



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

City Council

Regular Meeting Agenda

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City Council Chamber and Remote
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1. OPENING CEREMONIES

- 1.1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
(ID # [22-2131](#))
- 1.2. Remembrances Remembrances.
(ID # [22-2132](#))
- 1.3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, November
(ID # [22-2133](#)) 10, 2022.

2. CITATIONS

- 2.1. Citation Commending Councilor Matthew McLaughlin for his
(ID # [22-1631](#)) distinguished service as President of this Council in 2022.
- 2.2. Citation Commending Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen for his
(ID # [22-1632](#)) distinguished service as Vice President of this Council in 2022.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

- 4.1. Ordinance (ID # [22-2112](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen
Amending Section 7-28 of the Code of Ordinances, the Demolition Review Ordinance, to require multilingual tenant notification for significant buildings.
- 4.2. Order (ID # [22-2111](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Chief of Police report to this Council, the percentage of requested traffic details for construction projects that have been filled by Somerville Police Department officers, filled by non-Somerville police officers, and unfilled, for the past three years.
- 4.3. Order (ID # [22-2114](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Gomez Mouakad
That the Director of Mobility ensure a temporary protected bicycle and pedestrian detour for the portion of the Community Path between School and Medford Streets that is anticipated to be temporarily closed due to adjacent construction.
- 4.4. Order (ID # [22-2115](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Gomez Mouakad
That the Director of Engineering install a protective guard over the expansion joint on the Medford Street bridge, as it poses a safety risk for bicyclists.
- 4.5. Communication (ID # [22-2113](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen
Informing this Council of the upcoming Highland Avenue traffic detour, projected to begin on Monday, December 12, 2022.
- 4.6. Communication (ID # [22-2110](#)) By Councilor Pineda Neufeld
Conveying a report of the Parking Study Task Force.
- 4.7. Order (ID # [22-2117](#)) By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Mobility increase lighting and short-term traffic calming measures on the corner of Pearl and Franklin Streets, to address safety concerns while the construction of Pearl Street is delayed.
- 4.8. Resolution (ID # [22-2116](#)) By Councilor McLaughlin
That this City Council supports the proposals of Somerville Stands Together for a municipal Green New Deal.
- 4.9. Order (ID # [22-2118](#)) By Councilor Gomez Mouakad
That the Director of Mobility consider installing speed humps on Highland Road, at the intersection with Morrison Avenue.

- 4.10. Order (ID # [22-2119](#)) By Councilor Gomez Mouakad
That the Director of Capital Projects provide a list of active and proposed Capital Projects for the next five years, identifying each project's value and funding sources.
- 4.11. Order (ID # [22-2120](#)) By Councilor Gomez Mouakad
That the Director of the Office of Racial and Social Justice, the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management and the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development document compliance with Code of Massachusetts Regulations (CMR) 521, Sections 3.3 and 3.5.
- 4.12. Order (ID # [22-2121](#)) By Councilor Gomez Mouakad
That the Commissioner of Public Works consider extending yard waste pickup to December 31.
- 4.13. Order (ID # [22-2122](#)) By Councilor Wilson and Councilor Gomez Mouakad
That the Director of Parks and Recreation and the Director of Communications work with the School Department to conduct a survey of residents to determine recreational interests and transportation needs for recreational programming, to inform departmental programming decisions.
- 4.14. Order (ID # [22-2123](#)) By Councilor Wilson, Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Kelly
That the Director of Health and Human Services and the Superintendent of Water and Sewer update this Council on the feasibility of partnering with a vendor to conduct COVID-19 wastewater testing.
- 4.15. Order (ID # [22-2124](#)) By Councilor Wilson and Councilor Clingan
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management and the Director of Engineering discuss with this Council, a policy of burying utilities when a new thoroughfare is constructed.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

6.A. CHARTER REVIEW SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- 6.A.1. Committee Report (ID # [22-2070](#)) Report of the Special Committee on Charter Review, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on December 7, 2022.

