

**City of Somerville, Massachusetts**  
**Matters of Business of the City Council**

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

May 12, 2022, 7:00 PM  
City Council Chamber and Remote Participation

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**OPENING CEREMONIES**

1. Roll Call            Call of the Roll.  
(ID # 28766)
  
2. Remembrances    Remembrances.  
(ID # 28767)
  
3. Minutes            Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, April  
(ID # 28768)        14, 2022.

**CITATIONS**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

4. Grant of            Submitted by Eversource to install 80 feet of conduit in  
Location            the intersection of Summer St and Prescott Street, from  
(ID # 28714)        Utility Pole 325/8 to a point of pickup at 3 Prescott St.
  
5. Grant of            Submitted by Extenet to install a total of 22 feet of  
Location            conduit in Broadway: Starting from existing Eversource  
(ID # 28713)        Manhole 11126 to a proposed handhole, then continuing  
to a small wireless facility node located at the  
intersection of Broadway and Minnesota Avenue.
  
6. License/Permit    Small Wireless Facility License, Extenet installing small  
(ID # 28724)        wireless facilities on a new pole at 161 Broadway.

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

7. Order (ID # 28684) By City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Wilson  
That the Director of Sustainability and Environment update this Council on any plans for a municipal composting program.
8. Order (ID # 28739) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen  
That item #213498 be discharged from the Land Use Committee.
9. Resolution (ID # 28738) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen  
That the Administration employ civilian flaggers, rather than exclusively sworn officers, to work traffic details, and employ a civilian street closure coordinator.
10. Resolution (ID # 28737) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Kelly, McLaughlin  
In support of the Fair Share Amendment.
11. Order (ID # 28740) By City Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the Director of Housing Stability update this Council on the status of the Municipal Voucher Program.
12. Order (ID # 28741) By City Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Director update this Council on the status of ARPA funds committed to rent subsidies.
13. Order (ID # 28742) By City Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the Director of Housing Stability provide this Council with data on the number of inclusionary units accepting Section 8 vouchers.
14. Order (ID # 28743) By City Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the Director of Human Resources provide this Council with a report on racial and gender equity in pay for city staff.
15. Order (ID # 28744) By City Councilor Clingan  
That the Chief of Police provide this Council with a list of confirmed shootings between April 2018 and April 2022.
16. Order (ID # 28745) By City Councilor Clingan  
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the uneven road pavement on Sycamore Street, between Medford Street and Evergreen Avenue.

- 17. Order (ID # 28746) By City Councilor Clingan  
That the Director of Parks and Recreation repaint the ground at Grimmons Park.
- 18. Order (ID # 28747) By City Councilor Wilson  
That the Director of Parks and Recreation ensure all school playgrounds contain multilingual signage indicating the days and hours these areas are open to the public, as well as reminders to keep gates closed.
- 19. Order (ID # 28748) By City Councilor Wilson  
That the Commissioner of Public Works update this Council on the performance of the city's recycling contractor.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

20. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 28750) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on May 4, 2022.
- B. Order 213427 By City Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the Department of Public Works and the Department of Human Resources provide a report on current open positions and a comparison of wages to neighboring communities and the private sector.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. Order 213437 By City Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Director of Human Resources appear before this Council to discuss opting into Massachusetts's Paid Family Medical Leave Act.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- D. Mayor's Request 213496 Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Susan O'Brien to the Conservation Commission.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- E. Mayor's Request 213633 Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Antonio Cicolini to the position of Fire Lieutenant.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- F. Mayor's Request 213634 Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Kathleen Byrne to the Condominium Review Board.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.

21. EQUITY, GENDER, FAMILIES AND VULNERABLE POPULATIONS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 28753) Report of the Committee on Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations, meeting on May 9, 2022.
  
- B. Resolution 213067 By City Councilor Strezo, Kelly, Pineda Neufeld, Burnley, Jr., Scott, Gomez Mouakad  
That the Mayor create a Senior Liaison within the Executive Office to advocate on behalf of Somerville residents aged 65 and older.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
  
- C. Order 213183 By City Councilor Burnley, Jr., Davis  
That the Director of Communications begin updating community bulletin boards with this Council's calendar.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
  
- D. Resolution 213187 By City Councilor Burnley, Jr., Kelly  
That the Administration provide this Council with an update on the current status of the Young Somerville Advisory Group.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
  
- E. Order 213448 By City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Kelly  
That the Director of Communications ensure that all translated materials and communications are released at the same time as the English materials and communications.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
  
- F. Order (ID # 28772) By City Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the Director of SomerViva provide the Committee on Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations with an update on translation services.

22. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 28754) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on May 10, 2022.
  
