



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

City Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 11, 2024

7:00 PM

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1. OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM by Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen.

The City Council entered recess at 7:28 PM and returned at 7:39 PM.

The City Council entered Executive Session at 9:14 PM and returned at 9:39 PM.

1.1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.

(ID # [24-0499](#))

Councilor Scott arrived at 7:14 PM.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

Present: Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin
Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis
City Councilor At Large Jake Wilson
Ward Five City Councilor Naima Sait
Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott
City Councilor At Large Wilfred N. Mbah
City Councilor At Large Willie Burnley Jr.
Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan
City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo
Ward Seven City Councilor Judy Pineda Neufeld
Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen

1.2. Remembrances Remembrances.

(ID # [24-0500](#))

Councilor McLaughlin requested a moment of silence in memory of Jose Antonio.

RESULT: APPROVED

1.3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 14, 2024.

(ID # [24-0501](#))

RESULT: APPROVED

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

ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

2. CITATIONS

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 3.1. Grant of Location (ID # [24-0503](#)) Verizon applying for a Grant of Location to install 216 feet of conduit in Broadway, from existing Verizon Manhole 44/74A located at the intersection of Broadway and Cross Street East to existing Extenet handhole located in front of 161 Broadway.

Alexander Marreo, 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.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 3.2. Grant of Location (ID # [24-0504](#)) Cambridge Network Solutions applying for a Grant of Location to install a new handhole and a total of 188 feet of conduit in Mystic and Middlesex Avenue as follows: Starting from Manhole 23803 located on Mystic Avenue to a proposed handhole; from proposed handhole, to existing Utility Pole 213/4 located near 60 Middlesex Avenue.

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**

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

ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

4.1. Order (ID # [24-0477](#))

By Councilor Strezo

That the Committee on Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations conduct a Committee of the Whole Public Hearing to hear how the increases in water and sewer rates are affecting Somerville residents, and be it further Ordered that all relevant city departments be in attendance.

Councilor Strezo is calling for a public hearing on May 15 at a hybrid meeting of the Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee to discuss this matter. She noted that 85% of the meter reading process is complete and that less than 100 households in Somerville have been helped by the state's assistance program, and that 900 residents are no longer getting ARPA funds to help pay water bills. She commented on water bills being received in a variety of odd amounts, some up to \$40,000. Councilor Strezo expressed her desire for a parallel plan to help residents pay their water/sewer bills and she urges the City Council to view this matter as a crisis. Councilor Clingan noted that there is much frustration over high water bills and pointed out that the lack of communication to residents was a contributing factor for that. He went on to say that there is a lack of trust in the city and the Water and Sewer Department, and that people are confused and scared. He feels that there should have been meetings in each ward to explain the situation. Councilors Scott, McLaughlin, Mbah and Wilson related similar stories. President Ewen-Campen commented that the higher bills are unfair because people paid the bills they received previously and now the city is looking to get paid for usage that wasn't billed for at the time. He also stated that the city's hands are tied by state law.

RESULT: **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

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

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

ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.2. Order
(ID # [24-0491](#))

By Councilor Strezo

That item #24-0417 be discharged from the Committee on Housing and Community Development and sent to the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.3. Resolution
(ID # [24-0478](#))

By Councilor Strezo

That the Administration convene the appropriate departments to discuss the monitoring efforts of the wild turkey population within Somerville and the surrounding regions.

RESULT: **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

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

ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.4. Resolution
(ID # [24-0496](#))

By Councilor Wilson and Councilor Strezo

Declaring April 6-12 as the Week of the Young Child.

Councilor Wilson thinks it's important to pledge to do better to support families, create more programs for youth, subsidize transit passes, and build 3+ bedroom units.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.5. Resolution
(ID # [24-0497](#))

By Councilor Wilson and Councilor Burnley Jr.
Declaring the month of April, 2024, as Fair Housing Month.

Councilor Wilson spoke about the work of the city's Fair Housing Commission.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1. Mayor's Communication
(ID # [24-0455](#))

Conveying an update on Police and Fire hiring.