6.B. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- 6.B.1. Committee Report (ID # [22-2067](#)) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on December 1, 2022.

- 6.B.2. Order
(ID # [22-0209](#))
By Councilor Pineda Neufeld
That the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters discuss and revise the process for reviewing appointments and re-appointments.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.
- 6.B.3. Order
(ID # [22-0510](#))
By Councilor Wilson
That the Director of Human Resources update this Council on family leave benefits available to City of Somerville employees.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.
- 6.B.4. Order
(ID # [22-0570](#))
By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Clingan
That the Administration report on how it is staffing and executing sections 9-37 through 9-41 of the Wage Theft Ordinance, relative to enforcement.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.
- 6.B.5. Order
(ID # [22-1446](#))
By Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Wilson, Councilor Kelly and Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Director of Human Resources provide a preliminary report on staff feedback regarding the Commonwealth's Paid Family and Medical Leave policy.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.
- 6.B.6. Mayor's Request
(ID # [22-1718](#))
Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Zac Zaremba to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- 6.B.7. Mayor's Request
(ID # [22-1876](#))
Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Michael McNeley to the Planning Board.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- 6.B.8. Mayor's Request
(ID # [22-1878](#))
Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Luc Schuster to the Planning Board.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- 6.B.9. Mayor's Request
(ID # [22-1904](#))
Requesting confirmation of the appointment of James Zamer to the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.

- 6.B.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-2007](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Matthew McCune to the position of Police Officer.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.

6.C. EQUITY, GENDER, FAMILIES AND VULNERABLE POPULATIONS COMMITTEE

- 6.C.1. Committee Report (ID # [22-2065](#)) Report of the Committee on Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations, meeting on November 29, 2022.

- 6.C.2. Order (ID # [22-0277](#)) By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson
That the Director of Health and Human Services, in collaboration with SomerViva, provide a plan for preventive medicine clinics for immigrant communities.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.

- 6.C.3. Order (ID # [22-0471](#)) By Councilor Pineda Neufeld
That the Chief of Police provide this Council, in writing, data from FY 2021 for all traffic citations, outcomes of those citations, and any collected demographic data.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.

- 6.C.4. Order (ID # [22-1598](#)) By Councilor Wilson
That the Election Commissioner update this Council on the September 6, 2022 primary, including the number of voters moved to the List of Inactive Voters prior to this election and the number of affirmations signed by voters on the List of Inactive Voters, with comparisons to prior years.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.

6.D. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 6.D.1. Committee Report (ID # [22-2069](#)) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on December 6, 2022.

- 6.D.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1824](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$1,500 using available funds in the Department of Racial and Social Justice Translation Services Account for Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART) services.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.

- 6.D.3. Officer's Communication (ID # [22-1855](#)) Retirement Board requesting approval of an increase in the retiree cost of living adjustment base to \$16,000.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.

- 6.D.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-2000](#)) Requesting approval to dedicate for recreational use, in perpetuity, the parcel of land known as Henry Hansen Park.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- 6.D.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-2005](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$224,473.60 using available funds in various Department of Public Works ordinary maintenance budgets.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- 6.D.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-2006](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$53,200 grant with no new match required, from the Mass Cultural Council to the Arts Council for the Local Cultural Council grant program.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- 6.D.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-2008](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$1,575 using available funds in the Human Resources Ordinary Maintenance Advertising Account for advertising vacant city positions.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- 6.D.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-2009](#)) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$3,850 using available funds in the Human Resources Arbitration Services Account for FY 2021 arbitration services.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- 6.D.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-2010](#)) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$3,600 using available funds in the Human Resources Professional & Technical Services Account for temporary consulting services.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- 6.D.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-2011](#)) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$137.50 using available funds in the Human Resources Postage Account for FedEx delivery services.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- 6.D.11. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-2015](#)) Requesting an interdepartmental transfer of \$175,000 from the DPW Buildings, OT Labor Account to the DPW Grounds, OT Labor Account for Grounds overtime labor costs through FY 2023.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- 6.D.12. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-2017](#)) Requesting authorization to borrow \$89,332,819 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for the Poplar Street Pump Station construction project.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.

