan noted that 5 out of the 7 buildings under construction now are in some phase of being at less than full tenancy.

Assessor Golden spoke about the FY24 tax levy and classification, reporting that the commercial value % is 18.7931 and the residential value % is



81.2069. The FY24 tax levy share for commercial property rose 3.36% and the residential share decreased by 3.74% over FY23. The Council was presented with 3 tax options, with Option 3 (with classification and residential exemption) being recommended by the Board of Assessors. Assessor Golden reviewed the tax impacts on various types of property in the city and Deputy Assessor Janneke Donovan-De Klerk explained the multiple exemptions available and said that people are still reluctant to use the deferral 41A option (where the city would place a lien on property). Resident Crystal Huff commented that they are trying to understand how making a house accessible affects taxes and Assessor Golden replied that the Building Department would determine how many units are at the property, and from there, one could proceed to the Assessing Department. There being no further speakers, the Public Hearing was closed.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

#### 4. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

- 4.1. Order  
(ID # [23-1697](#))
- By Councilor Strezo, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Wilson  
That the Director of Parks and Recreation discuss how inclusive playground accessibility is being considered in future playground plans and redesign projects.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

- 4.2. Order  
(ID # [23-1724](#))
- By Councilor Kelly, Councilor Wilson, Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Clingan  
That the Director of Inspectional Services update this Council on the progress of rodent mitigation.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Rodent Issues Special Committee

- 4.3. Order  
(ID # [23-1728](#))
- By Councilor Wilson and Councilor Clingan  
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management conduct an audit of all city-owned properties in the Assessor's database and report back to this Council with a full list.

Councilor Clingan said this item is germane to Gilman Square and that the

city is looking at 3 buildings. During his discussions with the administration, Councilor Clingan alerted the city about a particular building that the city wasn't aware it owned.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

- 4.4. Communication By Councilor Ewen-Campen  
(ID # [23-1716](#)) In his capacity as President, cancelling the Regular Meeting of this Council scheduled for December 28, 2023.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**6.A. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- 6.A.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on November 14, 2023.  
(ID # [23-1699](#))

Councilor Wilson summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that the meeting was straight-forward. Discussions included E-bikes, snow removal, free cash estimates, Winter Hill School items, repairs to the City Hall tower clock and appropriations.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.A.2. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$500 using available  
(ID # [23-1508](#)) funds in the Department of Racial and Social Justice Professional and Technical Services Account for transcription services.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.A.3. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to appropriate \$56,215.42 from the Bike Share  
(ID # [23-1516](#)) Stabilization Fund for installation and startup cost of a BlueBike station at the 74 Middlesex Avenue Development site.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

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| 6.A.4. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-1553</a> )  | Requesting approval of a time-only contract extension of five months for Suffolk Construction, for Construction Manager services for the Somerville High School project.<br><br><b>RESULT:     <u>APPROVED</u></b>  |
| 6.A.5. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-1568</a> )  | Requesting the appropriation of \$1,370,177 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the 90 Washington Demonstration Project Account for additional legal services.<br><br><b>RESULT:     <u>APPROVED</u></b>  |
| 6.A.6. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-1581</a> )  | Requesting approval to accept and expend a Community Compact Best Practices Technical Assistance grant for \$45,000 with no new match required, from the MA Department of Revenue Division of Local Services to the Economic Development Division for the development of a Commercial Tenant Guidebook.<br><br><b>RESULT:     <u>APPROVED</u></b> |
| 6.A.7. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-1586</a> )  | Requesting approval of a thirty-month extension to the Benefit Strategies, LLC contract for Flexible Spending Account employee benefit administration.<br><br><b>RESULT:     <u>APPROVED</u></b>  |
| 6.A.8. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-1587</a> )  | Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$1,424 using available funds in the Human Resources Professional and Technical Services Account for employment medical screens.<br><br><b>RESULT:     <u>APPROVED</u></b>   |
| 6.A.9. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-1588</a> )  | Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$2,205 using available funds in the Human Resources Professional and Technical Services Account for employment medical screens.<br><br><b>RESULT:     <u>APPROVED</u></b>   |
| 6.A.10. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-1591</a> ) | Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$900 using available funds in the Parks and Recreation Transportation Account for Dilboy Field bus transportation.<br><br><b>RESULT:     <u>APPROVED</u></b>   |
| 6.A.11. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">23-1640</a> ) | Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$475 using available funds in the City Clerk's R&M - Software Account for ordinance hosting annual support fee.<br><br><b>RESULT:     <u>APPROVED</u></b>  |
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- 6.A.12. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1655](#)) Requesting approval to appropriate \$165,687 from the Energy Stabilization Fund to pay for the final phase of the LED conversion project at the Albert F. Argenziano School.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld
- ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen
- 6.A.13. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1660](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$1,970 using available funds in the Department of Racial and Social Justice Professional and Technical Services Account for transcription services.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- 6.A.14. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1661](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$2,502,191 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation, Parking Meter Receipts Account to reduce the FY 2024 Tax Rate.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- 6.A.15. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1663](#)) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$28,200 to the Department of Public Works Snow Removal Account for the procurement of roadway sensors for snow removal equipment.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- 6.A.16. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1669](#)) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$375 using available funds in the Mayor's Office Food Supplies and Refreshment Account for dinner for staff for FY 2024 budget hearings.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- 6.A.17. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1670](#)) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$384,858 from the FY 2024 Tax Levy to the School Department for unbudgeted expenditures relating to the relocation of Winter Hill Community Innovation School students.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- 6.A.18. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1671](#)) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$272,970 from the FY 2024 Tax Levy to the School Department to fund forensic services on the School Department Information Technology (IT) network.

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**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.A.19. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1672](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$718.51 using available funds in the Mayor's Office Maint Contract-Office Equip Account for additional printing needed for Community Meeting materials.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.A.20. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1673](#)) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$49,974 from the FY 2024 Tax Levy to the School Department School Lunch Revolving Fund for providing meal services to participants in summer programs run by the Parks & Recreation Department.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.A.21. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1674](#)) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$219,697 from the FY 2024 Tax Levy to various Department of Public Works Accounts to fund unbudgeted expenditures related to the Winter Hill Community Innovation School move.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.A.22. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1675](#)) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$8,150 from the FY 2024 Tax Levy to the Public, Education, and Government (PEG) Access Salaries Account to correct a budget miscalculation.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.A.23. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1676](#)) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$500,000 from the FY 2024 Tax Levy to the Capital-Building Improvements Account to fund needed building improvements.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.B. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- 6.B.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-1701](#)) Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on November 15, 2023.

Councilor Strezo summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that the Gilman Square Neighborhood Plan was discussed and an update was received from the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development. Also discussed was the teen shoveling program and how cost seems to be a barrier for senior participation. The committee discussed cigarette voting boxes, 100 homes maintenance, and the city's affordable housing stock.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.B.2. Order  
(ID # [22-0051](#))

By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Davis and Councilor Kelly  
That the Administration collaborate with the Bicycle Committee, the School Department, the Somerville Bike Kitchen and other local organizations to develop a program to help Somerville youth and other residents learn to repair bicycles donated by the City of Somerville.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.B.3. Order  
(ID # [22-0055](#))

By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Burnley Jr.  
That the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development work with the owner of 125 Highland Ave and local non-profit housing developers to convert that structure into permanently affordable housing.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.B.4. Order  
(ID # [22-0172](#))

By Councilor Strezo  
That the Director of Public Works and the Director of the Office Sustainability and Environment discuss the possibility of installing Cigarette Bin Voting Boxes throughout the community.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.B.5. Order  
(ID # [22-0178](#))

By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Scott, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Davis, Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Burnley Jr.  
That the Director of Housing provide a comprehensive list of bedroom counts and number of accessible units for construction projects permitted over the past three years and continue to track this data

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.B.6. Order  
(ID # [22-1295](#))

By Councilor Strezo, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Scott  
That the City Solicitor provide an opinion on the legality of landlords including non-disclosure agreements in leases.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.B.7. Order  
(ID # [22-1408](#))

By Councilor Strezo, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Ewen-Campen  
That the Housing and Community Development Committee discuss the Democracy Collaborative's report on Advancing Community Wealth Building in the City of Somerville.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.B.8. Order  
(ID # [22-1570](#))
- By Councilor Strezo  
That the Director of Housing update this Council on maintenance issues of the 100 Homes Program.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.B.9. Order  
(ID # [23-0274](#))
- By Councilor Strezo  
That the Director of Health and Human Services create and distribute an outgoing participation survey for participants of the Teen Snow Shoveling program.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.B.10. Order  
(ID # [23-1358](#))
- By Councilor Clingan and Councilor Ewen-Campen  
That the Director of Economic Development appear before this Council to discuss the current status of the implementation of the Gilman Square Neighborhood Plan.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.B.11. Officer's  
Communication  
(ID # [23-1396](#))
- Fair Housing Commission conveying the Fiscal Year 2022 Fair Housing Commission Annual Report.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.C. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- 6.C.1. Committee Report  
(ID # [23-1703](#))
- Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on November 16, 2023.