RESULT: **LAI D ON THE TABLE**

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

6.A. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

6.A.1. Committee Report
(ID # [24-0480](#))

Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on April 3, 2024.

Councilor McLaughlin summarized the actions taken by the committee and introduced each SFD candidate (for hire and/or promotion) to be sworn in. One item, #24-0016, was discharged from committee without a recommendation since it was inadvertently referred to committee. That item was approved by the City Council.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

6.A.2. Mayor's Request
(ID # [24-0016](#))

Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Anandavalli Thiagarajan to the Public Library Board of Trustees.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

6.A.3. Officer's
Communication
(ID # [24-0190](#))

City Clerk requesting confirmation of the appointment of Natasha Frazier to the position of Assistant Clerk of Committees.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

6.A.4. Mayor's Request
(ID # [24-0215](#))

Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Kenneth Silva to the position of Fire Deputy Chief.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

6.A.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0357](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Derek Doane to the position of Firefighter.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

6.A.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0358](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jack Haigis to the position of Firefighter.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

6.A.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0362](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of John Tivinis to the position of Firefighter.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

- 6.A.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0364](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Nicholas Cantone to the position of Firefighter.

RESULT: APPROVED

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

- 6.A.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0365](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of William Deeks to the position of Firefighter.

RESULT: APPROVED

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

- 6.A.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0393](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Sergio Rodriguez to the position of Firefighter.

RESULT: APPROVED

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

6.B. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 6.B.1. Committee Report (ID # [24-0481](#)) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on April 9, 2024.

Councilor Wilson summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that among the items recommended for approval were 5 appropriations, 1 discontinuance of a roadway, 2 time only contract

extension, and 5 acceptance and expenditure of grant funds. The committee also received an update on the city's use/plan for ARPA funds. Councilor Wilson moved to sever items #24-0332 and #24-0433 from the Finance report so that the Council may vote on them separately. The motion to sever was approved and a motion to approve the items was passed on a roll call vote.

RESULT: APPROVED

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

6.B.2. Mayor's Request
(ID # [24-0054](#))

Requesting the appropriation of \$35,000 from the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Fund Open Space Reserve to the Public Space & Urban Forestry Division for design of the Kennedy Schoolyard.

RESULT: APPROVED

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

6.B.3. Mayor's Request
(ID # [24-0081](#))

Requesting approval of the discontinuance of Palmer Avenue.

RESULT: APPROVED

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

6.B.4. Mayor's Request
(ID # [24-0193](#))

Requesting approval of a time-only extension to 4/30/2025 for the contract with ADS LLC for flow metering services.

RESULT: APPROVED

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

6.B.5. Communication
(ID # [24-0202](#))

By Councilor Mbah
Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2025.

RESULT: **WORK COMPLETED**

6.B.6. Resolution
(ID # [24-0204](#))

By Councilor Clingan
That the Administration fund the creation of an entire unit within the Department of Public Works tasked with battling the city's growing rodent infestation.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

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

6.B.7. Resolution
(ID # [24-0211](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Administration include in the FY 2025 budget, additional funding for rodent mitigation efforts, including an Office of Rodent Prevention similar to the one proposed in Boston, with appropriate staffing.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

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

6.B.8. Resolution
(ID # [24-0212](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Administration include in the FY 2025 budget, funding for a home air filtration pilot program to address air pollution along Interstate 93.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

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

6.B.9. Communication
(ID # [24-0214](#))

By Councilor Wilson
Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2025.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.B.10. Mayor's Request
(ID # [24-0245](#))

Requesting approval to appropriate \$450,000 from the Traffic Safety Stabilization fund for engineering and streetscape reconstruction work in the Western Washington Street area.

RESULT: APPROVED

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

6.B.11. Mayor's Request
(ID # [24-0274](#))

Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$1,873,000 grant with no new match required, from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to the Office of Strategic Planning & Community Development Housing Division for replacing windows in the Mystic River and Mystic View housing developments.