6.E. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- 6.E.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on (ID # [22-2066](#)) November 29, 2022.
- 6.E.2. Order By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson (ID # [22-1686](#))
That this Council work with the Administration to update the Demolition Review Ordinance and administrative process to ensure that all current inhabitants are notified, in their native language, of any proposals to demolish the building in which they reside.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be placed on file.

6.F. PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

- 6.F.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, (ID # [22-2068](#)) meeting on December 5, 2022.
- 6.F.2. Order By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Scott and Councilor Wilson (ID # [22-1061](#))
That this City Council discuss the recommendations of the 2019 Internet Access Task Force, and invite relevant experts to share ways to provide universal internet access.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.

6.G. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

- 6.G.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on (ID # [22-2064](#)) November 28, 2022.
- 6.G.2. Order By Councilor Strezo, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Wilson (ID # [22-1684](#))
That the Director of Mobility establish a neighborhood traffic plan for the area surrounding the Healey School, including Edgar Avenue, to mitigate speeding.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.
- 6.G.3. Order By Councilor Clingan (ID # [22-1689](#))
That the Director of Engineering develop a plan to redesign the intersection of Broadway and Main Street.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.

- 6.G.4. Order
(ID # [22-1723](#))
By Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Wilson
That the Director of Mobility update this Council on plans to place a stop light near the new East Somerville Green Line station.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.
- 6.G.5. Order
(ID # [22-1724](#))
By Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Wilson
That the Director of Parking place a STOP sign on Tufts Street's intersection with Washington Street and ensure its visibility to vehicle operators.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.
- 6.G.6. Order
(ID # [22-1725](#))
By Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Wilson
That the Commissioner of Public Works address the malfunctioning streetlight on the corner of Knowlton and Morton Streets.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.
- 6.G.7. Order
(ID # [22-1728](#))
By Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Wilson
That the Director of Engineering repaint the crosswalk at Tufts and Washington Streets.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.
- 6.G.8. Order
(ID # [22-1729](#))
By Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Wilson
That the Director of Engineering ensure that the bus lane on Washington Street, before the train bridge, is visible.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.
- 6.G.9. Order
(ID # [22-1732](#))
By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Mobility prioritize a stop light on Grand Union Blvd. and Artisan Way.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.
- 6.G.10. Order
(ID # [22-1733](#))
By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Mobility update this Council on plans to place a ramp on Walnut Street, by Leather's Park, as part of the Neighborways program.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.

6.G.11.Order
(ID # [22-1758](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Wilson
That the Director of Economic Development, Director of Mobility, and Director of Parking explore North-South microtransit routes and report to this Council regarding feasibility and cost.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.

6.G.12.Order
(ID # [22-1924](#))

By Councilor Clingan and Councilor Wilson
That the Director of Mobility install a speed hump on Evergreen Avenue between Thurston and Sycamore Streets.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.

7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

7.1. Mayor's Request
(ID # [22-2062](#))

Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$4,950 using available funds in the Human Resources Arbitration Services Account for FY 2022 arbitration services.

7.2. Mayor's Request
(ID # [22-2061](#))

Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$3,012.03 using available funds in the Human Resources Professional & Technical Services Account for May 2021 Employee Assistance Program.

7.3. Mayor's Request
(ID # [22-2060](#))

Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$358 using available funds in the Human Resources Professional & Technical Services Account for pre-employment placement exams and drug screens.

8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

8.1. Officer's
Communication
(ID # [22-2081](#))

Retirement Board requesting approval to increase the FY 2023 cost of living adjustment to 5%, pursuant to Chapter 269 of the Acts of 2022.