Councilor McLaughlin summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that the city would now be in compliance with the MBTA Communities Act. Three zoning amendments were approved, including the ability to construct a third unit on a property, by right.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.C.2. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1198](#))
- Requesting ordainment of an amendment to the Somerville Zoning Ordinances, Sections 3.1 Neighborhood Residence and 3.2 Urban Residence, to permit the house and triple decker building types without any conditions, and to repeal the lot depth, dwelling units per lot, and development benefits requirements.

**RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED**



**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

- 6.C.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1205](#)) Requesting ordainment of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to repeal Section 10.9 Steep Slopes.

**RESULT:** **ORDINANCE ORDAINED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

- 6.C.4. Public Communication (ID # [23-1381](#)) Four residents submitting comments re: item #23-0791, amending the Zoning Ordinances to include vegetated roofs.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.C.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1489](#)) Requesting ordainment of an amendment to the Somerville Zoning Ordinances to replace the text of Section 9.1.11 Residential Use Categories and revise Table 9.1.1 Permitted Uses and the corresponding permitted use table of each zoning district, in accordance with changes to Table 9.1.1, to replace the two residential use categories.

**RESULT:** **ORDINANCE ORDAINED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen



**6.D. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE**

- 6.D.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on November 14, 2023.  
(ID # [23-1700](#))

Councilor Davis summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that the rent stabilization Home Rule petition was discussed and no action was taken on the item at this time. It will be taken up at the next committee meeting on November 28th.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**6.E. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE**

- 6.E.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on November 15, 2023.  
(ID # [23-1702](#))

Councilor Burnley summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that all three items before the committee involved the same applicant and were recommended for approval.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.E.2. License New Used Car Dealer License, Sam's Auto Sales, 166 Boston Avenue, 0 vehicles inside, 28 vehicles outside, Mon-Fri: 8am-6pm, Sat: 8am-2pm, Sun: closed.  
(ID # [23-1544](#))

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.E.3. License New Garage License, Sam's Gas and Service, 166 Boston Avenue, 2 vehicles inside, 4 vehicles outside, Mon-Fri: 8am-6pm, Sat: 8am-4pm, Sun: closed.  
(ID # [23-1545](#))

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.E.4. License Transferring Flammables License, from John's Auto sales to Sam's Gas & Service 166 Boston Avenue.  
(ID # [23-1546](#))

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**6.F. OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE**

- 6.F.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, meeting on November 20, 2023.  
(ID # [23-1704](#))

Councilor Burnley reported that no actions were taken by the committee at this meeting. He noted that many issues remain to be discussed, among them, improvements to the community path extension and invasive species.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

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**6.G. PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

- 6.G.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, meeting on  
(ID # [23-1698](#)) November 13, 2023.

Councilor Clingan summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that several housekeeping actions were taken. The committee also discussed roadway paving on Highland Avenue and the possibility of prioritizing sewer separation work to address problem areas. Councilor Wilson explained that a specific sequencing needs to happen, but if possible, changes to the schedule might be made. Councilor Gomez Mouakad asked if construction on Highland Avenue would not begin until 2026 and Councilor Clingan replied that he didn't have an answer for when the redesigned roadway would be completed. Councilor Kelly explained that sewer separation and gas line work needs to be done by the city as well as gas work by the utility company and that these projects need to be completed prior to resurfacing Highland Avenue. Councilor Wilson said part of the roadway has improved and noted that the repaving is independent of the Highland Avenue redesign. Councilor Gomez Mouakad urged her colleagues to push to get a clear timeline for the work on Highland Avenue. Director of Intergovernmental Affairs Singh commented that there is a page dedicated to the Highland Avenue work on the city's website. Councilor Kelly noted that a clear timeline was requested and Councilor Wilson asked that the design process commence.

Councilor Clingan also spoke about trash barrels being strewn by Boston Carting and noted that it has gotten better, but more needs to be done to prevent pedestrian and traffic obstructions.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.G.2. Order By Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Wilson  
(ID # [23-0610](#)) That the Commissioner of Public Works report on leaks and building system failures that have caused the shutdown of municipal buildings, excluding school buildings, in the last five years.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.G.3. Order By Councilor McLaughlin  
(ID # [23-0891](#)) That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the tree wells in front of 173 Broadway for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.G.4. Order By Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
(ID # [23-1184](#)) That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management report on recent air conditioning failures in City Hall and what repairs have been or will be completed to address those issues.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.G.5. Order  
(ID # [23-1187](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr.

That the Commissioner of Public Works appear before this Council to discuss what actions have and can be taken to ensure that trash and recycling barrels do not obstruct sidewalks after pick-up.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.G.6. Order  
(ID # [23-1355](#))

By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson

That the Director of Engineering re-pave Highland Avenue from Central Street to Walnut Street this year instead of waiting until 2024.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.G.7. Order  
(ID # [23-1397](#))

By Councilor Wilson and Councilor Pineda Neufeld

That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management update this Council on the sewer separation work and any opportunities for prioritizing problematic areas of the city.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.G.8. Order  
(ID # [23-1399](#))

By Councilor Davis

That the Administration report to this Council on the ability to require further repairs on Highland Ave, and if none, an explanation on whether that complies with road engineering regulations.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.G.9. Order  
(ID # [23-1432](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Davis

That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management provide a report on the status of the Fire Department Master Planning Study, including projected timelines for the feasibility study, design, bidding and construction, and prioritization strategies.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.G.10. Order  
(ID # [23-1433](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Strezo

That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management provide an update on the repairs of the Teele Square Fire Station, including a timeline for such repairs.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.G.11.Order  
(ID # [23-1434](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Ewen-Campen  
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management report on recent damages to the City Hall clock tower and share any concerns regarding potential damage to the building structure.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

## 7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 7.1. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1721](#))
- Requesting the appropriation of \$955,000 from the Participatory Budgeting Stabilization Fund for the purpose of implementing the winning projects from Somerville's first Participatory Budgeting cycle.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.3, 7.5 through 7.7 and 10.9 through 10.15 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.2. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1718](#))
- Requesting the appropriation of \$170,000 from the Union Square Community Benefits Stabilization Fund, with \$100,000 for workforce development services and \$70,000 for small business technical assistance services.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.3, 7.5 through 7.7 and 10.9 through 10.15 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.3. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1641](#))
- Requesting approval to amend the Community Preservation Act Fund's FY 2023 grant of \$425,000 to the Somerville Hispanic Association for Community Development, to change the scope of the building renovations without increasing the funds.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.3, 7.5 through 7.7 and 10.9 through 10.15 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.4. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1737](#))
- Requesting approval of a transfer of \$181,740 from Salary Contingency to various Department of Public Works School Custodian Personal Services Accounts to fund a collective bargaining settlement with the Firemen and Oilers, Local 3, Service Employees International Union.

Assistant City Solicitor Matthew Sirigu reviewed the terms of the agreement, saying that the sick leave buyback was doubled at 25% and the cap was increased to \$6,000. Other changes included increased longevity pay, modifications to sick leave management, grievance procedures, and drug/alcohol testing. Notably, PFLMA will be increased to 8 weeks. Family Medical Leave is unpaid under federal law, however, the state has paid family leave and the city administration is in the process of adopting its own option which would be paid by the city and need City Council approval. Assistant Solicitor Sirigu noted that the requested amount is for future payments for the rest of this fiscal year. The administration will return to the Council at a later date to secure funds for retroactive payments.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

7.5. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1732](#))

Requesting approval of a transfer of \$25,000 from various SomerStat Ordinary Maintenance Accounts to the SomerStat Salaries & Wages Temporary Account to fund additional temporary employee time.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.3, 7.5 through 7.7 and 10.9 through 10.15 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

7.6. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1722](#))

Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$116,800 grant that requires a match, from the MA Department of Transportation to the Mobility Division for the West Broadway Vision Zero Implementation project.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.3, 7.5 through 7.7 and 10.9 through 10.15 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

7.7. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1720](#))

Requesting approval to accept an in-kind gift valued at \$15,000 with no new match required, from the SUGi project to the Parks and Urban Forestry Division for materials and professional services for the Miyawaki forest planting.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.3, 7.5 through 7.7 and 10.9 through 10.15 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

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## 8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

8.1. Officer's  
Communication  
(ID # [23-1733](#))

Director of the Department of Racial and Social Justice conveying the preliminary findings of the Public Safety for All survey.

Racial and Social Justice Director Denise Molina Capers reviewed the findings and gave a broad overview, touching on several areas. She noted that this survey was one of the most representative surveys undertaken in the city and had a total of 1,296 responses.

Councilor Burnley commented that the structure of the presentation did not deal with how to improve safety, nor provide alternatives to policing and he asked if all of the comments would be shared. Director Molina Capers replied that they may be added as an appendix. Councilor Burnley asked why data for disabled and LGBTQIA people was combined for some areas and not others and was told that the reason this was done was because of the number of respondents.