- B. Mayor's Request 213397 Requesting to appear before this Council with an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) progress update.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
  
- C. Order 213459 By City Councilor Wilson  
That the Director of Finance and the Budget Director update this Council on the funding status for the six patrol officer positions included in the FY 2022 budget pending the Police Staffing Study.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- D. Mayor's Request 213491 Requesting a transfer of \$9,000 from the Health and Human Services Professional and Technical Services Account to the Inspectional Services Extermination Account for the SMART rodent control pilot program.  
RECOMMENDED: Withdrawn
- E. Mayor's Request 213495 Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$32,214.61 using available funds in the Department of Public Works from various Admin, Buildings, and Sanitation accounts.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- F. Mayor's Request 213583 Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$94,622.16 grant for FY 2023, with no new match required, from MA Department of Public Health to the Health and Human Services Department for Tobacco Control Prevention.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- G. Mayor's Request 213627 Requesting the appropriation of \$500,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance Account ("Free Cash") to the Fire Department Overtime Account to cover a shortfall.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- H. Mayor's Request 213628 Requesting approval to appropriate \$162,896.02 from the Street Tree Stabilization Fund for the Spring/Fall 2022 seasons.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- I. Officer's Communication 213636 City Solicitor requesting approval to retain Greenberg Traurig as outside legal counsel to represent the City in the matter of AMLEG, LLC v. City of Somerville.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.

23. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 28752) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on May 5, 2022.
- B. Officer's Communication 213637 Deputy Director of Planning, Preservation and Zoning conveying the Multi-Family Zoning Requirement for MBTA Communities.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

24. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 28749) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on May 3, 2022.
- B. Mayor's Communication 213002 Re-submitting the updated 2021 Surveillance Technology Annual Report.  
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File

- C. Officer's Communication 213017 Conveying language for the rescission of the adoption of G. L. Chapter 48, Sections 59B, 59C and 59D relative to a Reserve Fire Force.  
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- D. Officer's Communication 213018 Conveying language for the rescission of the adoption of G. L. Chapter 147, Sections 11, 12 and 13 relative to a Reserve Police Force.  
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- E. Resolution 213186 By City Councilor Burnley, Jr.  
That the City Solicitor advise this Council on its ability to ban quotas in law enforcement, including the application for grants that require additional enforcement as a prerequisite.  
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- F. Order 213446 By City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Kelly  
That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services explain to this Council how the Short Term Residential Ordinance is enforced.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- G. Ordinance 213461 By City Councilor Burnley, Jr., Wilson, Kelly  
Submitting an ordinance prohibiting traffic quotas and acceptance of grants mandating quotas.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- H. Resolution 213616 By City Councilor Burnley, Jr.  
That the Administration update this Council on the rescission of the police and fire reserve lists.  
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- I. Mayor's Communication 213635 Submitting an updated third version of the 2021 Surveillance Technology Annual Report.  
  
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File

25. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 28751) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on May 5, 2022.
- B. Order 213613 By City Councilor Burnley, Jr., Kelly  
That this Council's Committee on Licenses and Permits schedule a Show Cause hearing to determine why any business licenses issued to Elliot's House Pet Care and More by this body should not be suspended or revoked for violations of the conditions of the license amendment, approved on April 14, 2022.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. Order (ID # 28782) By City Councilor Burnley, Jr., Clingan, Wilson  
That the Dog Kennel license issued to Elliot's House LLC, 230 Somerville Avenue, be revoked immediately.

**COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

- 26. Mayor's Request (ID # 28731) Requesting approval of a Grant of Easement from North River Company for Poplar Street.
- 27. Mayor's Request (ID # 28730) Requesting approval of the First Amendment to the Grant of Easements with the MBTA.
- 28. Mayor's Request (ID # 28667) Requesting approval to execute the First Amendment to the lease agreement with Dana Family Series, LLC for the Grove Street parking lot, through 6/30/23.
- 29. Mayor's Request (ID # 28680) Requesting approval of a time only extension of the design and construction administration services contract with Warner Larson for the Healey Fields project to 12/31/23.
- 30. Mayor's Request (ID # 28728) Requesting approval to extend the contract with the Mystic River Watershed Association for the Blessing of the Bay Park Revitalization Phase 2 for an additional 12 months.
- 31. Mayor's Request (ID # 28735) Requesting the appropriation of \$243,471 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") Account to the Energy Stabilization Fund.
- 32. Mayor's Request (ID # 28683) Requesting approval to use \$6,939 of available funds in the Grants Development Salaries account to create a new position of Deputy Director.
- 33. Mayor's Request (ID # 28732) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$13,120 using available funds in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development-Planning and Zoning Ordinary Maintenance Account for Gilman Square planning work.
- 34. Mayor's Request (ID # 28733) Requesting approval of the 2022-2023 Housing and Urban Development One Year Action Plan, for Community Development Block Grant, Home Investment Partnership, and Emergency Solutions Grant Programs.

**COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 35. License/Permit (ID # 28755) Renewing Drainlayer's License, A.A. Will Corporation.

36. License/Permit (ID # 28685) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Barletta Heavy Division.
37. License/Permit (ID # 28686) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Borges Sewer and Drain.
38. License/Permit (ID # 28687) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Brennan Construction.
39. License/Permit (ID # 28688) Renewing Drainlayer's License, EB Rotondi and Sons.
40. License/Permit (ID # 28729) Renewing Drainlayer's license, Garrett Construction Co. Inc.
41. License/Permit (ID # 28689) Renewing Drainlayer's License, JNJ Sacca.
42. License/Permit (ID # 28756) Renewing Drainlayer's License, KB Aruda Construction.
43. License/Permit (ID # 28690) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Kealey Excavation.
44. License/Permit (ID # 28691) Renewing Drainlayer's License, LaMountain Brothers.
45. License/Permit (ID # 28727) Renewing Drainlayer's License, NCCL Enterprises.
46. License/Permit (ID # 28693) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Tri Construction.
47. License/Permit (ID # 28692) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Tim Zanelli Excavating.
48. License/Permit (ID # 28694) Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, McDonalds, 14 McGrath Hwy.
49. License/Permit (ID # 28695) Renewing Flammables License, 101 South Street Owner LLC, 101 South St.
50. License/Permit (ID # 28696) Renewing Flammables License, Aris Auto, 3 Craigie St.
51. License/Permit (ID # 28697) Renewing Flammables License, Cumberland Farms, 701 Somerville Ave.



- 52. License/Permit (ID # 28698) Renewing Flammables License, Valvoline Instant Oil Change, 182 Washington St.
- 53. License/Permit (ID # 28699) Renewing Garage License, Aris Auto, 3 Craigie St.
- 54. License/Permit (ID # 28700) Renewing Garage License, BBC Auto Repair, 42 Joy St.
- 55. License/Permit (ID # 28701) Renewing Garage License, Brazil Auto Repair Inc, 621 Somerville Ave.
- 56. License/Permit (ID # 28702) Renewing Garage License, DM Auto Services, 45 Webster Ave.
- 57. License/Permit (ID # 28703) Renewing Garage License, DW Propco JK LLC, 0 Dawes Street.
- 58. License/Permit (ID # 28704) Renewing Garage License, Federal Realty Investment Trust, 355 Artisan Way.
- 59. License/Permit (ID # 28705) Renewing Garage License, Federal Realty Investment Trust, 445 Artisan Way.
- 60. License/Permit (ID # 28706) Renewing Garage License, Federal Realty Investment Trust, 479 Canal St.
- 61. License/Permit (ID # 28707) Renewing Garage License, Federal Realty Investment Trust, 333 Great River Rd.
- 62. License/Permit (ID # 28708) Renewing Garage License, Gene Automotive Repair, 56 Joy St.
- 63. License/Permit (ID # 28709) Renewing Garage License, Junior Auto Body, 486R Columbia St.
- 64. License/Permit (ID # 28710) Renewing Garage License, Webster Auto Body, 69 Webster Ave.
- 65. License/Permit (ID # 28711) Renewing Garage License, Valvoline Instant Oil Change, 182 Washington St.
- 66. License/Permit (ID # 28712) Renewing Garage License, William Doucette Auto Sales, 325 Alewife Brook Pkwy.