8.2. Officer's
Communication
(ID # [22-2079](#))

Condominium Review Board conveying the FY 2021 Annual Report, pursuant to Section 7-70 of the Code of Ordinances.

8.3. Officer's
Communication
(ID # [22-2105](#))

Economic Development Director conveying an update on the Winter Hill Urban Renewal Plan and affordable housing tools.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1. License (ID # [22-2085](#)) Renewing Drainlayer's License, R.M. Pacella Inc.
- 9.2. License (ID # [22-2086](#)) Renewing Garage License, Broadway Motor Cars, 161 Broadway.
- 9.3. License (ID # [22-2094](#)) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 12 Dearborn Rd.
- 9.4. License (ID # [22-2093](#)) Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, 28 Motorsports Inc, 486R Columbia St.
- 9.5. License (ID # [22-2095](#)) Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, Auto Plus, 229 Lowell St.
- 9.6. License (ID # [22-2092](#)) Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, Broadway Auto Sales, 525 Broadway.
- 9.7. License (ID # [22-2088](#)) Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, Broadway Brake, 45 Broadway.
- 9.8. License (ID # [22-2090](#)) Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, Broadway Motor Cars, 161 Broadway.
- 9.9. License (ID # [22-2091](#)) Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, Broadway Sunoco, 258 Broadway.
- 9.10. License (ID # [22-2099](#)) Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, Green Automotive, 600 Windsor Pl.
- 9.11. License (ID # [22-2096](#)) Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, Pat's Enterprises, 308 McGrath Hwy.
- 9.12. License (ID # [22-2097](#)) Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, Pat's Enterprises, 182 Washington St.
- 9.13. License (ID # [22-2098](#)) Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, Union Gulf Service, 231 Washington St.
- 9.14. License (ID # [22-2129](#)) Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, Valente Enterprise, 154 Glen St.
- 9.15. License (ID # [22-2089](#)) Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, William Doucette Auto Sales, 325 Alewife Brook Parkway.
- 9.16. License (ID # [22-2104](#)) Mayor's Office applying for a Public Event License for Annual Tree Lighting on December 8 from 4pm to 8pm.

- 9.17. Public Communication (ID # [22-2080](#)) Green Cab Company, Inc. requesting an increase the taxicab meter rate to \$1.95 for the first 1/8 of a mile, \$0.45 for each additional 1/8 of a mile and waiting time of \$28 per hour.
- 9.18. Public Communication (ID # [22-2108](#)) Joan Liu submitting comments re: parking control officer job posting.

10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 10.1. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-2083](#)) Requesting approval to appropriate \$75,000 from the Bike Share Stabilization Fund for a Blue Bike Station at Boynton Yards at 101 South Street.
- 10.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-2078](#)) Requesting approval of a time-only extension for the design services contract with CBA Landscape Architects for the design of the West Somerville and Brown Schoolyards beyond the three year maximum, to 09/24/2024.
- 10.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-2125](#)) Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Alan Bishop as Constable.
- 10.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-2126](#)) Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Catello Battinelli II as Constable.
- 10.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-2127](#)) Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Darcy Haynes as Constable.
- 10.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-2128](#)) Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Mary Battinelli as Constable.
- 10.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-2135](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Deborah Haber to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.
- 10.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-2137](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Pauline Downing to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.
- 10.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-2138](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Harriotte Ranvig to the Commission for Person with Disabilities.
- 10.10. License (ID # [22-2139](#)) Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, John's Auto Sales, 181 Somerville Ave.
- 10.11. Public Event (ID # [22-2143](#)) Mayor's Office applying for a Public Event License for GLX Celebration on December 17 from 1pm to 5pm.
- 10.12. Public Event (ID # [22-2142](#)) Mayor's Office applying for a Public Event License for Menorah Lighting on December 18 from 4pm to 8pm.

10.13. Public Event Janine Fay applying for a Public Event License for Dancing in
(ID # [22-2140](#)) the Dark on December 21 from 3pm to 7:30pm.

11. LATE ITEMS

12. ADJOURNMENT