

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

NOTICE: This is NOT the official version of the City Council's minutes. While reasonable efforts have been made to assure the accuracy of the data provided, do not rely on this information without first checking with the City Clerk.

OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Willie Burnley Jr.	City Councilor At Large	Present	
Charlotte Kelly	City Councilor At Large	Present	
Jake Wilson	City Councilor At Large	Present	
Beatriz GomezMouakad	Ward Five City Councilor	Present	
Judy PinedaNeufeld	Ward Seven City Councilor	Present	
Kristen Strezo	City Councilor at Large	Present	
Matthew McLaughlin	Ward One City Councilor	Present	
Jefferson Thomas ("J.T.") Scott	Ward Two City Councilor	Present	
Ben Ewen-Campen	Ward Three City Councilor	Present	
Jesse Clingan	Ward Four City Councilor	Present	
Lance L. Davis	Ward Six City Councilor	Present	

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
213721
(ID:28766) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
213722
(ID:28767) Councilor Kelly and the entire Council offered a moment of silence for her grandmother, Harriet McLaughlin.
Councilor Ewen-Campen offered a moment of silence for Larry Rosenburg.
RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, April 14, 2022.
213723
(ID:28768) **RESULT: APPROVED**

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 4. Grant of Location 213724 (ID:28714) Submitted by Eversource to install 80 feet of conduit in the intersection of Summer St and Prescott Street, from Utility Pole 325/8 to a point of pickup at 3 Prescott St.

Jacqueline Duffy, representing Eversource, spoke in favor of the item and explained the work involved. There being no opposition and no other speakers, the public hearing was closed.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 5. Grant of Location 213725 (ID:28713) Submitted by Extenet to install a total of 22 feet of conduit in Broadway: Starting from existing Eversource Manhole 11126 to a proposed handhole, then continuing to a small wireless facility node located at the intersection of Broadway and Minnesota Avenue.

Corey Milan, representing Extenet, spoke in favor of the item and explained the work involved. There being no opposition and no other speakers, the public hearing was closed.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6. License/Permit 213726 (ID:28724) Small Wireless Facility License, Extenet installing small wireless facilities on a new pole at 161 Broadway.

Corey Milan, representing Extenet, spoke in favor of the item and explained the work involved. There being no opposition and no other speakers, the public hearing was closed.

RESULT: APPROVED

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

- 7. Order 213727 (ID:28684) By City Councilor PinedaNeufeld, Wilson, BurnleyJr., Kelly, Strezo That the Director of Sustainability and Environment update this Council on any plans for a municipal composting program.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

- 8. Order 213728 (ID:28739) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That item #213498 be discharged from the Land Use Committee.

See item #213498.

RESULT: APPROVED

- | | | |
|-----|------------------------------------|---|
| 9. | Resolution
213729
(ID:28738) | <p>By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Davis, Scott, PinedaNeufeld, Wilson, Strezo, Kelly, GomezMouakad</p> <p>That the Administration employ civilian flaggers, rather than exclusively sworn officers, to work traffic details, and employ a civilian street closure coordinator.</p> |
| | | <p>Councilor Ewen-Campen noted that civilian flaggers have been approved by the state legislature, but Somerville agreed to only use police officer rather than civilian flaggers. He explained that due to this, some of the out-of-town officers aren't familiar with the city's roads, causing traffic confusion. He urged the administration to negotiate the use of civilian flaggers at the next collective bargaining sessions.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee</p> |
| 10. | Resolution
213730
(ID:28737) | <p>By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin, Strezo, Davis, Clingan, Wilson, BurnleyJr., PinedaNeufeld, Scott</p> <p>In support of the Fair Share Amendment.</p> |
| | | <p>Councilor Kelly is recused from this item. Councilor Ewen-Campen sponsored Jim Kaplan to speak. Mr. Kaplan encouraged the Council to support this resolution saying that funds would go to transportation and education. He commented that this would also help to redistribute wealth and sustain democracy. Councilor Ewen-Campen sponsored Greg Hill to speak. Mr. Hill commented that this is a necessary measure that should be supported, saying that this would right the wrong of billionaires not paying their fair share.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| 11. | Order
213731
(ID:28740) | <p>By City Councilor GomezMouakad, BurnleyJr., Wilson, Kelly, PinedaNeufeld</p> <p>That the Director of Housing Stability update this Council on the status of the Municipal Voucher Program.</p> |
| | | <p>Councilor Gomez Mouakad stated that this is important to those who don't have access to Section 8 vouchers.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| 12. | Order
213732
(ID:28741) | <p>By City Councilor GomezMouakad</p> <p>That the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Director update this Council on the status of ARPA funds committed to rent subsidies.</p> |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| 13. | Order
213733
(ID:28742) | <p>By City Councilor GomezMouakad</p> <p>That the Director of Housing Stability provide this Council with data on the number of inclusionary units accepting Section 8 vouchers.</p> |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |

-
14. Order 213734 (ID:28743) By City Councilor GomezMouakad, BurnleyJr., Scott, Strezo, PinedaNeufeld That the Director of Human Resources provide this Council with a report on racial and gender equity in pay for city staff.
- Councilor Gomez Mouakad wants to make sure that there is true racial and gender equity with regards to pay. Councilor Kelly commented that queer and trans people are underemployed.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
15. Order 213735 (ID:28744) By City Councilor Clingan, PinedaNeufeld, GomezMouakad That the Chief of Police provide this Council with a list of confirmed shootings between April 2018 and April 2022.
- Councilor Clingan expressed a desire to have a discussion on this matter, and noted some questions to be asked in Committee.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee
16. Order 213736 (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.
- Councilor Clingan added that he will investigate past work to determine what company left the roadway in that condition.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
17. Order 213737 (ID:28746) By City Councilor Clingan That the Director of Parks and Recreation repaint the ground at Grimmons Park.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
18. Order 213738 (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.
- Councilor Burnley inquired how many languages are being considered and Councilor Wilson said he would recommend the same four languages that the School Department translates into.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
19. Order 213739 (ID:28748) By City Councilor Wilson, BurnleyJr., Kelly That the Commissioner of Public Works update this Council on the performance of the city's recycling contractor.
- RESULT: APPROVED**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

20. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report
213740
(ID:28750)
- Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on May 4, 2022.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld presented the Committee Report and reviewed the actions taken, noting that three appointments were recommended for approval.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Order
213427
(ID:28373)
- By City Councilor GomezMouakad
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.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Order
213437
(ID:28392)
- 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.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Mayor's Request
213496
(ID:28461)
- Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Susan O'Brien to the Conservation Commission.

RESULT: APPROVED

- E. Mayor's Request
213633
(ID:28547)
- Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Antonio Cicolini to the position of Fire Lieutenant.

RESULT: APPROVED

- F. Mayor's Request
213634
(ID:28619)
- Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Kathleen Byrne to the Condominium Review Board.

RESULT: APPROVED

21. EQUITY, GENDER, FAMILIES AND VULNERABLE POPULATIONS COMMITTEE

- | | | |
|----|--|---|
| A. | Committee Report
213741
(ID:28753) | Report of the Committee on Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations, meeting on May 9, 2022. |
| | | <p>Councilor Gomez Mouakad presented the Committee Report and said the committee discussed health care issues affecting immigrants, translation services, departmental postings, senior advocacy, and youth internship programs.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| B. | Resolution
213067
(ID:27998) | By City Councilor Strezo, Kelly, PinedaNeufeld, BurnleyJr., Scott, GomezMouakad
That the Mayor create a Senior Liaison within the Executive Office to advocate on behalf of Somerville residents aged 65 and older. |
| | | <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |
| C. | Order
213183
(ID:28154) | By City Councilor BurnleyJr., Davis
That the Director of Communications begin updating community bulletin boards with this Council’s calendar. |
| | | <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |
| D. | Resolution
213187
(ID:28150) | By City Councilor BurnleyJr., Kelly
That the Administration provide this Council with an update on the current status of the Young Somerville Advisory Group. |
| | | <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |
| E. | Order
213448
(ID:28497) | By City Councilor GomezMouakad, 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. |
| | | <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |
| F. | Order
213742
(ID:28772) | By City Councilor GomezMouakad
That the Director of SomerViva provide the Committee on Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations with an update on translation services. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations</p> |

22. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- | | |
|--|--|
| <p>A. Committee Report
213743
(ID:28754)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on May 10, 2022.</p> <p>Councilor Wilson presented the Committee Report and highlighted the actions taken by the committee, including acceptance of grants, payment of prior year invoices and various appropriations.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| <p>B. Mayor's Request
213397
(ID:28354)</p> | <p>Requesting to appear before this Council with an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) progress update.</p> <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |
| <p>C. Order
213459
(ID:28500)</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |
| <p>D. Mayor's Request
213491
(ID:28397)</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>RESULT: WITHDRAWN</p> |
| <p>E. Mayor's Request
213495
(ID:28462)</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| <p>F. Mayor's Request
213583
(ID:28131)</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| <p>G. Mayor's Request
213627
(ID:28550)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$500,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance Account ("Free Cash") to the Fire Department Overtime Account to cover a shortfall.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |

H. Mayor's Request 213628 (ID:28616) Requesting approval to appropriate \$162,896.02 from the Street Tree Stabilization Fund for the Spring/Fall 2022 seasons.

RESULT:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis

I. Officer's Communication 213636 (ID:28551) 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.

RESULT:	APPROVED
----------------	-----------------

23. LAND USE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 213744 (ID:28752) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on May 5, 2022.

Councilor Ewen-Campen presented the Committee Report. The committee discussed zoning for MBTA communities, two zoning amendments regarding Allen Street and modifications to arts and creative spaces.	
RESULT:	APPROVED

B. Officer's Communication 213637 (ID:28622) Deputy Director of Planning, Preservation and Zoning conveying the Multi-Family Zoning Requirement for MBTA Communities.

RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED
----------------	-----------------------

24. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 213745 (ID:28749) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on May 3, 2022.

Councilor Davis presented the Committee Report and spoke about the short-term rental ordinance, a shooting detection program, a prohibition of accepting grants containing traffic quotas, and surveillance technology reports. Councilor Wilson spoke about the cost of false positives and unintended consequences of the shot detection program. President McLaughlin spoke about traffic quotas being a problem in the city.	
RESULT:	APPROVED

B. Mayor's Communication 213002 (ID:27931) Re-submitting the updated 2021 Surveillance Technology Annual Report.

RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED
----------------	-----------------------

C. Officer's Communication 213017 (ID:27950) Conveying language for the rescission of the adoption of G. L. Chapter 48, Sections 59B, 59C and 59D relative to a Reserve Fire Force.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. Officer's Communication 213018 (ID:27951) Conveying language for the rescission of the adoption of G. L. Chapter 147, Sections 11, 12 and 13 relative to a Reserve Police Force.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

E. Resolution 213186 (ID:28152) By City Councilor BurnleyJr. 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.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

F. Order 213446 (ID:28493) By City Councilor GomezMouakad, Kelly That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services explain to this Council how the Short Term Residential Ordinance is enforced.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

G. Ordinance 213461 (ID:28519) By City Councilor BurnleyJr., Wilson, Kelly Submitting an ordinance prohibiting traffic quotas and acceptance of grants mandating quotas.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis

H. Resolution 213616 (ID:28638) By City Councilor BurnleyJr. That the Administration update this Council on the rescission of the police and fire reserve lists.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

I. Mayor's Communication 213635 (ID:28664) Submitting an updated third version of the 2021 Surveillance Technology Annual Report.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

25. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 213746 (ID:28751) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on May 5, 2022.

Councilor Burnley presented the Committee Report and told the Council that the committee recommended that the license for Elliot’s House Pet Care & More be immediately revoked. Councilor Burnley gave a brief history of the circumstances leading up to this point and noted that the licensee showed no remorse for not bring her business into compliance with the terms of the license. Councilor Clingan commented that this licensee made it easy for the committee to come to this conclusion, adding that she showed disrespect at every turn. Councilor Wilson said that the licensee showed total disregard for the terms of the license and for the city’s Animal Control Officers (ACO). Councilor Scott thanked the ACOs for their work and comprehensive notes.

RESULT: APPROVED

B. Order 213613 (ID:28620) 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.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Order 213747 (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.

RESULT: APPROVED

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

26. Mayor's Request 213748 (ID:28731) Requesting approval of a Grant of Easement from North River Company for Poplar Street.