Councilor Kelly asked when the open data platform would be available to the public and SomerStat Director Anna Gartsman replied that it is available now. Director Gartsman noted that open comments have been excluded to protect identities. Councilor Kelly also commented about the survey being open to people who worked in the city, and she inquired about various datasets that might extrapolate particular groups. She was told that analysis is possible at various levels and could be provided upon request. To collect the survey data, focus groups were held and collaboration was conducted with the Office of Immigrant Affairs and multiple community organizations. Councilor Gomez Mouakad emphasized finding ways to reach out to non-English speaking people.

With regard to improvements to the Police Department, Director Molina Capers stated that it was important to report the differences by race so the voices of those most impacted could be heard. Councilor Davis commented that it wasn't clear how the data supports the perceptions and Director Molina Capers replied that part of the answer is history, and that people of color are most impacted because some areas need to be patrolled more than others due to higher crime. Director Molina Capers closed by saying that the full report would be available in early 2024 and that the task force would appreciate feedback from Councilors.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

8.2. Officer's  
Communication  
(ID # [23-1734](#))

Director of the Department of Racial and Social Justice conveying the Police Department Staffing and Operations Analysis.

Councilor Kelly asked that the data for this item be provided at least 3 days prior to it being discussed in committee on November 30th.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

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**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

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- 8.3. Officer's Communication (ID # [23-1715](#)) City Clerk conveying the non-binding votes of the 2024 City Council Caucus.

City Clerk Kimberly Wells reported the results of the non-binding vote for President and Vice President for Calendar year 2024, as follows:  
President: Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen  
Vice President: Councilor Judy Pineda Neufeld  
**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

- 9.1. License (ID # [23-1735](#)) New Garage License, Greentown Labs, 444 Somerville Avenue, for 5 inside, 0 outside for storing vehicles, Mon-Sun: 7am-8pm.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

- 9.2. License (ID # [23-1729](#)) Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, Aris Auto Inc, 3 Craigie St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.2 through 9.8 and approve them this evening.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 9.3. License (ID # [23-1736](#)) Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, Broadway Brake, 45 Broadway.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.2 through 9.8 and approve them this evening.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 9.4. License (ID # [23-1730](#)) Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, Broadway Sunoco, 258 Broadway.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.2 through 9.8 and approve them this evening.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 9.5. License (ID # [23-1731](#)) Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, Green Automotive Inc, 600 Windsor Pl.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.2 through 9.8 and approve them this evening.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED**



- 9.6. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1727](#)) Union Square Main Streets applying for a Public Event License for 9th Annual Union Square Holiday Stroll on December 2 from 10am to 7pm (raindate December 3).  
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.2 through 9.8 and approve them this evening.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.7. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1741](#)) Mayor's Office applying for a Public Event License for Annual City Hall Tree Lighting on December 7 from 5pm to 9pm.  
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.2 through 9.8 and approve them this evening.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.8. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1742](#)) Mayor's Office applying for a Public Event License for Annual Menorah Lighting on December 10 from 4pm to 7pm.  
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.2 through 9.8 and approve them this evening.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.9. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [23-1717](#)) Crystal Huff submitting comments re: rat mitigation.  
**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**
- 9.10. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [23-1746](#)) 43 residents submitting comments re: item #23-1694, a Home Rule Petition authorizing regulation of rent in residential dwelling units.  
**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

## 10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 10.1. Order  
(ID # [23-1738](#)) By Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Wilson  
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management deliver a study showing the steps to de-carbonize mechanical systems in existing school buildings as part of the Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Feasibility Study, and assess potential grants and funding to help accelerate this process.  
Taken with item #23-1739. Councilor Gomez Mouakad would like to have a discussion on these items in committee.  
**RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**



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**FOLLOWUP:** School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee10.2. Order  
(ID # [23-1739](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Wilson

That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management provide a list of schools that do not have solar panels, and a plan including potential grant and funding sources to install solar panels in those buildings following any roof repairs and replacements.

Taken with item #23-1738. Councilor Gomez Mouakad would like to have a discussion on these items in committee.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee

10.3. Resolution  
(ID # [23-1747](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson

That the Administration immediately engage in contract negotiations with the Somerville Municipal Employees Association (SMEA) Unit B, due to increasing losses of staff due to low wages.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad noted that the SMEA has lost 5 more staff positions, adding that many of the city's positions are undervalued. She stated that this is an urgent item that needs to be addressed.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

10.4. Order  
(ID # [23-1758](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin

That the Director of Health and Human Services provide the Ward 1 City Councilor with monthly updates on efforts to address homelessness in East Somerville.

Councilor McLaughlin noted that the homeless issue in the city has been going on for too long. He asked the administration what is being done on this matter in East Somerville and wasn't satisfied with the response he received. This request is for data.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

10.5. Order  
(ID # [23-1759](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Wilson

That the Director of Engineering add signage to streets that intersect with Gilman Street, indicating that the street allows two way bicycle traffic.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

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- 10.6. Order  
(ID # [23-1760](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Director of Engineering add a curb cut to the Walnut Street Park, by Skilton Ave, to create a clear path for cyclists from Walnut Street.
- Councilor McLaughlin encouraged residents to look at what was done on Walnut Street. He's appreciative of the work that was performed, but he would like this curb cut to be made.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- 10.7. Order  
(ID # [23-1761](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Director of Inspectional Services address the rodent holes around the East Branch Library.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Rodent Issues Special Committee
- 10.8. Order  
(ID # [23-1762](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry trim the tree by 11 Illinois Avenue.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- 10.9. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1723](#))
- Requesting approval to extend a contract with Janeth Moreno from Moreno Law for one year, to June 30, 2024, for the provision of immigration legal services.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.3, 7.5 through 7.7 and 10.9 through 10.15 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 10.10. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1751](#))
- Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$298,280 grant with no new match required, from the Department of Mental Health to the Police Department for the Crisis Intervention Team Training and Technical Assistance Center (CITT-TAC) jail diversion program.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.3, 7.5 through 7.7 and 10.9 through 10.15 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 10.11. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1755](#))
- Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$295,463 grant with no new match required, from the State 911 Department to the Police Department for enhanced 911 Telecommunicator personnel costs.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.3, 7.5
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through 7.7 and 10.9 through 10.15 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

10.12. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1754](#))

Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$120,420.65 grant with no new match required, from the State 911 Department to the Police Department for Emergency Medical Dispatch training.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.3, 7.5 through 7.7 and 10.9 through 10.15 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

10.13. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1752](#))

Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$39,398 grant with no new match required, from the Department of Mental Health to the Police Department for jail diversion.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.3, 7.5 through 7.7 and 10.9 through 10.15 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

10.14. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1753](#))

Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$24,500 grant with no new match required, from the State 911 Department of Emergency Medical Dispatch to the Police Department for Emergency Medical Dispatch work with Cataldo Ambulance Service of Massachusetts.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.3, 7.5 through 7.7 and 10.9 through 10.15 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

10.15. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1756](#))

Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$20,000 grant with no new match required, from State Opioids Response to the Police Department for the Post-Overdose Follow-Up with First Responders program.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.3, 7.5 through 7.7 and 10.9 through 10.15 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

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- 10.16. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1763](#))
- Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Alexis Washburn to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change.
- President Pineda Neufeld moved to waive the readings of items 10.16 through 10.23 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee
- 10.17. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1765](#))
- Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Helen Corrigan to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.
- President Pineda Neufeld moved to waive the readings of items 10.16 through 10.23 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee
- 10.18. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1766](#))
- Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Ingrid Schneider to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.
- President Pineda Neufeld moved to waive the readings of items 10.16 through 10.23 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee
- 10.19. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1767](#))
- Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Laurie Brandt to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.
- President Pineda Neufeld moved to waive the readings of items 10.16 through 10.23 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee
- 10.20. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1768](#))
- Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Murshid Buwembo to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.
- President Pineda Neufeld moved to waive the readings of items 10.16 through 10.23 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
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**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee10.21. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1769](#))

Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Sheila Tracy to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.

President Pineda Neufeld moved to waive the readings of items 10.16 through 10.23 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

10.22. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1770](#))

Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Nick Altschuller to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.

President Pineda Neufeld moved to waive the readings of items 10.16 through 10.23 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

10.23. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1771](#))

Requesting confirmation of the appointment of M. Michael Shaps to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.

President Pineda Neufeld moved to waive the readings of items 10.16 through 10.23 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

10.24. Officer's  
Communication  
(ID # [23-1748](#))

Planning Board conveying recommendations for items #23-1198, #23-1205, #23-1305, #23-1306, and #23-1489.

President Pineda Neufeld moved to waive the readings of items 10.24 through 10.27 and Place them on File.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

10.25. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [23-1740](#))

Urban Forestry Committee submitting comments re: green roof coverage.

President Pineda Neufeld moved to waive the readings of items 10.24 through 10.27 and Place them on File.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

- 10.26. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [23-1749](#))

Pedestrian and Transit Advisory Committee submitting comments re: item #23-1461, amending the Code of Ordinances to create a Safe Streets ordinance.

