



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

City Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 12, 2026

7:00 PM

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1. OPENING CEREMONIES

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| Present: | Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen City Councilor At Large Jon Link Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo Ward Five City Councilor Naima Sait City Councilor At Large Ben Wheeler Ward Seven City Councilor Emily Hardt Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin City Councilor At Large Wilfred N. Mbah Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis |
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The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis.

1.1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
(ID # [26-0250](#))

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

1.2. Remembrances Remembrances.
(ID # [26-0251](#))

RESULT: APPROVED

1.3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 8, 2026.
(ID # [26-0252](#))

RESULT: APPROVED

2. CITATIONS

2.1. Citation By Councilor Davis
(ID # [26-0194](#))
Commending Dan Moore on the auspicious occasion of his retirement after 12 years of distinguished service in the Communications and Community Engagement Department.

RESULT: APPROVED

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

3.1. Grant of Location Comcast applying for a Grant of Location to install a total of 133 feet of conduit in Highland Avenue, from existing Manhole 44/164 to a point of pickup at 393 Highland Avenue.

RESULT: APPROVED

3.2. Grant of Location Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install a total of 640 feet of conduit in Broadway, from existing Manhole 1798 to existing Manhole 24058 next to 167 Broadway.

RESULT: APPROVED

3.3. Grant of Location Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install a total of 54 feet of conduit in Benton Road, from Utility Pole 79/1 to a point of pickup at 2 Benton Road.

RESULT: APPROVED

3.4. Grant of Location Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install a total of 25 feet of conduit in Oak Street, from Utility Pole 258/2 to a point of pickup at 10 Oak Street.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

3.5. Grant of Location Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install a total of 28 feet of conduit in Gilman Street, from Utility Pole 142/3 to a point of pickup at 13 Gilman Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

3.6. Grant of Location Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install a total of 10.5 feet of conduit in Hudson Street, from Utility Pole 202/4 to a point of pickup at 17 Hudson Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

3.7. Grant of Location Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install a total of 35 feet of conduit in Belmont Street, from Utility Pole 27/9 to a point of pickup at 37 Belmont Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

3.8. Grant of Location (ID # [26-0181](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install a total of 62 feet of conduit in Ivaloo Street, from Utility Pole 179/5 to a point of pickup at 38 Ivaloo Street.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

3.9. Grant of Location (ID # [26-0183](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install a total of 12 feet of conduit in White Street, from Utility Pole 648/2 to a point of pickup at 44 White Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

3.10. Grant of Location (ID # [26-0184](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install a total of 2 feet of conduit in Franklin Avenue, from Utility Pole 133/5 to a point of pickup at 60 Franklin Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

3.11. Grant of Location (ID # [26-0185](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install a total of 75 feet of conduit in Prospect Street, from Utility Pole 291/12 to a point of pickup at 91 Prospect Street.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

3.12. Grant of Location (ID # [26-0186](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install a total of 452 feet of conduit and one new Manhole 32561 in Summer Street, from Utility Pole 325/28 to three points of pickup at 156, 157, and 162 Summer Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

3.13. Grant of Location (ID # [26-0187](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install a total of 40 feet of conduit in Leland Street, from Utility Pole 201/3 to a point of pickup at 321 Washington Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

4. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

4.1. Order (ID # [26-0147](#)) By Councilor Mbah
That the Chief of Police provide this Council with data on pedestrian and bicyclist enforcement activities in the city.

RESULT: APPROVED

4.2. Resolution By Councilor Mbah
(ID # [26-0148](#)) That the Chief of Police annually review pedestrian and bicyclist enforcement data to identify disparities in enforcement patterns across demographic or neighborhood lines and submit this data to this City Council.

RESULT: APPROVED

4.3. Communication By Councilor Mbah
(ID # [26-0233](#)) Conveying a report of the Job Creation and Retention Trust Fund.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

4.4. Communication By Councilor Mbah
(ID # [26-0146](#)) Conveying the year-end report of the Affordable Housing Trust.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

4.5. Resolution By Councilor Sait
(ID # [26-0149](#)) That the Commissioner of Public Works remove snow from dead end streets, private ways and alleyways in a timely manner.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Sustainability and Infrastructure Committee

4.6. Zoning Ordinance By Councilor Strezo
(ID # [26-0234](#)) Amending Sections 2.1.1 and 3.1.12 of the Zoning Ordinances regarding Accessory Dwelling Units.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

4.7. Resolution By Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Link
(ID # [26-0235](#)) That the Director of Parks and Recreation discuss with this Council, options to create year-round indoor programming for kids and families.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Housing, Community Development and Equity Committee