Councilor Scott spoke on this item saying that this is one of the final stages in connecting the city’s stormwater system to the MBTA’s system and he moved for approval.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Burnley Jr., Kelly, Wilson, Gomez Mouakad, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis
ABSENT: Pineda Neufeld

27. Mayor's Request 213749 (ID:28730) Requesting approval of the First Amendment to the Grant of Easements with the MBTA.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis
ABSENT: PinedaNeufeld

28. Mayor's Request 213750 (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.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis
ABSENT: PinedaNeufeld

29. Mayor's Request 213751 (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.

RESULT: APPROVED

30. Mayor's Request 213752 (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.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

31. Mayor's Request 213753 (ID:28735) Requesting the appropriation of \$243,471 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") Account to the Energy Stabilization Fund.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

32. Mayor's Request 213754 (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.

Councilor Wilson moved to approve the item. Director Hartke said this would be part of her FY 2023 budget request. One staff member is leaving the department and that position will be upgraded to this requested position of Deputy Director.
RESULT: APPROVED

33. Mayor's Request 213755 (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.

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

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

34. Mayor's Request 213756 (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.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

NEW BUSINESS

35. License/Permit 213757 (ID:28755) Renewing Drainlayer's License, A.A. Will Corporation.

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

RESULT: APPROVED

36. License/Permit 213758 (ID:28685) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Barletta Heavy Division.

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

RESULT: APPROVED

37. License/Permit 213759 (ID:28686) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Borges Sewer and Drain.

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

RESULT: APPROVED

38. License/Permit 213760 (ID:28687) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Brennan Construction.

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

RESULT: APPROVED

39. License/Permit 213761 (ID:28688) Renewing Drainlayer's License, EB Rotondi and Sons.

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

RESULT: APPROVED

- | | | |
|-----|--|--|
| 40. | License/Permit
213762
(ID:28729) | Renewing Drainlayer's license, Garrett Construction Co. Inc.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 41. | License/Permit
213763
(ID:28689) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, JNJ Sacca.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 42. | License/Permit
213764
(ID:28756) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, KB Aruda Construction.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 43. | License/Permit
213765
(ID:28690) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Kealey Excavation.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 44. | License/Permit
213766
(ID:28691) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, LaMountain Brothers.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 45. | License/Permit
213767
(ID:28727) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, NCCL Enterprises.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 46. | License/Permit
213768
(ID:28693) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Tri Construction.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 47. | License/Permit
213769
(ID:28692) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Tim Zanelli Excavating.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 48. | License/Permit
213770
(ID:28694) | Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, McDonalds, 14 McGrath Hwy.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |

-
- | | | |
|-----|--|--|
| 49. | License/Permit
213771
(ID:28695) | Renewing Flammables License, 101 South Street Owner LLC, 101 South St.
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 50. | License/Permit
213772
(ID:28696) | Renewing Flammables License, Aris Auto, 3 Craigie St.
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 51. | License/Permit
213773
(ID:28697) | Renewing Flammables License, Cumberland Farms, 701 Somerville Ave.
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 52. | License/Permit
213774
(ID:28698) | Renewing Flammables License, Valvoline Instant Oil Change, 182 Washington St.
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 53. | License/Permit
213775
(ID:28699) | Renewing Garage License, Aris Auto, 3 Craigie St.
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 54. | License/Permit
213776
(ID:28700) | Renewing Garage License, BBC Auto Repair, 42 Joy St.
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 55. | License/Permit
213777
(ID:28701) | Renewing Garage License, Brazil Auto Repair Inc, 621 Somerville Ave.
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 56. | License/Permit
213778
(ID:28702) | Renewing Garage License, DM Auto Services, 45 Webster Ave.
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 57. | License/Permit
213779
(ID:28703) | Renewing Garage License, DW Propco JK LLC, 0 Dawes Street.
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |

- | | | |
|-----|--|--|
| 58. | License/Permit
213780
(ID:28704) | Renewing Garage License, Federal Realty Investment Trust, 355 Artisan Way.
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 59. | License/Permit
213781
(ID:28705) | Renewing Garage License, Federal Realty Investment Trust, 445 Artisan Way.
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 60. | License/Permit
213782
(ID:28706) | Renewing Garage License, Federal Realty Investment Trust, 479 Canal St.
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 61. | License/Permit
213783
(ID:28707) | Renewing Garage License, Federal Realty Investment Trust, 333 Great River Rd.
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 62. | License/Permit
213784
(ID:28708) | Renewing Garage License, Gene Automotive Repair, 56 Joy St.
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 63. | License/Permit
213785
(ID:28709) | Renewing Garage License, Junior Auto Body, 486R Columbia St.
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 64. | License/Permit
213786
(ID:28710) | Renewing Garage License, Webster Auto Body, 69 Webster Ave.
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 65. | License/Permit
213787
(ID:28711) | Renewing Garage License, Valvoline Instant Oil Change, 182 Washington St.
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 66. | License/Permit
213788
(ID:28712) | Renewing Garage License, William Doucette Auto Sales, 325 Alewife Brook Pkwy.
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |

- | | | |
|--|---|---|
| 67. License/Permit
213789
(ID:28758) | Public Event License, Porchfest on Dickson, from Broadway to 7 Dickson St, May 14, 11:30AM-2PM (raindate May 15). | Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 68. License/Permit
213790
(ID:28757) | Public Event License, Porchfest on Everett, from Webster Ave to Prospect St, May 14, 3:30PM-6:30PM. | Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 69. License/Permit
213791
(ID:28715) | Public Event License, Porchfest on Sacramento, from Beacon St to Carver St, May 14, 1:30PM-4:30PM (raindate May 15). | Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 70. License/Permit
213792
(ID:28716) | Public Event License, Porchfest on Summit Ave, intersection of Summit Ave and Vinal Ave, May 14, 3:45PM-6:30PM. | Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 71. License/Permit
213793
(ID:28717) | Public Event License, Calvin St BP, from Washington St to Dimick St, May 21, 12PM-5PM (raindate May 22). | Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 72. License/Permit
213794
(ID:28718) | Public Event License, Packard Ave Graduation Event, Electric Ave from Packard Ave to Lovell St, May 21, 4PM-7:30PM. | Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 73. License/Permit
213795
(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). | Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 74. License/Permit
213796
(ID:28719) | Public Event License, Walker St/ Leonard St BP, Walker St from Leonard St to Broadway, June 4, 10AM-6PM (raindate June 5). | Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |

- | | | |
|--|--|---|
| 75. License/Permit
213797
(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). | Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 76. License/Permit
213798
(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). | Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 77. License/Permit
213799
(ID:28722) | Public Event License, Warwick St BP, from Cedar St to end of street, June 11, 2PM-8PM (raindate June 12 & 18). | Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 78. License/Permit
213800
(ID:28723) | Public Event License, Pearl St BP, from Florence St to Pinckney St, June 25, 9AM-7PM (raindate June 26). | Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 79. License/Permit
213801
(ID:28725) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Yolande Trans, Med #15. | Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 80. License/Permit
213802
(ID:28726) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Jolina Taxi, Med #52. | Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 81. License/Permit
213803
(ID:28763) | Renewing Lodging House License, Walnut Hill Properties Alpha Omicron Pi, 25 Whitfield Rd. | Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 82. License/Permit
213804
(ID:28762) | Renewing Lodging House License, Walnut Hill Properties Alpha Phi, 14 Sawyer Ave. | Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |

- | | | |
|---|--|--|
| 83. License/Permit
213805
(ID:28760) | Renewing Lodging House License, Walnut Hill Properties Theta Chi, 100 Packard Ave. | <p>Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
 RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| 84. License/Permit
213806
(ID:28761) | Renewing Lodging House License, Walnut Hill Properties Zeta Beta Tau, 126 Packard Ave. | <p>Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
 RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| 85. Public
Communication
213807
(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. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
 FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee</p> |
| 86. Public
Communication
213808
(ID:28679) | 55 voters submitting a petition calling for a public hearing re: the Arts at the Armory building. | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
 FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee</p> |
| 87. Public
Communication
213809
(ID:28734) | Carol Lindenmuth submitting comments re: Item #213613, Show Cause hearing for Elliot's House Pet Care & More. | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</p> |

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| 88. Citation
213810
(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. | <p>Councilor Clingan wished Ms. Meacham well in her retirement.
 RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| 89. Order
213811
(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. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED
 FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee</p> |