RESULT: APPROVED

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

- 6.B.12. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0276](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$10,000 from the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Fund Historic Preservation Reserve to the Somerville Museum for preservation of assets in the museum's collections.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen
- 6.B.13. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0280](#)) Requesting approval of a time-only extension to 6/30/2025 for the contract with Classic Site Solutions, to complete approved additional design services for the Healey schoolyard, soccer field and path.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen
- 6.B.14. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0319](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$375,224 Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) grant with no new match required, from MA Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) to the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development Public Space and Urban Forestry Division for renovation and construction of Henry Hansen Park.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

- 6.B.15. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0320](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$131,920 grant from the Department of Energy - Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program to the Office of Sustainability and Environment to partially fund the Argenziano LED conversion project.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen
- 6.B.16. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0323](#)) Requesting approval to enter into a contract with outside legal counsel for the appeal of the Superior Court judgment against the Somerville Redevelopment Authority in the matter of the 90 Washington Street property at Cobble Hill.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen
- ABSENT:** Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld
- 6.B.17. Resolution (ID # [24-0326](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Wilson That the Administration provide a written update to this Council on the status of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) spending to date.
- RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED
- 6.B.18. Communication (ID # [24-0327](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2025.
- RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED
- 6.B.19. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0332](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$8,050 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

AYE: Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

NAY: Ward Two City Councilor Scott, and City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

RECUSED: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin

6.B.20. Mayor's Request
(ID # [24-0333](#))

Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$24,150 grant that requires a match, from the Metropolitan Mayors Coalition Community Safety Initiative to the Police Department for youth violence prevention..

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

NAY: Ward Two City Councilor Scott, and City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

RECUSED: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin

6.B.21. Mayor's Request
(ID # [24-0334](#))

Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$79,500 grant with no new match required, from SFY2024 Massachusetts Municipal Public Safety Staffing Program to the Police Department for overtime to provide adequate shift coverage.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

6.B.22. Mayor's Request
(ID # [24-0335](#))

Requesting approval to appropriate \$2,300,000 from the Open Space and Acquisition Stabilization Fund to purchase the parcel at 508-512 Columbia Street.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

6.B.23. Mayor's Request
(ID # [24-0336](#))

Requesting approval to appropriate \$2,300,000 from the Parks Stabilization Fund to purchase the parcel located at 508-512 Columbia Street.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

6.B.24. Communication
(ID # [24-0340](#))

By Councilor Pineda Neufeld
Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2025.

RESULT: **WORK COMPLETED**

6.B.25. Communication
(ID # [24-0342](#))

By Councilor Strezo
Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2025.

RESULT: **WORK COMPLETED**

6.B.26. Order
(ID # [24-0369](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr.
That the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Director update this Council on plans to allocate funds to implement a medical debt cancellation program.

RESULT: **WORK COMPLETED**

6.B.27. Communication
(ID # [24-0377](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr.
Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2025.

RESULT: **WORK COMPLETED**

6.B.28. Communication
(ID # [24-0378](#))

By Councilor Davis
Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2025.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.B.29. Communication
(ID # [24-0390](#))

By Councilor Sait
Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2025.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.B.30. Mayor's Request
(ID # [24-0414](#))

Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$76,867 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Office of Elder Affairs to the Council on Aging for social, educational and physical wellness programming.

RESULT: APPROVED

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

6.C. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

6.C.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on April 2, 2024.
(ID # [24-0479](#))

Councilor Davis summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported much of the meeting was spent discussing proposed ordinance amendments relative to the Water and Sewer Department. The bulk of the changes would bring the ordinance up to date with actual practice. Councilor Davis moved to sever item #24-0324 from the Committee Report. The motion was approved. A new version of the safe streets ordinance was also discussed.

Chair Davis moved *that the word "commissioner" be replaced by the word "director" throughout this ordinance proposal* in item #24-0324. The motion was approved.

Chair Davis moved that the item #24-0324 be approved, as amended.

Councilor Scott had some concerns about the change of dates in the ordinance and Councilor Davis expressed his desire to vote on the item this evening. Director Vidalis said that pushing these changes into the next fiscal year would essentially result in an increase in rates in order to replace the expected revenue that would be lost by the delay. The motion was approved on a roll call vote.