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- 67. License/Permit (ID # 28758) Public Event License, Porchfest on Dickson, from Broadway to 7 Dickson St, May 14, 11:30AM-2PM (raindate May 15).
  - 68. License/Permit (ID # 28757) Public Event License, Porchfest on Everett, from Webster Ave to Prospect St, May 14, 3:30PM-6:30PM.
  - 69. License/Permit (ID # 28715) Public Event License, Porchfest on Sacramento, from Beacon St to Carver St, May 14, 1:30PM-4:30PM (raindate May 15).
  - 70. License/Permit (ID # 28716) Public Event License, Porchfest on Summit Ave, intersection of Summit Ave and Vinal Ave, May 14, 3:45PM-6:30PM.
  - 71. License/Permit (ID # 28717) Public Event License, Calvin St BP, from Washington St to Dimick St, May 21, 12PM-5PM (raindate May 22).
  - 72. License/Permit (ID # 28718) Public Event License, Packard Ave Graduation Event, Electric Ave from Packard Ave to Lovell St, May 21, 4PM-7:30PM.
  - 73. License/Permit (ID # 28759) Public Event License, Dancing in the Dark, Munroe St from Prospect Hill Pkwy to Bigelow and Prospect Hill Park, June 3, 4PM-9:30PM (raindate June 4).
  - 74. License/Permit (ID # 28719) Public Event License, Walker St/ Leonard St BP, Walker St from Leonard St to Broadway, June 4, 10AM-6PM (raindate June 5).
  - 75. License/Permit (ID # 28720) Public Event License, Leonard St/ Walker St BP, Leonard St from Broadway to Powder House Blvd, June 4, 10AM-6PM (raindate June 5).
  - 76. License/Permit (ID # 28721) Public Event License, 18th (Almost) Annual Wallace St BP, from Broadway to Holland St, June 4, 3:30PM-9:30PM (raindate June 5).
  - 77. License/Permit (ID # 28722) Public Event License, Warwick St BP, from Cedar St to end of street, June 11, 2PM-8PM (raindate June 12 & 18).
  - 78. License/Permit (ID # 28723) Public Event License, Pearl St BP, from Florence St to Pinckney St, June 25, 9AM-7PM (raindate June 26).
  - 79. License/Permit (ID # 28725) Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Yolande Trans, Med #15.

- 80. License/Permit (ID # 28726) Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Jolina Taxi, Med #52.
- 81. License/Permit (ID # 28763) Renewing Lodging House License, Walnut Hill Properties Alpha Omicron Pi, 25 Whitfield Rd.
- 82. License/Permit (ID # 28762) Renewing Lodging House License, Walnut Hill Properties Alpha Phi, 14 Sawyer Ave.
- 83. License/Permit (ID # 28760) Renewing Lodging House License, Walnut Hill Properties Theta Chi, 100 Packard Ave.
- 84. License/Permit (ID # 28761) Renewing Lodging House License, Walnut Hill Properties Zeta Beta Tau, 126 Packard Ave.
- 85. Public Communication (ID # 28678) Vivaldo Meneses Sr. requesting the adoption of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Map to change the zoning district of 82-84 Prospect Street from MR5 to UR.
- 86. Public Communication (ID # 28679) 55 voters submitting a petition calling for a public hearing re: the Arts at the Armory building.
- 87. Public Communication (ID # 28734) Carol Lindenmuth submitting comments re: Item #213613, Show Cause hearing for Elliot's House Pet Care & More.

**SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

- 88. Citation (ID # 28781) By City Councilor Clingan, Ewen-Campen Commending Marianne Meacham on the auspicious occasion of her retirement after 28 years serving the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- 89. Order (ID # 28776) By City Councilor Burnley, Jr. That the ADA Coordinator discuss with this Council how the Administration is accommodating the needs of visually impaired residents through the use of braille in commissions and elsewhere.
- 90. Order (ID # 28777) By City Councilor Burnley, Jr. That the ADA Coordinator discuss with this Council how the Administration is providing access and services for residents who are deaf or hard of hearing.

91. Order (ID # 28778) By City Councilor Burnley, Jr.  
That the Deputy Director of Health and Human Services update this Council on any plans to reinstitute an indoor mask mandate and what standards should be used to determine when implementation is needed.
92. Order (ID # 28779) By City Councilor Burnley, Jr.  
That the Director of Mobility provide an updated report on the impact of bus lanes on traffic congestion, particularly on Broadway.
93. Mayor's Request (ID # 28666) Requesting approval of a lease for the Lower Broadway Police Substation at 79-83 Broadway, from 7/01/22 through 6/30/23, for \$2,000.00 per month.
94. Mayor's Request (ID # 28736) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$4,500 using available funds in the Human Resources Department Arbitration Services Account for arbitration services rendered.
95. Mayor's Request (ID # 28774) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Janine Lotti to the Fair Housing Commission, as the Somerville Housing Authority representative.
96. Officer's Communication (ID # 28780) Director of Infrastructure & Asset Management conveying the Water & Sewer Capital Investment Plan update for May 2022.
97. Officer's Communication (ID # 28773) Commissioner of Public Works responding to Item #212250 with an update on the inspection and enforcement of the Ordinance to Safeguard Vulnerable Road Users.
98. License/Permit (ID # 28769) New Drainlayer's License, Charles Contracting Co Inc.
99. License/Permit (ID # 28770) Renewing Drainlayer's License, McGue Excavating.
100. Public Communication (ID # 28771) 53 registered voters submitting a petition supporting the creation of a Local Historic District at 125 Highland Avenue.

**LATE ITEMS**

**ADJOURNMENT**