4.8. Resolution By Councilor Ewen-Campen
(ID # [26-0236](#)) That the Commissioner of Public Works discuss with this Council whether the sidewalk snow clearing pilot worked as intended this year, or whether there are other strategies to improve pedestrian mobility following a large snowstorm.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Sustainability and Infrastructure Committee

4.9. Resolution
(ID # [26-0237](#))

By Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Commissioner of Public Works discuss with this Council lessons learned from the recent large snowfall about resources and policies needed to improve snow clearance, including Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) bus stops, business district sidewalks and parking, private ways and dead ends, accessible ramps and bike lanes.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Sustainability and Infrastructure Committee

4.10. Resolution
(ID # [26-0238](#))

By Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Hardt
That the Administration increase publicity of the Senior Tax Deferral Program, which allows qualifying homeowners over 65 years of age to spend their income on living expenses rather than tax payments.

RESULT: APPROVED

4.11. Resolution
(ID # [26-0245](#))

By Councilor Hardt, Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor McLaughlin
Supporting the fourth amendment rights provided in the Constitution of the United States.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Housing, Community Development and Equity Committee

4.12. Communication
(ID # [26-0244](#))

By Councilor Hardt
Conveying a report of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

4.13. Resolution
(ID # [26-0249](#))

By Councilor Clingan
That the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development discuss with this Council, the Homeowner Improvement Program (HIP) and the role of the city in disputes between homeowners and city-approved contractors.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Housing, Community Development and Equity Committee

4.14. Order
(ID # [26-0243](#))

By Councilor Link
That the Director of Racial and Social Justice provide an update to this Council on the status of the Police Civilian Oversight Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

4.15. Resolution By Councilor Link
(ID # [26-0242](#)) That this City Council commends the students at Somerville High School for their action and resolve in protesting Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) deportations in Somerville and across the nation.

RESULT: APPROVED

4.16. Resolution By Councilor Link
(ID # [26-0239](#)) That the Director of Human Resources review the hiring for crossing guards, ensuring that the process and requirements are right-sized and not unnecessarily burdensome such that they deter qualified candidates.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

4.17. Resolution By Councilor Link
(ID # [26-0240](#)) That the Director of Inspectional Services review the rules for short-term rentals and inform this Council what enforcement tools are available and how the city may take action against known violations.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

4.18. Resolution By Councilor Link
(ID # [26-0241](#)) That the Administration provide the Committee on School Building Facilities and Maintenance with regular updates on the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) process for the Winter Hill and Brown Schools.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: School Building Facilities and Maintenance Committee

4.19. Resolution By Councilor Wheeler and Councilor Link
(ID # [26-0246](#)) In support of House Bill H.1588 and Senate Bill S.1122, an Act relative to immigration detention and collaboration agreements.

RESULT: APPROVED

4.20. Resolution By Councilor Wheeler and Councilor Link
(ID # [26-0247](#)) In support of proposed House Bill, the PROTECT Act, an Act promoting rule of law, oversight, trust, and equal constitutional treatment.

RESULT: APPROVED

4.21. Communication By Councilor Wheeler
(ID # [26-0248](#)) In his capacity as Chair of the Committee on Finance, conveying information on the FY 27 budget review process.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0079](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$1,000,000 from the Community Preservation Act Open Space Reserve for construction of improvements to the Kennedy Schoolyard.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

5.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0080](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$480,000 from the Community Preservation Act Fund Budgeted Reserve to the Somerville Hispanic Association for Community Development for continued preservation of 59 Cross Street.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

5.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0075](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$420,566 from the Community Preservation Act Historic Preservation Reserve to the Elizabeth Peabody House for continued restoration of 277 Broadway.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

5.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0081](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$74,365 from the Community Preservation Act Historic Preservation Reserve to Nicole Bairos for preservation of Buddy's Diner.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

5.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0084](#)) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,000,000 in a bond for financing a portion of the Kennedy Schoolyard Renovation Project, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

6.A. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

6.A.1. Committee Report (ID # [26-0158](#)) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on February 2, 2026.

RESULT: APPROVED

6.A.2. Mayor's Request
(ID # [26-0016](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Kimberly Wells as Chief Administrative Officer.

RESULT: APPROVED

6.A.3. Mayor's Request
(ID # [26-0021](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Ohemeng Kyeremateng as Director of Parks and Recreation.

RESULT: APPROVED

6.A.4. Mayor's Request
(ID # [26-0073](#)) Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Samir Messaoudi to the posititon of Police Lieutenant.