RESULT: APPROVED

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

ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 6.C.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0324](#)) Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Sections 2-371, 11-125, and 11-164 the Code of Ordinances to reflect current operations of the water and sewer department, and provide time and flexibility for financial planning and development of rate forecast models.

RESULT: **ORDINANCE ORDAINED AS AMENDED**

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

NAY: Ward Two City Councilor Scott

ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 6.C.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0331](#)) Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Sections 11-1, 11-3, 11-4, Article V, 11-121, 11-124, 11-125, 11-126, 11-176, 11-182, and 11-183 of the Code of Ordinances to reflect current department name, titles, and operations of the water and sewer department.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

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

ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 7.1. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0476](#)) Requesting authorization to borrow \$7,310,000 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for the FY 2024 Water Main Rehabilitation program as part of the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority's Local Water System Assistance Program.

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- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.10 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0495](#)) Requesting authorization to borrow \$1,800,000 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for the annual recurring FY 2024 Sewer System Evaluation & Infiltration/Inflow Assessment.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.10 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0412](#)) Requesting approval to appropriate \$302,720 from the Energy Stabilization Fund to use as a Green Communities grant match to fund energy improvements for 42 Cross Street.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.10 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0492](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$42,500 from the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD) Housing Personal Services Account to the OSPCD Public Space and Urban Forestry Personal Services Account to cover a projected year-end salary deficit.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.10 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0490](#)) Requesting approval to enter into an 84- and 89-month contract renewal term with Big Belly for existing equipment and deliverables, and enter into a new 96-month contract term with Big Belly for new units.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.10 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0485](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$108,373.07 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Natural Gas Account for natural gas expenses.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.10
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- and refer them to the Finance Committee.
RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0487](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$3,780 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Rental Buildings Account for the lease of conduit to carry Fire Alarm equipment.
Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.10 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0489](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$493.08 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Fleet Motor Parts and Accessories Account for vehicle repair parts.
Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.10 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0486](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$307.97 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Admin Postage Machine Rental Account for postage machine lease expenses.
Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.10 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0488](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$224.67 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Bituminous Supplies Account for the purchase of asphalt.
Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.10 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.11. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0474](#)) Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Charles D. Richardson to the position of Fire Captain.
RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee
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- 7.12. Mayor's Communication (ID # [24-0502](#)) Proclaiming that the City of Somerville recognizes the week of April 14-20, 2024 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

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

ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 8.1. Officer's Communication (ID # [24-0475](#)) Retirement Board notifying this City Council of a vote at the May 23, 2024 meeting regarding a 2024 Cost of Living Adjustment for eligible retirees.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

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

ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1. License (ID # [24-0505](#)) Renewing Billiards and Bowling License, Diesel Cafe, 257 Elm St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.28 and 10.16 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

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

ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 9.2. License
(ID # [24-0506](#))
- Renewing Drainlayer's License, J. Derenzo Co.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.28 and 10.16 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

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

ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 9.3. License
(ID # [24-0507](#))
- Renewing Drainlayer's License, Jason Anthony Corp.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.28 and 10.16 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

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

ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 9.4. License
(ID # [24-0508](#))
- Renewing Drainlayer's License, Riccio Excavation.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.28 and 10.16 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

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

ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 9.5. License
(ID # [24-0509](#))
- Renewing Drainlayer's License, Spencer Contracting.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.28 and 10.16 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

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

ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 9.6. License
(ID # [24-0510](#))
- Renewing Drainlayer's License, Tri Construction Co., Inc.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.28 and 10.16 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

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

ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 9.7. License
(ID # [24-0511](#))
- Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Domino, 201 Elm St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.28 and 10.16 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

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

ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 9.8. License
(ID # [24-0513](#))

Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Dumpling Garden, 273 Broadway.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.28 and 10.16 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 9.9. License
(ID # [24-0512](#))

Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Lemon Thai Cuisine, 215 Highland Ave.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.28 and 10.16 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 9.10. License
(ID # [24-0532](#))

Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, McDonalds, 14 McGrath Hwy.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.28 and 10.16 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 9.11. License
(ID # [24-0514](#))
- Renewing Garage License, Aris Auto Inc, 3 Craigie St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.28 and 10.16 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