President Pineda Neufeld moved to waive the readings of items 10.24 through 10.27 and Place them on File.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

- 10.27. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [23-1750](#))

Ati Waldman submitting comments re: ceasefire in Gaza.

President Pineda Neufeld moved to waive the readings of items 10.24 through 10.27 and Place them on File.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

## **11. LATE ITEMS**

- 11.1. Order  
(ID # [23-1773](#))

By Councilor Clingan, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Davis, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott and Councilor Wilson

That the Director of Engineering provide this Council with a timeline for all utility work and paving projects scheduled for Highland Ave including the Highland Ave redesign project.

**RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:39 PM.



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## City Council

### Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 14, 2023

7:00 PM

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The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen.

The City Council entered Executive Session at 7:49 PM and returned at 8:43 PM.

#### 1. OPENING CEREMONIES

- 1.1. Roll Call                      Call of the Roll.  
(ID # [23-1866](#))

**RESULT:**      **PLACED ON FILE**

**Present:**      City Councilor At Large Willie Burnley Jr.  
City Councilor At Large Charlotte Kelly  
City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo  
City Councilor At Large Jake Wilson  
Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin  
Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott  
Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen  
Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan  
Ward Five City Councilor Beatriz Gomez Mouakad  
Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis  
Ward Seven City Councilor Judy Pineda Neufeld

- 1.2. Remembrances              Remembrances.  
(ID # [23-1867](#))

President Ewen-Campen requested a moment of silence in memory Charles "Charlie" Burns.

President Ewen-Campen requested a moment of silence in memory of the lives lost and at risk in Palestine.

Councilor McLaughlin requested a moment of silence in memory of Kayla Driscoll.

**RESULT:**      **APPROVED**

- 1.3. Minutes                      Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, November 9, 2023.  
(ID # [23-1868](#))

**RESULT:**      **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

## 2. CITATIONS

### 2.1. Citation (ID # [23-1836](#))

By Councilor Ewen-Campen  
Commending outgoing Councilor Beatriz Gomez Mouakad for her outstanding service to the people of Somerville as Ward 5 City Councilor from 2022 to 2023.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad was praised and thanked by her fellow councilors for her experience and diligence in serving the people of Ward 5. Her colleagues commented that she came to each meeting prepared and willing to speak her mind and she was recognized for her work in shaping the Council's Special Committee on School Building Facilities and Maintenance. Councilors expressed their respect for her and said that she brought a unique strength to the City Council. Councilor Gomez Mouakad thanked the clerks, administration, colleagues, and the residents of Somerville for the opportunity to serve and for their support.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

### 2.2. Citation (ID # [23-1837](#))

By Councilor Ewen-Campen  
Commending outgoing Councilor Charlotte Kelly for her outstanding service to the people of Somerville as City Councilor at Large from 2022 to 2023.

Councilor Kelly was acknowledged by her colleagues as someone who is admired and who lives and breathes community and labor organizing. Councilors commented that she always brought her "A" game and was thoroughly prepared. She brought incredible value to the Council by deliberately asking tough questions in a friendly manner, her work ethic and consummate professionalism, her grasp of the issues, her sharp mind and speaking ability, and her humorous and passionate demeanor. Councilor



Kelly thanked everyone for the life changing experience provided to her and said she is grateful for her fellow councilors and thankful for the knowledge she gained while serving.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

2.3. Citation  
(ID # [23-1835](#))

By Councilor Ewen-Campen

Commending Councilor Judy Pineda Neufeld for her distinguished service as Vice President of this Council in 2023.

President Ewen-Campen presented a plaque to Councilor Pineda Neufeld recognizing her service as Vice President.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

2.4. Citation  
(ID # [23-1834](#))

By Councilor Pineda Neufeld

Commending Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen for his distinguished service as President of this Council in 2023.

Vice President Pineda Neufeld presented a plaque to Councilor Ewen-Campen recognizing his service as President.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

### 3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 3.1. Grant of Location (ID # [23-1839](#)) RCN Telecom applying for a Grant of Location to install a total of 490 feet of conduit in Columbia Street as follows: Starting from Utility Pole 362/6 located at the intersection of Tremont Street and Columbia Street, to three proposed manholes to a point of pickup at 495 Columbia Street. From third proposed manhole, install 45 feet of conduit to Utility Pole 76/4 located near 510 Columbia Street.

**CONDITION: Before construction starts, coordinate with Boynton Gateway and Engineering AND THE BUSINESS OWNER LOCATED AT 520 COLUMBIA ST. Access to Columbia St cannot be more restrict than it already is.**

Bill Conway, representing RCN Telecom, spoke in favor of the item and explained the purpose of the request. There being no further speakers, the Public Hearing was closed. **Councilor Scott moved to condition the grant as follows: Before construction starts, coordinate with Boynton Gateway and Engineering AND THE BUSINESS OWNER LOCATED AT 520 COLUMBIA ST. Access to Columbia St cannot be more restrict than it already is.**

**RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

- 3.2. Grant of Location (ID # [23-1841](#)) Comcast applying for a Grant of Location to install three new manholes and a total of 701 feet of conduit in Columbia Street, to a point of pickup at 495 Columbia Street and 510 Columbia Street.

**CONDITION: Before construction starts, coordinate with Boynton Gateway and Engineering AND THE BUSINESS OWNER LOCATED AT 520 COLUMBIA ST. Access to Columbia St cannot be more restrict than it already is.**

Dave Flewelling, representing Comcast, spoke in favor of the item and explained the purpose of the request. There being no further speakers, the Public Hearing was closed. **Councilor Scott moved to condition the grant as follows: Before construction starts, coordinate with Boynton Gateway and Engineering AND THE BUSINESS OWNER LOCATED AT 520 COLUMBIA ST. Access to Columbia St cannot be more restrict than it already is.**

**RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

- 3.3. Grant of Location (ID # [23-1842](#)) Comcast applying for a Grant of Location to install 7 feet of conduit in Cross Street, from proposed Comcast Manhole to existing Verizon Manhole located near 17 Cross Street.

Dave Flewelling, representing Comcast, spoke in favor of the item and explained the purpose of the request. There being no further speakers, the Public Hearing was closed.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

#### 4. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

- 4.1. Communication (ID # [23-1808](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen  
In his capacity as President, appointing Councilor Jake Wilson to the Police Chief Selection Committee.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

- 4.2. Communication (ID # [23-1809](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen  
In his capacity as President, appointing Denise Lauers and Kevin Dickinson to the Police Chief Selection Committee.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

4.3. Communication  
(ID # [23-1860](#))

By Councilor Strezo

Conveying a report of the Children's Cabinet meeting.

Councilor Strezo briefly listed some of the topics discussed at the prior two meetings of the Children's Cabinet.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

6. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

6.A. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

6.A.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-1784](#)) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on November 30, 2023.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld summarized the actions taken by the committee and said that two related items regarding the police staffing study were discussed in this 3+ hour meeting.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

- 6.A.2. Order  
(ID # [22-1844](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the Director of Racial and Social Justice provide an update on the Police Staffing Report.

**RESULT:**     **WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.A.3. Officer's  
Communication  
(ID # [23-1734](#))
- Director of the Department of Racial and Social Justice conveying the Police Department Staffing and Operations Analysis.

**RESULT:**     **WORK COMPLETED**

6.B.     CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- 6.B.1. Committee Report  
(ID # [23-1814](#))
- Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on December 6, 2023.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld summarized the actions taken by the committee and noted that 9 confirmations were recommended for approval (2 Board of Assessors positions, 1 Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change position, and 6 Commission for Persons with Disabilities positions).

**RESULT:**     **APPROVED**

**AYE:**             City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:**        City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

- 6.B.2. Order  
(ID # [22-1597](#))
- By Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Kelly  
That the Director of Racial and Social Justice present an update to this Council on efforts to hire an Executive Director for the Human Rights Commission.

**RESULT:**     **WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.B.3. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1631](#))
- Requesting confirmation of the reappointment of Michael Flynn to the Board of Assessors.

**RESULT:**     **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

- 6.B.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1633](#)) Requesting confirmation of the reappointment of Richard Scanlon to the Board of Assessors.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

- 6.B.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1763](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Alexis Washburn to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

- 6.B.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1765](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Helen Corrigan to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

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**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

- 6.B.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1766](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Ingrid Schneider to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

- 6.B.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1768](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Murshid Buwembo to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

- 6.B.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1770](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Sheila Tracy to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

- 6.B.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1770](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Nick Altschuller to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**



**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

- 6.B.11. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1771](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of M. Michael Shaps to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

6.C. EQUITY, GENDER, FAMILIES AND VULNERABLE POPULATIONS COMMITTEE

- 6.C.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-1816](#)) Report of the Committee on Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations, meeting on December 11, 2023.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad summarized the actions taken by the committee and said that 23 items were discussed, among them were the Parks and Recreation enrollment processes, translation services, ADA complaints received from members of the public, status on requests for Braille transcription, timeline and process for identifying a permanent Teen Center, CORI and SORI checks for Crisis Pregnancy Centers, compliance with Code of Massachusetts Regulations (CMR) 521, Sections 3.3 and 3.5, the citywide disparity study, the training, education and policies established for officers to address violence against LGBTQ and gender non-conforming individuals, and the FileVine system.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.