RESULT: APPROVED

6.A.5. Mayor's Request
(ID # [26-0074](#)) Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Diogo deOliveira to the position of Police Captain.

RESULT: APPROVED

6.B. FINANCE COMMITTEE

6.B.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on February 10, 2026.
(ID # [26-0218](#))

RESULT: APPROVED

6.B.2. Communication
(ID # [26-0114](#)) By Councilor Wheeler
Conveying that, pursuant to Section 6-2 of the City Charter, this City Council will hold a public hearing on the community's Fiscal Year 2027 budget priorities in the Committee on Finance on February 10, 2026.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.C. HOUSING, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND EQUITY COMMITTEE

6.C.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Housing, Community Development and Equity, meeting on January 28, 2026.
(ID # [26-0150](#))

RESULT: APPROVED

6.C.2. Resolution
(ID # [26-0058](#)) By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Administration collaborate with East Somerville Main Streets and the Ward 1 City Councilor to promote Eat Out in East to support East Somerville immigrant-owned businesses.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.D. LICENSES AND PERMITS

6.D.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on February 11, (ID # [26-0219](#)) 2026.

RESULT: APPROVED

6.D.2. Grant of Location Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install a total of 38 feet of conduit in Warwick Street, from Utility Pole 357/3 to a point of pickup at 16 Warwick Street. (ID # [25-1754](#))

RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

6.E. SUSTAINABILITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE

6.E.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Sustainability and Infrastructure, meeting on (ID # [26-0215](#)) February 9, 2026.

RESULT: APPROVED

6.E.2. Resolution By Councilor Link (ID # [26-0066](#)) That the Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry develop and report on a standardized green score for public parks and identify appropriate benchmarks and expectations for publicly owned parkland.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.E.3. Resolution By Councilor Ewen-Campen (ID # [26-0118](#)) That the Commissioner of Public Works install waste receptacles near the entrance of the Warming Center on Prescott Street.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.E.4. Resolution By Councilor Ewen-Campen (ID # [26-0119](#)) That the Commissioner of Public Works perform regular litter clean-ups along Prescott Street near the Warming Center.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.E.5. Resolution By Councilor Ewen-Campen (ID # [26-0120](#)) That the Administration investigate the possibility that deliveries, emergency vehicles, pick-ups, etc., occur in the Cummings School parking lot rather than on Prescott Street.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

7.1. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0200](#)) Requesting that this Council convene in Executive Session to discuss the matter of Joseph A. Sater, Trustee of Highland Avenue Realty Trust v. City of Somerville.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

7.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0144](#)) Requesting acceptance of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22I, to authorize an annual cost of living adjustment increase in the exemption amount granted under Chapter 59, Section 5, Clauses 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22E and 22F.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

7.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0145](#)) Requesting acceptance of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22J, to authorize an increase in the exemption amount granted under Chapter 59, Section 5, Clauses 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22E and 22F.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

7.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0161](#)) Requesting the acceptance of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 13E, to establish a Special Education Reserve Fund.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

7.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0160](#)) Requesting approval of a Pedestrian Access Sidewalk Easement and Maintenance License at 16-20 Medford Street.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

7.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0162](#)) Requesting authorization to borrow \$1,530,000 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for the annual FY 2026 Sewer System Evaluation and Infiltration/Inflow Assessment.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

7.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0172](#)) Requesting approval to appropriate \$324,360 from the Medicinal Marijuana Stabilization Fund for the salary and fringe of four positions related to youth in FY 2027.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

7.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0188](#)) Requesting approval to appropriate \$299,910 from the Energy Stabilization Fund for a heat pump replacement project at 133 Holland Street.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

7.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0199](#)) Requesting approval to appropriate \$299,460 from the Energy Stabilization Fund to replace the lighting at Dilboy Field.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

7.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0197](#)) Requesting approval to appropriate \$210,525 from the Energy Stabilization Fund to replace lighting at Trum Field.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

7.11. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0196](#)) Requesting approval to appropriate \$179,349 from the Energy Stabilization Fund for the addition of a solar array to the new roof of 133 Holland Street.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

7.12. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0195](#)) Requesting approval to appropriate \$26,759 from the Energy Stabilization Fund for weatherizing the basement and envelope of 133 Holland Street.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

7.13. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0182](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$3,500,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Law Department Judgments and Settlements Account to fund the settlement of Joseph A. Sater, Trustee of Highland Armory Realty Trust v. City of Somerville.