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

ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 9.12. License
(ID # [24-0515](#))
- Renewing Garage License, Mass Inspection, 712 Mystic Ave.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.28 and 10.16 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

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

ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 9.13. License
(ID # [24-0516](#))
- Renewing Garage License, Union Gulf Service LLC, 231 Washington St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.28 and 10.16 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

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

ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 9.14. License
(ID # [24-0517](#))
- Renewing Livery License, Boston Novelty Limo LLC, 333 Broadway.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.28 and 10.16 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

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

ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 9.15. License
(ID # [24-0518](#))
- Renewing Second Hand Dealer License, Kay Jewelers Outlet #2962, 360 Artisan Way.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.28 and 10.16 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

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

ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 9.16. License
(ID # [24-0519](#))
- Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Country Club Transportation Inc, Med. #5 7 8 10 11 12 13 46.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.28 and 10.16 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

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

ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 9.17. License (ID # [24-0520](#)) Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Lochmere Taxi Inc, Med. #22 24 25 26 91.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.28 and 10.16 and approve them this evening.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen
- ABSENT:** Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld
- 9.18. License (ID # [24-0521](#)) Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Green and Yellow Tnc of Somerville, Med. #27 36 37 38 53 54 67 68.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.28 and 10.16 and approve them this evening.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen
- ABSENT:** Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld
- 9.19. License (ID # [24-0522](#)) Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Mount Pleasant Taxi Inc, Med. #30 39 40 41 42 43.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.28 and 10.16 and approve them this evening.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen
- ABSENT:** Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 9.20. License
(ID # [24-0523](#))
- Renewing Taxi Medallion License, God's Blessing Cab Inc, Med. #60.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.28 and 10.16 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

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

ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 9.21. License
(ID # [24-0524](#))
- Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Charlie's Family LLC, Med. #80.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.28 and 10.16 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

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

ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 9.22. License
(ID # [24-0525](#))
- Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Honey Cab Inc, Med. #82.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.28 and 10.16 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

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

ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.23. License
(ID # [24-0528](#))

Renewing Taxi Stand License, Green and Yellow Cab, 295 Broadway.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.28 and 10.16 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

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

ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.24. License
(ID # [24-0526](#))

Renewing Taxi Stand License, Green and Yellow Cab, 1 Davis Sq.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.28 and 10.16 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

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

ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.25. License
(ID # [24-0527](#))

Renewing Taxi Stand License, Green and Yellow Cab, 22-26 Union Sq.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.28 and 10.16 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

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

ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.26. Public Event
(ID # [24-0529](#))

Friends of the Community Growing Center applying for a Public Event License for Earth Day: Pollinators, Plantings, and Possibilities on April 20 from 1pm to 5pm (raindate April 21).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.28 and 10.16 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

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

ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.27. Public Event
(ID # [24-0530](#))

Mayor's Office applying for a Public Event License for Civic Day on April 27 from 10am to 5pm.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.28 and 10.16 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

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

ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.28. Public Event
(ID # [24-0531](#))

Brian Tamm applying for a Public Event License for Independent Film Festival on May 1-6 from 10am to 12am.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.28 and 10.16 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

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

ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 9.29. Public Communication (ID # [24-0493](#)) Chris Dwan submitting comments re: Urban Forestry Committee recommendations.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

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

ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 10.1. Order (ID # [24-0534](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management provide a report to the School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee with a risk assessment identifying and analyzing major risks to projects the department is currently overseeing.

President Ewen-Campen waived the readings of items 10.1 through 10.4 and referred then to the Special Committee on School Building Facilities and Maintenance.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee

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

ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 10.2. Order (ID # [24-0535](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Administration discuss with the School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee, the status of science lab spaces at Somerville Public Schools and what is being done to safely reopen any closed lab features following a gas leak reported at the West Somerville Neighborhood School.

President Ewen-Campen waived the readings of items 10.1 through 10.4 and referred then to the Special Committee on School Building Facilities and Maintenance.

RESULT: **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

FOLLOWUP: School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee

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

ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

10.3. Order
(ID # [24-0536](#))

By Councilor Ewen-Campen

That the Commissioner of Public Works discuss with the School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee, the installation of a floor cover for the gymnasium at Somerville High School to prevent damage to the floor and to expand the gym's usability to non-athletic events.