6.C.2. Order  
(ID # [22-0671](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Wilson  
That the Director of Parks and Recreation report on enrollment processes, communications, matriculation data, staffing and programs offered in the past five years.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.C.3. Order  
(ID # [22-0966](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the Director of SomerViva provide the Committee on Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations with an update on translation services.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.C.4. Order  
(ID # [22-1272](#))

By Councilor Scott and Councilor Clingan  
That the ADA Coordinator deliver a list of ADA complaints received from members of the public in FY 2021 and FY 2022.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.C.5. Order  
(ID # [22-1277](#))

By Councilor Scott and Councilor Clingan  
That the ADA Coordinator provide a status on requests for Braille transcription of materials.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.C.6. Order  
(ID # [22-1306](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr.  
That the ADA Coordinator coordinate with the City of Cambridge or another nearby entity that can provide Braille translations in less than 3 to 4 weeks until the City can procure a Brailier.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.C.7. Resolution  
(ID # [22-1458](#))

By Councilor Pineda Neufeld  
That the Administration update this Council on the timeline and process for identifying a permanent Teen Center.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.C.8. Order  
(ID # [22-1571](#))

By Councilor Strezo  
That this Council's Committee on Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations hold a public hearing to discuss the feasibility of conducting CORI and SORI checks for Crisis Pregnancy Centers.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

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- 6.C.9. Order  
(ID # [22-2120](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Kelly  
That the Director of the Office of Racial and Social Justice, the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management and the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development document compliance with Code of Massachusetts Regulations (CMR) 521, Sections 3.3 and 3.5.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.C.10. Order  
(ID # [23-0080](#))
- By Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Kelly, Councilor Scott, Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the Director of Procurement and Contracting Services update this Council on the status of the citywide disparity study.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.C.11. Order  
(ID # [23-0484](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the Director of Parks and Recreation consider giving enrollment priority to low-income families in Parks and Recreation Programs, including but not limited to pre-registration priority.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.C.12. Order  
(ID # [23-0485](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the Director of the SomerViva Office of Immigrant Affairs (SOIA) provide data on the process to connect immigrant families with legal services and the waitlist to receive those services vs. the waitlist for follow-up from government immigrant agencies.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.C.13. Order  
(ID # [23-0486](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Strezo  
That this City Council consider options for Committee meetings like allowing schedule changes to the daytime or fixing presentation times in the evenings to facilitate flexibility for staff and Councilors who are new parents or facing childcare challenges.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.C.14. Resolution  
(ID # [23-1295](#))
- By Councilor Strezo  
That the Administration designate a small children's section in City Hall between the Council Chamber and the Subcommittee Room for parents and caregivers.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
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6.C.15. Order  
(ID # [23-1438](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Strezo  
That the Chief of Police report on the training, education and policies established for officers to address violence against LGBTQ and gender non-conforming individuals.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.C.16. Mayor's  
Communication  
(ID # [23-1557](#))

Conveying the FY 2023 report of SomerViva: Office of Immigrant Affairs.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.C.17. Order  
(ID # [23-1622](#))

By Councilor Clingan, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the Director of the Office of Racial and Social Justice update this Council on the implementation of the FileVine system that was procured to track Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) complaints.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.C.18. Order  
(ID # [23-1623](#))

By Councilor Clingan, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Scott  
That the Director of the Office of Racial and Social Justice update this Council on the status of the procurement of a Braille embosser to accommodate requests for materials in Braille.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.C.19. Resolution  
(ID # [23-1626](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr.  
That the Administration increase the \$55,000 allotted to support food access to \$100,000, in accordance with its promise to pledge \$1 million for participatory budgeting.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.D. FINANCE COMMITTEE

6.D.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-1818](#)) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on December 12, 2023.

Councilor Wilson summarized the actions taken by the committee and said that among the items acted on were an amendment to the CPA FY 2023 grant, an appropriation of \$170,000, acceptance of an in-kind gift, a grant from the MA Department of Transportation, a contract extension and a departmental transfer of funds.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

6.D.2. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1641](#))

Requesting approval to amend the Community Preservation Act Fund's FY 2023 grant of \$425,000 to the Somerville Hispanic Association for Community Development, to change the scope of the building renovations without increasing the funds.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

6.D.3. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1718](#))

Requesting the appropriation of \$170,000 from the Union Square Community Benefits Stabilization Fund, with \$100,000 for workforce development services and \$70,000 for small business technical assistance services.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

6.D.4. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1720](#))

Requesting approval to accept an in-kind gift valued at \$15,000 with no new match required, from the SUGi project to the Parks and Urban Forestry Division for materials and professional services for the Miyawaki forest planting.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

6.D.5. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1721](#))

Requesting the appropriation of \$955,000 from the Participatory Budgeting Stabilization Fund for the purpose of implementing the winning projects from Somerville's first Participatory Budgeting cycle.

President Ewen-Campen moved to sever this item from the Finance Committee Report. The motion was approved. Budget Analyst Meghan Huckenpahler formally requested this appropriation and explained when and why the stabilization fund was created. During the participating budget submission period, 966 ideas were submitted for consideration, all of which were reviewed with city staff by a team of 40 residents. Ms. Huckenpahler presented the top five submissions.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

6.D.6. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1722](#))

Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$116,800 grant that requires a match, from the MA Department of Transportation to the Mobility Division for the West Broadway Vision Zero Implementation project.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

- 6.D.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1723](#)) Requesting approval to extend a contract with Janeth Moreno from Moreno Law for one year, to June 30, 2024, for the provision of immigration legal services.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld
- ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott
- 6.D.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1732](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$25,000 from various SomerStat Ordinary Maintenance Accounts to the SomerStat Salaries & Wages Temporary Account to fund additional temporary employee time.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld
- ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott
- 6.D.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1751](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$298,280 grant with no new match required, from the Department of Mental Health to the Police Department for the Crisis Intervention Team Training and Technical Assistance Center (CITT-TAC) jail diversion program.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld
- ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott
- 6.D.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1752](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$39,398 grant with no new match required, from the Department of Mental Health to the Police Department for jail diversion.

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**RESULT:** **APPROVED****AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld**ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

6.D.11. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1753](#))

Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$24,500 grant with no new match required, from the State 911 Department of Emergency Medical Dispatch to the Police Department for Emergency Medical Dispatch work with Cataldo Ambulance Service of Massachusetts.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED****AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld**ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

6.D.12. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1754](#))

Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$120,420.65 grant with no new match required, from the State 911 Department to the Police Department for Emergency Medical Dispatch training.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED****AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld**ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

6.D.13. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1755](#))

Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$295,463 grant with no new match required, from the State 911 Department to the Police Department for enhanced 911 Telecommunicator personnel costs.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**



**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

- 6.D.14. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1756](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$20,000 grant with no new match required, from State Opioids Response to the Police Department for the Post-Overdose Follow-Up with First Responders program.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott

6.E. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- 6.E.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-1815](#)) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting in Joint Session with the Planning Board on December 7, 2023.

Councilor McLaughlin summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that 2 public hearings were held with no testimony being received. Recommended for approval, with amendments, was an amendment to the zoning ordinances relative to vegetated roofs. President Ewen-Campen thanked the many community organizations that worked on this initiative.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 6.E.2. Zoning Ordinance (ID # [23-0791](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Wilson Amending the Zoning Ordinances Section 10.3, Development Standards, and Table 10.4.1. to include vegetated roofs.



**RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

6.E.3. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [23-1305](#))

John Fragione and Agostino Feola, Trustees of Frala Realty Trust, requesting the adoption of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Map to change the zoning district of 295-297 Medford Street and 93 Walnut Street from Mid-Rise 3 (MR3) to Mid-Rise 5 (MR5).

**RESULT: WITHDRAWN**

6.F. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

6.F.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-1779](#)) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on November 28, 2023.

Councilor Davis summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that the main issue before the committee was the request for approval of a Home Rule Petition to regulate rent in residential dwelling units. Two key points were raised as potential concerns: 1) what would happen if a unit goes outside of control of the ordinance, and 2) the timeframe for how new buildings would be exempt from the ordinance.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

6.F.2. Order  
(ID # [23-0318](#))

By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson

That this Council draft a Home Rule Petition to authorize Somerville to regulate against rent gouging by establishing Rent Stabilization.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.F.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1694](#)) Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition authorizing the City of Somerville to regulate rent in residential dwelling units.