RESULT: APPROVED

7.14. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0163](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$430,965 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Special Education Reserve Fund.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

7.15. Mayor's Request
(ID # [26-0205](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$167,168 from the Salary Contingency account to various departmental Personal Services accounts to fund a collective bargaining agreement with the Somerville Municipal Employees Union, Unit D.

RESULT: APPROVED

7.16. Mayor's Request
(ID # [26-0166](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$154,136 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation-Settlement of Claims Account to the School Department Legal Settlement Account for an insurance settlement.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

7.17. Mayor's Request
(ID # [26-0152](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$306,250 from the Community Preservation Act Historic Preservation Reserve for restoration of the Veterans Memorial Cemetery and veterans monuments.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

7.18. Mayor's Request
(ID # [26-0154](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$150,000 from the Community Preservation Act Historic Preservation Reserve to Vida Real Church for exterior restoration of the building at 404 Broadway.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

7.19. Mayor's Request
(ID # [26-0153](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$124,331 from the Community Preservation Act Fund for improvements to Blessing of the Bay Linear Park.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

7.20. Mayor's Request
(ID # [26-0155](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$50,000 from the Community Preservation Act Budgeted Reserve to the Somerville Housing Authority for improvements to the open space at the Mystic River/View developments.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

7.21. Mayor's Request
(ID # [26-0151](#)) Requesting the approval of a transfer of \$237,250 from the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Undesignated Fund Balance to the CPA Historic Preservation Reserve.

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

7.22. Mayor's Request
(ID # [26-0198](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$30,000 from the Health and Human Services Salaries Account to the Professional and Technical Services Account to fund increased costs associated with the FY 2026 Warming Center.

RESULT: APPROVED

7.23. Mayor's Request
(ID # [26-0089](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$3,000 from the Communications Department Professional and Technical Services Account to the Somerville Public Schools Professional Salaries Account for consulting services related to the inaugural event.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

7.24. Mayor's Request
(ID # [26-0132](#)) Requesting approval of a time-only extension until 6/30/2027 for the contract with EB Rotondi & Sons Inc. for repairs to water main gate valves and appurtenances.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

7.25. Mayor's Request
(ID # [26-0133](#)) Requesting approval of a time-only extension until 6/30/2027 for the contract with N. Granese & Sons Inc. for water distribution system maintenance and repair.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

7.26. Mayor's Request
(ID # [26-0164](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$87,848 grant with no new match required, from the Executive Office of Aging and Independence to the Council on Aging for health, wellness, social, and educational programming.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

7.27. Mayor's Request
(ID # [26-0168](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$50,000 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for target hardening at the Police Department headquarters.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

7.28. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0156](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$48,000 grant with no new match required, from Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) to the Fire Department for the replacement of security cameras at fire headquarters.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

7.29. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0169](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$43,000 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for software.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

7.30. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0117](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$28,000 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection to the Department of Public Works for the Recycling Dividends Program.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

7.31. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0113](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$15,000 grant that requires a match from the Massachusetts General Court and the State Historical Records Advisory Board to the Veterans Services Department for support of the Veterans Memorial Cemetery and the archival digitization project.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

7.32. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0112](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$5,000 grant with no new match required, from the Department of Environmental Protection to the Department of Public Works for the Sustainable Materials Recovery Program.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

7.33. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0165](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$100 donation from the Massachusetts Councils On Aging to the Somerville Council on Aging for the Active Aging Kick Off Party.

RESULT: APPROVED

7.34. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0170](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$149 using available funds in the Human Resources Professional and Technical Services Account for medical screening services.

RESULT: APPROVED

7.35. Mayor's Request
(ID # [26-0167](#)) Requesting approval for settlement of a claim for \$10,400 pursuant to Section 2-124 of the Code of Ordinances.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

8.1. Officer's
Communication
(ID # [26-0096](#)) Chief Assessor responding to item #26-0062, an Order requesting an inventory of city-owned parcels.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Housing, Community Development and Equity Committee

8.2. Officer's
Communication
(ID # [26-0201](#)) Director of Economic Development conveying the potential use of an Urban Center Housing Tax Increment Financing Tool (UCH-TIF) to incentivize housing production.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

8.3. Officer's
Communication
(ID # [26-0141](#)) Fair Housing Commission conveying the FY 2024 Annual Report pursuant to Section 17-7 of the Code of Ordinances.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Housing, Community Development and Equity Committee