President Ewen-Campen waived the readings of items 10.1 through 10.4 and referred then to the Special Committee on School Building Facilities and Maintenance.

RESULT: **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

FOLLOWUP: School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee

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

ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

10.4. Order
(ID # [24-0537](#))

By Councilor Ewen-Campen

That the Commissioner of Public Works report to the School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee on the timeline and progress toward installing water and electrical access at the Benjamin G. Brown School schoolyard.

President Ewen-Campen waived the readings of items 10.1 through 10.4 and referred then to the Special Committee on School Building Facilities and Maintenance.

RESULT: **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

FOLLOWUP: School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee

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

ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

10.5. Ordinance
(ID # [24-0543](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr.

That Section 9-35 of the Code of Ordinances be amended to fulfill quorum requirements for the Wage Theft Advisory Committee.

Councilor Burnley explained that there are some inaccuracies listed in the ordinance with regard to membership and said that this item is an attempt to rectify that situation.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

10.6. Order
(ID # [24-0544](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Mbah, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Davis

That the Director of Parking update this Council on the timeline for citywide rollout of Safety Sticks, including which areas will be prioritized for enforcement.

Councilor Burnley said that the city is now able to mail traffic violations due to the implementation of safety sticks, which take pictures of violations. A pilot program is being evaluated and he hopes that the program can be expanded to traffic 'hot spots' in the city.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

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

ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

10.7. Resolution
(ID # [24-0545](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Scott

In Support of Surveillance Procurement Transparency.

Councilor Burnley spoke about the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Program, whose funds were used by Somerville to procure Shot Spotter in 2014. Councilor Burnley related some data on the effectiveness of Shot Spotter and noted that there have been multiple instances where its

notifications have been inaccurate, potentially resulting in a police response jeopardizing the safety of the public. He noted that UASI funds can be used for a wide variety of projects which would benefit the residents of the city and this resolution asks that the City Council enhance coordination with our Jurisdictional Point of Contact (JPOC) in order to ensure that requests made on behalf of the City align with its goals and values.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

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

ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

10.8. Communication
(ID # [24-0546](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin

Conveying an outline of the history of Civil Service hires in Somerville.

Councilor McLaughlin expressed his displeasure with the Mayor's intention to move forward with lateral hires and he feels that this does not help veterans since it lessens veterans' preference. He sponsored Mike Jefferson and Steven Flythe to address the Council.

Mr. Jefferson, President of Local 76 IAFF, said that it is important to know what lateral transfers could do. He told the Council that Local 76 is opposed to hiring 12 fire fighters for Assembly Square via the lateral transfer process, adding that there is a civil service list with Somerville residents and veterans on it, and that lateral hires would circumvent that list. The potential lateral transfer individuals already have jobs and pensions and would be taking jobs from Somerville residents. The union has urged the Administration for 2 years to begin hiring for Assembly Square, but the city drives the hiring process and the process is broken. Local 76 demands that the city call for the civil service list.

Mr. Flythe, a resident who has been on the civil service list for firefighters for 2 years, said that he signed up and paid for the test and took the physical exam. He said that he cares about community and wants to encourage the city's younger population to apply for firefighting positions but noted that it's not promising under this policy.

Councilor Strezo sponsored Matt Sullivan to address the Council. Mr. Sullivan, a Somerville firefighter and member of Local 76 said that the city is underestimating the time it will take to hire laterally and that it's missing out on employee pride by hiring 12 people who are looking for a raise. He spoke about seeing the pride his father has in being a Somerville firefighter and said that the candidates on the civil service list have that pride. He noted that his brother is on the civil service list and maintains residency here in Somerville.

Councilor Clingan sponsored Henry Lima, who holds the #1 spot on the civil service list to speak. Mr. Lima said that he took the exam in 2014 and was bypassed for hiring in 2015. He fought the city over that bypass and was successful. He told the Council that he grew up here and went to school here. He commented that he has gotten support from many people in the Fire Department. He said that he thinks about the young people who may have their dreams smashed by the process. He said that the city knew it needed fire fighters for Assembly Square, and asked why it doesn't want to hire Somerville residents and/or veterans.