Councilor Davis spoke about this being another tool in the box for housing affordability and although this proposal is not his ideal, he made his decision based on the information presented. He said that this will make a real difference to help people to stay in their rental units. Ellen Shachter, Director of the Office of Housing Stability, stated that she was grateful that this matter was taken seriously, and she urged the Council to pass it now, saying that this puts forth a bold way to regulate rent here in Somerville and to enact just cause eviction, adding that the measure reflects the many comments received from the public. She also said that a coordinated effort is needed to move this petition through the state house. Director Shachter stated that rent stabilization won't solve the housing crisis but believes that it's a path to a more equitable and just Somerville. Councilor Scott commented that any form of rent stabilization is a step in the right direction. Councilor Burnley commented that rising rents have caused deep debt for many people and he believes that we should fight to reinstate rent control statewide. Councilor Kelly commented that, in the end, she believes that the legislature will come around. Councilor McLaughlin commented on the significance of this petition saying that it's moving the needle in the right direction. Councilor Gomez Mouakad spoke about people being able to afford to live where they work and said that we need to build massive amounts of affordable housing. Councilors Clingan and Pineda Neufeld spoke about personal experiences with renting and Councilor Wilson would have liked to have seen other things in the petition, but he will work for its passage.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

6.G. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- 6.G.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-1813](#)) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on December 5, 2023.

Councilor Davis summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that a number of items were dealt with prior to the end of this legislative session.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

6.G.2. Order  
(ID # [22-0036](#))

By Councilor Davis and Councilor McLaughlin  
That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance requiring pollution mitigation for new housing built along high transit roads and highways.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

6.G.3. Order  
(ID # [22-0838](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Strezo, Councilor Kelly and Councilor Pineda Neufeld  
That the City Solicitor discuss this Council's ability to ban landlords from passing real estate agent fees onto tenants.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

6.G.4. Order  
(ID # [23-0461](#))

By Councilor Strezo  
That the City Solicitor draft an Ordinance to protect homeowners from developer and realtor mail, phone and email harassment.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

6.G.5. Order  
(ID # [23-0622](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr.  
That the City Solicitor work with this Council to determine the legality of requiring businesses of a certain size to post in clearly visible spaces, Worker's Rights Bills, which shall include the right to form a union without retaliation and consequences for violating workers' rights.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

6.H. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

6.H.1. Committee Report  
(ID # [23-1819](#))

Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on December 13, 2023.

Councilor Burnley summarized the actions taken by the committee and said one item received a public hearing and recommended for approval.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

6.H.2. License  
(ID # [23-1735](#))

New Garage License, Greentown Labs, 444 Somerville Avenue, for 5 inside, 0 outside for storing vehicles, Mon-Sun: 7am-8pm.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

6.I. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

6.I.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-1817](#)) Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on December 11, 2023.

Councilor Kelly summarized the actions taken by the committee and said among the items discussed were body worn cameras, housekeeping items, homelessness in East Somerville, and efforts to get a warming center in operation.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

6.I.2. Order  
(ID # [22-2111](#))

By Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Wilson  
That the Chief of Police report to this Council, the percentage of requested traffic details for construction projects that have been filled by Somerville Police Department officers, filled by non-Somerville police officers, and unfilled, for the past three years.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.I.3. Resolution By Councilor McLaughlin  
(ID # [23-1283](#)) That the Administration update this Council on the progress toward providing direct homeless services to East Somerville residents in temporary and permanent locations within Ward 1.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.I.4. Resolution By Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Wilson  
(ID # [23-1393](#)) That the Administration update the City Council on the status of body cameras for police officers.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.I.5. Order By Councilor McLaughlin  
(ID # [23-1758](#)) That the Director of Health and Human Services provide the Ward 1 City Councilor with monthly updates on efforts to address homelessness in East Somerville.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED****6.J. PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

- 6.J.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, meeting on  
(ID # [23-1811](#)) December 4, 2023.

Councilor Clingan summarized the actions taken by the committee saying that discussion was held on water bills, flooding issues, highway safety measures, the Somerville Media Center's roof, safety protocols and notification requirements for any projects taking place within a determined radius of a school. Discussions were also held regarding location for excessive snow, an update related to the Request for Proposals for the disposition of the property located at 90 Union Square, and the Somerville Internet Access Task Force's recommendation regarding Municipal Broadband.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

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| 6.J.2. Order<br>(ID # <a href="#">22-0336</a> )      | By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Wilson<br>That the Director of Engineering and the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management consider implementing a pilot program for Green Infrastructure as a means to reduce issues of flooding in the Gilman Square Neighborhood. |
|  | <b>RESULT:     <u>WORK COMPLETED</u></b>   |
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| 6.J.3. Order<br>(ID # <a href="#">22-0450</a> )      | By Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Kelly and Councilor Strezo<br>That the Commissioner of Public Works work with the MA Department of Transportation to address highway safety measures along I-93 that directly abut the East Somerville neighborhood.  |
|  | <b>RESULT:     <u>WORK COMPLETED</u></b>   |
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| 6.J.4. Order<br>(ID # <a href="#">22-1596</a> )      | By Councilor Burnley Jr.<br>That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management present to this Council, a plan to fix the Somerville Media Center's roof.  |
|  | <b>RESULT:     <u>WORK COMPLETED</u></b>   |
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| 6.J.5. Order<br>(ID # <a href="#">22-1688</a> )      | By Councilor Clingan<br>That the Director of Engineering develop safety protocols and notification requirements for any projects, planned or emergency, taking place within a determined radius of a school.   |
|  | <b>RESULT:     <u>WORK COMPLETED</u></b>   |
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| 6.J.6. Order<br>(ID # <a href="#">22-1737</a> )      | By Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Kelly<br>That the Commissioner of Public Works update the Ward 1 City Councilor regarding plans to find a location for excessive snow other than 90 Washington Street.   |
|  | <b>RESULT:     <u>WORK COMPLETED</u></b>   |
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| 6.J.7. Resolution<br>(ID # <a href="#">22-1762</a> ) | By Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Scott<br>That the Administration update this Council on actions taken related to the possible relocation of the Somerville Media Center and Massachusetts Alliance for Portuguese Speakers from the city-owned property at 90 Union Square. |
|  | <b>RESULT:     <u>WORK COMPLETED</u></b>   |
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| 6.J.8. Resolution<br>(ID # <a href="#">22-1763</a> ) | By Councilor McLaughlin<br>That the Administration update this Council on developments related to the Request for Proposals for the disposition of the property located at 90 Union Square.  |
|  | <b>RESULT:     <u>WORK COMPLETED</u></b>   |
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6.J.9. Resolution  
(ID # [22-1797](#))

By Councilor Clingan, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson

That the Administration make information about all licenses and permits viewable without requiring a CitizenServ account.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.J.10. Order  
(ID # [22-2124](#))

By Councilor Wilson, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Scott  
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management and the Director of Engineering discuss with this Council, a policy of burying utilities when a new thoroughfare is constructed.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.J.11. Order  
(ID # [23-0548](#))

By Councilor Clingan  
That this Council's Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works discuss the Somerville Internet Access Task Force's recommendation regarding Municipal Broadband.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.J.12. Order  
(ID # [23-1183](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the Director of Water and Sewer and the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management explain what maintenance will be required for the new Poplar Street Pump Station and Spring Hill Sewer Separation Project, and how these maintenance requirements will be staffed to ensure their proper upkeep.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.K. RODENT ISSUES SPECIAL COMMITTEE

6.K.1. Committee Report  
(ID # [23-1783](#))

Report of the Special Committee on Rodent Issues, meeting on November 30, 2023.

Councilor Kelly summarized the actions taken by the committee and said that an update was received regarding the ongoing problems with rats in the city, and according to the data presented, rodent activity is going down in the city. Additional smart boxes will be put into service and some will be relocated to more active areas.

**RESULT: APPROVED**



**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

6.K.2. Order  
(ID # [23-0890](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Director of Inspectional Services inspect the narrow alleyway near the Edgerly School for rodent activity and take appropriate measures.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

6.K.3. Order  
(ID # [23-1724](#))

By Councilor Kelly, Councilor Wilson, Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Clingan  
That the Director of Inspectional Services update this Council on the progress of rodent mitigation.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

6.K.4. Order  
(ID # [23-1761](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Director of Inspectional Services address the rodent holes around the East Branch Library.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

6.L. SCHOOL BUILDING FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE SPECIAL COMMITTEE

6.L.1. Committee Report  
(ID # [23-1782](#))

Report of the Special Committee on School Building Facilities and Maintenance, meeting on November 29, 2023.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad summarized the actions taken by the committee and said that among the items discussed were the Kennedy School chiller, renovations at the Healy and West Somerville Neighborhood Schools, school buildings without solar panels, and the School Building Feasibility Study report which should be available on December 19th.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.