- | | |
|---|---|
| <p>90. Order
213812
(ID:28777)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Burnley Jr., Kelly
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.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee</p> | |
| <p>91. Order
213813
(ID:28778)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Burnley Jr., PinedaNeufeld, Kelly, Wilson
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.</p> |
| <p>Councilor Burnley stated that the rates of COVID have risen recently across the country and he would like to have a plan in place, should it be needed.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee</p> | |
| <p>92. Order
213814
(ID:28779)</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee</p> | |
| <p>93. Mayor's Request
213815
(ID:28666)</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| <p>94. Mayor's Request
213816
(ID:28736)</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| <p>95. Mayor's Request
213817
(ID:28774)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Janine Lotti to the Fair Housing Commission, as the Somerville Housing Authority representative.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> | |

- | | | | |
|------|--|---|--|
| 96. | Officer's
Communication
213818
(ID:28780) | Director of Infrastructure & Asset Management conveying the Water & Sewer Capital Investment Plan update for May 2022. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 97. | Officer's
Communication
213819
(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. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee |
| 98. | License/Permit
213820
(ID:28769) | New Drainlayer's License, Charles Contracting Co Inc. | Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 99. | License/Permit
213821
(ID:28770) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, McGue Excavating. | Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 100. | Public
Communication
213822
(ID:28771) | 53 registered voters submitting a petition supporting the creation of a Local Historic District at 125 Highland Avenue. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE |

LATE ITEMS

- | | | | |
|------|--|--|--|
| 101. | Officer's
Request
213498
(ID:28463) | Historic Preservation Commission requesting approval of an ordinance to create the First Universalist Church Historic District encompassing the property at 125 Highland Avenue. | Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to discharge item #213498 from the Land Use Committee. The item was discharged and came before the Council. Councilor Ewen-Campen said that this matter has been ongoing and has been discussed in the Land Use Committee. He commented on the various proposals made. Councilor Gomez Mouakad sponsored Johnathan Buck to speak. Mr. Buck noted that the site is dilapidated. He said that he would love to see the site preserved for affordable housing and noted that the property is under contract to be sold. He said that a vote against making it a Local Historic District (LHD) is a vote against progress. Councilor Strezo sponsored Tony Barrows, a developer, to speak. Mr. Barrows spoke about affordable housing and noted that there are some that can't meet the threshold to obtain affordable units. He asked that people be fair, and he is disappointed that he has to defend his plans for the property. |
|------|--|--|--|

He has met with OSPCD, and he followed the rules and made the effort. He wants to provide much needed affordable housing. He feels that the argument is about the architect. Councilor Burnley said that many people have been pushed out of this city because they can't afford to live here. Councilor Ewen-Campen suggested that a 100% affordable housing development could be built if Mr. Barrows would work with an affordable housing entity. He noted that Mr. Proakis has sent an email to all councilors, relating his opinion and he urged all councilors to read it. Councilor Gomez Mouakad said that the developer has done a "back of the envelope" estimate and the due diligence hasn't been done to determine all of the problems/obstacles of the building. She reminded councilors that the main issue is whether or not to designate the property as an LHD. Councilor Ewen-Campen said that the property is on the national register of historic placed and worthy of being an LHD. He spoke about some wanting to demolish the building because the original architect was a racist. He has considered all of the views presented and would like to vote on the item tonight, as the demolition delay expires tomorrow. Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to approve the item. Councilor Gomez Mouakad moved to send the item back to the Land Use Committee. (The motion supersedes the first.) Councilor Davis asked the implications of sending the item back to committee, as it might have the same effect as voting against the LHD designation. The motion to send the item back to the Land Use Committee failed on a voice vote. The motion to approve the item passed on a roll call vote of 8 in favor (Clingan, Burnley, Kelly, Wilson, Scott, Davis, Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin) and 3 against (Pineda Neufeld, Strezo, Gomez Mouakad).

RESULT: **ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [9 TO 2]**
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis
NAYS: PinedaNeufeld, Strezo

102. Communication By City Councilor Clingan
 213823 Conveying an update on the Police Chief Search Committee.
 (ID:28783)

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:31 PM.