Councilor McLaughlin related some of the historic problems with the city's hiring process through a presentation and went on to dispute various points of the Administration's memo about why lateral transfers are necessary. He commented that he thinks the city is doing this because hiring off the civil service list is hard. Councilor Clingan said lateral hiring is a convenience for the city and that the Council was sandbagged, which left him infuriated and disappointed. Councilor Wilson commented that it's a heavy lift to hire an entire company off the civil service list but worth it to do so. He noted that 5 of the top 8 people on the civil service list are disabled veterans, and this would kill their chances. He also pointed out that lateral transfers have to be approved by the city from which the transfer is leaving. Councilor Scott said that the city has a history of corrupt hiring practices. Councilor Davis stated that he thought the elimination of reserve lists would have ended this problem.

Liaison Hutter addressed the Council saying that staff is ready to talk on this matter, however the appropriate staff were unavailable tonight. President Ewen-Campen stated that it's not too late to for the Administration to reconsider the decision. Councilor Pineda-Neufeld commented that she was taken aback at how the decision was made without any input from the City Council.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

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

ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

10.9. Officer's Communication (ID # [24-0538](#))

City Solicitor requesting to appear in Executive Session to discuss item #24-0323, Mayor requesting approval to enter into a contract with outside legal counsel for the appeal of the Superior Court judgment against the Somerville Redevelopment Authority in the matter of the 90 Washington Street property at Cobble Hill.

The regular meeting was recessed at 9:14 PM to enter into Executive Session to discuss this item.

The regular meeting was reconvened at 9:39 PM.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

10.10. Mayor's Request
(ID # [24-0533](#))

Requesting the adoption of an Order of Taking for the acquisition of the parcels located at 508-512 Columbia Street for the creation of a new park and open space.

Director Galligani explained how the city came to purchase this parcel. Although this is a negotiated purchase for a friendly taking, this Order of Taking is required. Additional details are available in the April 9, 2024 Finance Committee Report. Councilor Scott said that he would have felt better about this if he had been involved in the process and he asked that there be more transparency when transactions of this magnitude occur in his ward.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

10.11. Mayor's Request
(ID # [24-0540](#))

Requesting approval of a pedestrian access easement on Charlestown Place, approval of a grant of easements over certain alleys located in the D2.2 parcel, and approval of a grant of license from the City to Union Square RELP.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 10.11 and 10.12 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

10.12. Mayor's Request
(ID # [24-0541](#))

Requesting approval of the Conveyance and Easement for Parcel D2.2 (Union Square) Civic Space Lot 2A.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 10.11 and 10.12 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 10.13. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0542](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Michael Hendrix to the Urban Forestry Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED
AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen
ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 10.14. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0547](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Kay Mammo to the Fair Housing Commission.

RESULT: APPROVED
AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen
ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 10.15. License (ID # [24-0549](#)) New Garage License, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 161 Linwood St, 0 vehicles inside, 25 vehicles outside for mechanical repairs, auto body work, and spray painting, Mon-Fri: 8am-6pm, Sat:; 8am-2pm, Sun: closed.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

- 10.16. Public Event (ID # [24-0548](#)) Groundwork Somerville applying for a Public Event License for Earth Day: Pollinators, Planting, and Possibilities on April 20 from 9am to 2pm.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.28 and 10.16 and approve them this evening.
RESULT: APPROVED

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

ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

10.17. Public Communication (ID # [24-0539](#))

Nolan Carrier submitting comments re: item #24-0455, an update on Police and Fire hiring.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

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

ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

11. LATE ITEMS

11.1. Resolution (ID # [24-0550](#))

By Councilor Scott
 Congratulating and applauding the firefighters duly appointed through the regular civil service process.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 11:01 PM on a roll call vote of 10 in favor (McLaughlin, Davis, Wilson, Sait, Scott, Mbah, Burnley, Clingan, Strezo, Ewen-Campen), 0 opposed, and 1 absent (Pineda Neufeld).