- 6.L.2. Order  
(ID # [23-1000](#))
- By Councilor Strezo  
That the Director of Communications and Community Engagement create a regularly updated public-facing website dedicated to the Winter Hill Community Innovation School plan, with links to publicly filed documents.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.L.3. Resolution  
(ID # [23-1511](#))
- By Councilor Strezo and Councilor Clingan  
That the Administration provide an update on the Edgerly building kitchen equipment, and discuss the plan to serve the Winter Hill Community Innovation School youth and future city programs.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.L.4. Order  
(ID # [23-1619](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Clingan  
That the Director of Parks and Recreation provide an outdoor storage box at the Edgerly School for additional equipment.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.L.5. Order  
(ID # [23-1739](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Wilson  
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management provide a list of schools that do not have solar panels, and a plan including potential grant and funding sources to install solar panels in those buildings following any roof repairs and replacements.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.M. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE
- 6.M.1. Committee Report  
(ID # [23-1778](#))
- Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on November 27, 2023.
- Councilor Gomez Mouakad summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that there were several requests before the committee for speed bumps and other traffic calming measures for Packard Avenue, Clarendon Avenue, Broadway, Lombardi Way, Mt. Vernon Street, Laurel Street, School Street and Warren Avenue.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld
- ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

- 6.M.2. Order  
(ID # [22-1599](#))
- By Councilor Wilson and Councilor Kelly  
That the Director of Mobility provide documentation of the current process for determining the locations of traffic calming measures, and communicate this information to the public via the website.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.M.3. Order  
(ID # [22-1600](#))
- By Councilor Wilson and Councilor Davis  
That the Director of Engineering provide documentation of the current process for determining the street selection for Fall and partial repaving, and communicate this information via the website.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.M.4. Order  
(ID # [23-0097](#))
- By Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Wilson  
That the Mobility Department consider adding speed humps or other traffic calming measures to Packard Avenue.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.M.5. Order  
(ID # [23-0215](#))
- By Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Wilson  
That the Director of Mobility consider adding speed humps to Clarendon Avenue to slow down cut-through traffic from Broadway to Massachusetts Avenue.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.M.6. Order  
(ID # [23-0240](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Scott  
That the Director of Mobility prioritize the intersection of Broadway, Lombardi Way and Mt. Vernon Street for traffic calming measures.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.M.7. Order  
(ID # [23-0902](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Pineda Neufeld  
That the Director of Mobility, Director of Engineering, Director of Parking, and Commissioner of Public Works establish criteria and guidelines for Council orders to be submitted for traffic calming and mobility related issues and items that should be submitted to 311 to ensure the City Council is addressing larger mobility strategic planning issues.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.M.8. Order  
(ID # [23-1281](#))
- By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Kelly  
That the Director of Mobility design traffic calming infrastructure for Laurel Street, which sees large volumes of high speed, one-way traffic down a steep hill.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.M.9. Order  
(ID # [23-1361](#))

By Councilor Clingan  
That the Director of Engineering place speed humps on School Street, between Broadway and Medford Street.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.M.10 Order  
(ID # [23-1509](#))

By Councilor Strezo and Councilor Ewen-Campen  
That the Director of Engineering consider installing speed humps and additional traffic calming measures to address excessive speed and cut-through traffic on Warren Avenue.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.M.11 Order  
(ID # [23-1665](#))

By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Wilson  
That the Director of Engineering relocate the western curb cut where the Community Path crosses School Street so it simply goes straight.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

## 7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

7.1. Withdrawn  
(ID # [23-1076](#))

Withdrawn.

**RESULT: WITHDRAWN**

7.2. Withdrawn  
(ID # [23-1144](#))

Withdrawn.

**RESULT: WITHDRAWN**

7.3. Withdrawn  
(ID # [23-1145](#))

Withdrawn.

**RESULT: WITHDRAWN**

7.4. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1863](#))

Requesting that this Council convene in Executive Session to receive an update on the status of collective bargaining negotiations with all municipal bargaining units.

The Council recessed at 7:49 PM to enter into Executive Session and reconvened at 8:43 PM. President Ewen-Campen reported that no votes were taken in Executive Session other than the vote to adjourn and return to open session.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 7.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1849](#)) Requesting authorization to borrow \$1,500,000 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount, for a pocket park on the 217 Somerville Avenue site.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 7.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1858](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$300,000 from the Emergency Response Stabilization Fund for temporary shelter, food, and other common necessities for displaced individuals and families.

Chief of Staff Nikki Spencer informed the Council that city departments have been coming together since June to determine how to use these funds. Multiple procurement options have been explored and a ready contract needs to be in place. The city is exploring RFPs with non-profits and is hoping to get the flexibility needed to deal with the issues being faced with. The hope is to have multiple contractors available to provide services. Councilor Kelly questioned why there was no documentation provided with this item and asked where the money would be going and if there were any contracts in place. Chief of Staff Spencer replied that some things are still in process and before the Council tonight because the temperatures are getting cold and the funds are needed to get things moving. She said the city is trying to move quickly as possible and noted that this is not housing and times to get into shelters will take longer now. The city is aware that, in the moment of crisis, incomes and other requirements can't be verified.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Strezo

- 7.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1832](#)) Requesting an appropriation of \$13,620 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Parks and Recreation Professional & Technical Services account, to pay prior year invoices for the Learn to Skate Youth Program.

Director of Parks and Recreation Sue Yerkes explained that several invoices remain unpaid. Councilor Wilson stated that he has been working with youth hockey and city staff and said that the non-payment of these invoices (for ice time from a vendor) is causing some problems for youth hockey.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

- 7.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1859](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$35,000 from the Mayor's Office Personal Services Salaries Account to the Mayor's Office Special Events Account for official events.

Chief of Staff Nikki Spencer explained that attendance at some of the city's events has increased and that these funds will be used to cover the associated increased costs of food, etc., at various events. Councilor Kelly asked that information be provided about how the funds were or will be spent. Chief of Staff Spencer noted that the entire amount requested isn't needed right now, but the request is being made to save time down the line.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

- 7.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1850](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$500,000 grant that requires a match, from the MA Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to the Public Space and Urban Forestry Division for a pocket park on the 217 Somerville Avenue site.
- Public Space Planner Jon Bronenkant explained that the design process is done, three community meetings were held and that a park grant was applied for and awarded to the city. This request is to accept and expend the grant funds.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld
- ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.
- 7.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1846](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$135,000 grant with no new match required, from the Executive Office of Administration and Finance for the implementation of a records management system.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.10 through 7.17. 10.7, and 10.10 through 10.18, and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.11. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1776](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$37,500 grant with no new match required, from the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) to the Fire Department for maritime related training and equipment.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.10 through 7.17. 10.7, and 10.10 through 10.18, and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.12. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1777](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$15,000 grant with no new match required, from New England Foundation for the Arts (NEFA) to the Arts Council for training and funding for a public art project.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.10 through 7.17. 10.7, and 10.10 through 10.18, and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

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- 7.13. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1848](#)) Requesting approval to accept a \$5,000 gift from the Cummings Foundation for the Basic Income Pilot.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.10 through 7.17. 10.7, and 10.10 through 10.18, and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.14. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1847](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$16,041.33 using available funds in the Department of Infrastructure & Asset Management Professional & Technical Services Account for the Asset Management Program.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.10 through 7.17. 10.7, and 10.10 through 10.18, and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.15. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1803](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$13,190.05 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Moving Services Account for moving of furniture and equipment.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.10 through 7.17. 10.7, and 10.10 through 10.18, and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.16. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1757](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$2,833.59 using available funds in the Human Resources Department Professional & Technical Services Account for investigative services.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.10 through 7.17. 10.7, and 10.10 through 10.18, and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.17. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1772](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$1,175.32 using available funds in the Parks and Recreation Professional & Technical Services Account for online payment services.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.10 through 7.17. 10.7, and 10.10 through 10.18, and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.18. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1797](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of John Tivinis to the position of Police Officer.
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Councilor Pineda Neufeld moved to waive the readings of items 7.18 through 7.22 and 9.1 through 9.3 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

7.19. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1798](#))

Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Brian Clancy to the position of Police Officer.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld moved to waive the readings of items 7.18 through 7.22 and 9.1 through 9.3 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

7.20. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1799](#))

Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Igor Bitencourt to the position of Police Officer.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld moved to waive the readings of items 7.18 through 7.22 and 9.1 through 9.3 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

7.21. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1801](#))

Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Guylerna Pierre to the position of Police Officer.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld moved to waive the readings of items 7.18 through 7.22 and 9.1 through 9.3 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

7.22. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1802](#))

Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Matthew Lorizio to the position of Police Officer.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld moved to waive the readings of items 7.18 through 7.22 and 9.1 through 9.3 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee



- 7.23. Mayor's Communication (ID # [23-1861](#)) Conveying the appointment of Lori Segall to the Police Chief Selection Committee.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

- 7.24. Mayor's Communication (ID # [23-1862](#)) Conveying the appointment of Paula Magnelli to the Police Chief Selection Committee.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

## 8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1. License (ID # [23-1838](#)) Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Mary Battinelli as Constable.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld moved to waive the readings of items 7.18 through 7.22 and 9.1 through 9.3 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

- 9.2. License (ID # [23-1788](#)) Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Alan Bishop as Constable.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld moved to waive the readings of items 7.18 through 7.22 and 9.1 through 9.3 and refer them to the Committee on

Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

- 9.3. License  
(ID # [23-1787](#))

Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Darcy Haynes as Constable.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld moved to waive the readings of items 7.18 through 7.22 and 9.1 through 9.3 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

- 9.4. License  
(ID # [23-1851](#))

Renewing Lodging House License, Walnut Hill Properties, 126 Packard Ave.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.4 through 9.19 and 10.19 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

- 9.5. License  
(ID # [23-1853](#))

Renewing Lodging House License, Walnut Hill Properties, 14 Sawyer Ave.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.4 through 9.19 and 10.19 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

- 9.6. License  
(ID # [23-1796](#))

Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, 28 Motorsports Inc, 486R Columbia St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.4 through 9.19 and 10.19 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

- 9.7. License  
(ID # [23-1789](#))

Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, Automotive Transport Service, 40 Joy St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.4 through 9.19 and 10.19 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

- 9.8. License  
(ID # [23-1800](#))

Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, Barnes and Walsh Company, 224 Somerville Ave.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.4 through 9.19 and 10.19 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

- 9.9. License  
(ID # [23-1845](#))

Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, Broadway Auto Sales, 525 Broadway.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.4 through 9.19 and 10.19 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

- 9.10. License  
(ID # [23-1792](#))

Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 1, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 259 McGrath Hwy.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.4 through 9.19 and 10.19 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

- 9.11. License  
(ID # [23-1790](#))

Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 1, Mercedes Benz of Boston Commercial Vans, 161 Linwood St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.4 through 9.19 and 10.19 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

- 9.12. License  
(ID # [23-1793](#))

Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 3, Nissenbaum Auto Parts, 480 Columbia St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.4 through 9.19 and 10.19 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

- 9.13. License  
(ID # [23-1794](#))

Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 3, Nissenbaum Auto Parts, 0 Windsor St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.4 through 9.19 and 10.19 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

- 9.14. License  
(ID # [23-1791](#))

Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 1, Smart Center Boston, 257 McGrath Hwy.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.4 through 9.19 and 10.19 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

- 9.15. License  
(ID # [23-1795](#))

Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, Union Gulf Service, 231 Washington St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.4 through 9.19 and 10.19 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

- 9.16. License  
(ID # [23-1865](#))

Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, Valente Enterprise, 154 Glen St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.4 through 9.19 and 10.19 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

- 9.17. License  
(ID # [23-1854](#))

Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, Web Motor Sales, 5 Middlesex Ave.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.4 through 9.19 and 10.19 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

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- 9.18. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1843](#))
- BA Events Promotions applying for a Public Event License for Jingle Bell 5K on December 17 from 6am to 1:30pm.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.4 through 9.19 and 10.19 and approve them this evening.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld
- ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.
- 9.19. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1844](#))
- Janine Fay applying for a Public Event License for Dancing in the Dark on December 21 from 3:30pm to 7:30pm.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.4 through 9.19 and 10.19 and approve them this evening.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld
- ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.
- 9.20. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [23-1810](#))
- 234 Pearl Street Realty Trust and Goodpitch, LLC requesting the adoption of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Map to change the zoning district of 234 and 236 Pearl Street from Mid-Rise 4 (MR4) to Mid-Rise 6 (MR6).
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee
- 9.21. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [23-1827](#))
- 13 registered voters requesting a Zoning Map Amendment to change the zoning district of 8 Park Street, 10 Park Street, 504 Somerville Avenue, and 7-9 Properzi Way from Mid-Rise 4 (MR4) to Climate & Equity Innovation Sub-Area Overlay District, and 15-27 Properzi Way, 29 Properzi Way, 26-32 Park Street, 8-14 Tyler Street, 40 Park Street, 15 Dane Street, 7-9 Tyler Street, 460 Somerville Avenue, 444 Somerville Avenue, 440 Somerville Avenue, 30 Dane Street, and 24-28 Dane Street from Fabrication (FAB) to Climate & Equity Innovation Sub-Area Overlay District.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
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**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

- 9.22. Public Communication (ID # [23-1830](#)) 15 registered voters requesting a Zoning Text Amendment to amend the Zoning Ordinances to add Section 8.4.19, Climate & Equity Innovation Sub-Area Overlay District.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION****FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

- 9.23. Public Communication (ID # [23-1775](#)) Mike Epstein and Beth Pisarik submitting comments re: 166 Boston Ave.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

- 9.24. Public Communication (ID # [23-1807](#)) Malte Hoffmann submitting comments re: sidewalk at Broadway and Boston Ave.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

- 9.25. Public Communication (ID # [23-1833](#)) Michael Goodnow and Amy Pollard submitting comments re: item #23-1694, a Home Rule Petition authorizing regulation of rent in residential dwelling units.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**



**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

## 10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

10.1. Withdrawn  
(ID # [23-1719](#))

Withdrawn.

**RESULT: WITHDRAWN**

10.2. Withdrawn  
(ID # [23-1764](#))

Withdrawn.

**RESULT: WITHDRAWN**

10.3. Withdrawn  
(ID # [23-1806](#))

Withdrawn.

**RESULT: WITHDRAWN**

10.4. Withdrawn  
(ID # [23-1804](#))

Withdrawn.

**RESULT: WITHDRAWN**

10.5. Withdrawn  
(ID # [23-1805](#))

Withdrawn.

**RESULT: WITHDRAWN**

10.6. Withdrawn  
(ID # [23-1855](#))

Withdrawn.

**RESULT: WITHDRAWN**

10.7. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1864](#))

Requesting approval of a grant of easement and maintenance agreement for US Union Square D2.1 Owner LLC for 10 Prospect Street and Somerville Avenue.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.10 through 7.17, 10.7, and 10.10 through 10.18, and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 10.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1872](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$185,774 from the Salary & Wage Stabilization Fund to the DPW - School Custodians Other Lump Sum Payments Account to fund the retrospective portion of a collective bargaining settlement with the Firemen and Oilers, Local 3, Service Employees International Union.
- This item was taken up with item 23-1873.  
Budget Director Mike Mastrobuoni explained that there are two appropriations since one is to fund the prior year portion and other is to fund the FY 2024 portion of the agreement.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld
- 10.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1873](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$65,211 from the Salary Contingency Account to various DPW - School Custodians Accounts to fund a collective bargaining settlement with the Firemen and Oilers, Local 3, Service Employees International Union.
- This item was taken up with item 23-1872.  
Budget Director Mike Mastrobuoni explained that there are two appropriations since one is to fund the prior year portion and other is to fund the FY 2024 portion of the agreement.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld
- ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.
- 10.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1828](#)) Requesting approval of a time-only contract extension of eight months with Symmes Maini & McKee Associates, Inc. for design services for the Somerville High School project.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.10 through 7.17, 10.7, and 10.10 through 10.18, and refer them to the Finance Committee.

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**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 10.11. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1829](#))
- Requesting approval of a time-only contract extension of eight months for PMA, LLC for Owner's Project Manager services for the Somerville High School project.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.10 through 7.17. 10.7, and 10.10 through 10.18, and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 10.12. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1852](#))
- Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$75,000 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for Special Response Team expenditures and overtime.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.10 through 7.17. 10.7, and 10.10 through 10.18, and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 10.13. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1840](#))
- Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$48,529.99 grant with no new match required, from the Boston's Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for installation of access controls, card entry access, and indoor fencing.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.10 through 7.17. 10.7, and 10.10 through 10.18, and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 10.14. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1857](#))
- Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$42,000 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for partial payment of the police storage structure.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.10 through 7.17. 10.7, and 10.10 through 10.18, and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 10.15. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1856](#))
- Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$35,300 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for partial payment of the police storage structure.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.10 through 7.17, 10.7, and 10.10 through 10.18, and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

10.16. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1876](#))

Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$1632.31 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Roofing R&M Account for roof repairs.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.10 through 7.17, 10.7, and 10.10 through 10.18, and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

10.17. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1875](#))

Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$420 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Fire Alarm R&M Account for alarm monitoring.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.10 through 7.17, 10.7, and 10.10 through 10.18, and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

10.18. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [23-1877](#))

Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$325 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Towing Account for towing services.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.10 through 7.17, 10.7, and 10.10 through 10.18, and refer them to the Finance Committee.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

10.19. Public Event  
(ID # [23-1874](#))

Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development applying for a Public Event License for Flag Raising at Prospect Hill on January 1 from 8am to 1:30pm.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.4 through 9.19 and 10.19 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

10.20. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [23-1869](#))

24 residents submitting comments re: proposed Zoning Ordinance Climate & Equity Innovation Sub-Area Overlay District.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

10.21. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [23-1870](#))

Amine Yakine and Perri Sheinbaum submitting comments re: item #23-1694, a Home Rule Petition authorizing the City of Somerville to regulate rent in residential dwelling units.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

10.22. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [23-1871](#))

Heidi Meyer submitting comments re: rent stabilization and green roofs.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

11. LATE ITEMS

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 11:19 PM.