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1. License
(ID # [26-0206](#)) New Lodging House License, Tufts University, 91 Professors Row, 50 residents.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.2. License
(ID # [26-0207](#)) New Lodging House License, Tufts University, 93 Professors Row, 50 residents.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.3. License
(ID # [26-0208](#)) New Lodging House License, Tufts University, 95 Professors Row, 50 residents.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.4. License (ID # [26-0213](#)) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 90-92-94 Curtis Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.5. License (ID # [26-0231](#)) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 136 Curtis Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.6. License (ID # [26-0216](#)) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 176 Curtis Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.7. License (ID # [26-0227](#)) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 40A Latin Way.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.8. License (ID # [26-0226](#)) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 43 Latin Way.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.9. License (ID # [26-0224](#)) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 98 Packard Avenue.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.10. License (ID # [26-0225](#)) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 73 Powderhouse Boulevard.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.11. License (ID # [26-0221](#)) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 125 Powderhouse Boulevard.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.12. License (ID # [26-0220](#)) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 8 Professors Row.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.13. License (ID # [26-0209](#)) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 92 Professors Row.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.14. License
(ID # [26-0223](#)) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 98 Professors Row.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.15. License
(ID # [26-0222](#)) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 106 Professors Row.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.16. License
(ID # [26-0211](#)) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 13 Sawyer Avenue.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.17. License
(ID # [26-0217](#)) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 37 Sawyer Avenue.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.18. License
(ID # [26-0212](#)) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 45 Sawyer Avenue.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.19. License
(ID # [26-0210](#)) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 9-11 Sunset Road.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.20. License
(ID # [26-0229](#)) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 13-15 Talbot Avenue.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.21. License
(ID # [26-0230](#)) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 45 Talbot Avenue.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.22. License
(ID # [26-0214](#)) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 101 Talbot Avenue.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.23. License
(ID # [26-0228](#)) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 15 Whitfield Road.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.24. License
(ID # [26-0232](#)) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 21 Whitfield Road.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.25. License
(ID # [26-0189](#)) Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Automotive Transport Service Inc, 40 Joy Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.26. Public Event
(ID # [26-0191](#)) Somerville Community Growing Center applying for a Public Event License for SCGC Maple Boil Project and Boil 2026 on March 6 and 7 from 7:30am to 8pm (raindate March 13 and 14).

RESULT: APPROVED

9.27. Public Event
(ID # [26-0190](#)) Elizabeth Babriecki applying for a Public Event License for 5k Charity Walk/Run for Boston Community Pediatrics on March 28 from 6:30am to 3pm.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.28. Public Event
(ID # [26-0192](#)) Tufts University Graduate Student Council applying for a Public Event License for Tufts University 30th Annual 5K Charity Race on April 11 from 7am to 2pm.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.29. Public Communication
(ID # [26-0159](#)) Anjana Sukumar submitting comments re: Winter Hill.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

9.30. Public Communication
(ID # [26-0173](#)) McGrath Coalition Steering Committee submitting comments re: McGrath Boulevard.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

9.31. Public Communication
(ID # [26-0193](#)) Crystal Huff and Amy Pollard submitting comments re: U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

10.1. Resolution
(ID # [26-0253](#))

By Councilor Link and Councilor Ewen-Campen
That this City Council commends the Fire Department for its fast and professional emergency response to the recent fire at 26 Summer Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

10.2. Public
Communication
(ID # [26-0257](#))

Union 2 Associates, LLC requesting a Zoning Map Amendment to change the zoning district of 2 and 9 Union Square, 286, 290, and 298 Somerville Avenue from Commercial Core 5 (CC5) to Mid-Rise 6 (MR6).

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

10.3. Public
Communication
(ID # [26-0254](#))

Cole Rainey-Slavick submitting comments re: U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

10.4. Public
Communication
(ID # [26-0255](#))

Four residents submitting comments re: Israel boycott.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

10.5. Public
Communication
(ID # [26-0256](#))

Elizabeth Schaul submitting comments re: snow removal.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

10.6. Public
Communication
(ID # [26-0258](#))

Noa Cohen Hughes and Crystal Huff submitting comments re: item #26-0114, Fiscal Year 2027 budget priorities.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

10.7. Public
Communication
(ID # [26-0259](#))

Christopher Beland submitting comments re: items #26-0175, #26-0176, #26-0177, #26-0178, #26-0179, #26-0180, #26-0181, #26-0182, #26-0183, #26-0184, #26-0185, #26-0186, and #26-0187, Eversource applying for Grants of Location.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Sustainability and Infrastructure Committee

11. LATE ITEMS

11.1. Public Communication (ID # [26-0265](#))

That this City Council hold a public hearing on the petition submitted by 52 registered voters regarding Out of the Blue Community Arts Space at Arts at the Armory, pursuant to Section 2-11 of the City Charter.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Housing, Community Development and Equity Committee

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:46 PM.