



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## City Council

### Meeting Minutes

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**Thursday, September 12, 2024**

**7:00 PM**

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#### **1. OPENING CEREMONIES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen.

The Council entered recess at 7:23 PM and returned at 7:29 PM.

The Council entered Executive Session at 9:10 PM and returned at 10:16 PM.

- 1.1. Roll Call                      Call of the Roll.  
(ID # [24-1321](#))

**RESULT:**      **PLACED ON FILE**

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

- 1.2. Remembrances              Remembrances.  
(ID # [24-1322](#))

Councilors Strezo and Pineda Neufeld requested a moment of silence in memory of Rita Leibowitz Kimmel.

Councilor McLaughlin requested a moment of silence in memory of Isha Camara Ware.

Councilor McLaughlin asked everyone to keep in their thoughts the person who was struck by a car in Somerville today.

President Ewen-Campen and the Entire Council remembered former Ward 3 Alderman Tom Taylor, (who tied as the 2nd longest serving Alderman in the city), who would have turned 75 on Sept 21st.

**RESULT:**      **APPROVED**

- 1.3. Minutes  
(ID # [24-1323](#)) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 11, 2024.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

## 2. CITATIONS

- 2.1. Citation  
(ID # [24-1257](#)) By Councilor Mbah and Councilor Ewen-Campen  
Commending Charles Femino on the auspicious occasion of his retirement after over 30 years of distinguished service to the Police Department.

Councilors Mbah and Ewen-Campen spoke about Chief Femino's integrity and lengthy service of 30 year to the city and his skillful leadership of the Police Department through challenging times. Chief Femino thanked the Council for the citation and said that the city has changed over the years as has the way it gets policed. Councilor Scott said that Chief Femino has been an incredible steward of the Police Department. Councilors Wilson and Davis thanked the Chief for his professionalism and dedication to the city. Councilor Clingan commented that the city will be losing a leader with local ties and Councilor Pineda Neufeld thanked the Chief for his transparency and responsiveness and for passing his values down through the rank and file.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 2.2. Citation  
(ID # [24-1258](#)) By Councilor Strezo  
Commending Michael Horen who bravely volunteered his mobile soup kitchen at Ground Zero after the Twin Towers were hit on September 11th, 2001.

Councilor Strezo sponsored Mr. Horan's wife and daughter to speak. Marilyn Horan said that her husband was a humble man who felt privileged to be able to help others immediately after the incident on 9/11. Elisha Gechter commended her mother for working to share the stories of those who have suffered from the lingering effects of that day.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

## 3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 3.1. Grant of Location  
(ID # [24-1230](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install a total of 239 feet of conduit in High Street from Manhole 9411 to a point of pickup at 325 Alewife Brook Parkway, and from Manhole 9411 to Utility Pole 646/8.

Jacqui Duffy, representing Eversource, spoke in favor of the item and explained the purpose of the request. There being no further speakers, the Public Hearing was closed.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 3.2. Grant of Location (ID # [24-1240](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install a new hip guy and anchor at Utility Pole 291/11 in Prospect Street.
- Jacqui Duffy, representing Eversource, spoke in favor of the item and explained the purpose of the request. There being no further speakers, the Public Hearing was closed. Councilor Scott said that the sidewalk at this location is a tight space, and he would like to send this item to committee. He would also like to discuss the numerous double poles in the city as part of that conversation.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
- 3.3. Grant of Location (ID # [24-1241](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 145 feet of conduit in Washington Street and Knowlton Street, from Manhole 15060 to an approximate point of pickup on Knowlton Street at the northwestern property line for 121-123 Washington Street.
- Jacqui Duffy, representing Eversource, spoke in favor of the item and explained the purpose of the request. There being no further speakers, the Public Hearing was closed.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- 3.4. Grant of Location (ID # [24-1242](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install approximately 34 feet of conduit in Glenwood Road, from Utility Pole 184/3 to a point of pickup at 21 Glenwood Road.
- Jacqui Duffy, representing Eversource, spoke in favor of the item and explained the purpose of the request. There being no further speakers, the Public Hearing was closed.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
4. **ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**
- 4.1. Order (ID # [24-1262](#)) By Councilor Strezo  
That the Director of Health and Human Services provide an update on the availability of free menstrual products in all city owned bathrooms.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee
- 4.2. Order (ID # [24-1263](#)) By Councilor Strezo  
That the Director of Libraries, and other relevant departments, appear before this Council's Committee on Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations to discuss the plans for the library closing in the middle of the day and what immediate steps are being taken to reopen the library during this time period to best support library staff and patrons.

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**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

4.3. Order  
(ID # [24-1264](#))

By Councilor Strezo  
That City Councilors have regular visible access to the scheduling of the City Council Chamber, and that a regular working space be designated for City Councilors.

Councilor Strezo thanked City Clerk Wells for her response, provided in item #24-1325.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

4.4. Order  
(ID # [24-1268](#))

By Councilor Strezo  
That the Director of Communications discuss the communication plan to address move-in/move-out related discarded furniture, including items left on sidewalks blocking pedestrian pathways and restricting public way accessibility.

Councilor Strezo spoke about furniture blocking pathways and she would like to see a plan put forth to deal with this.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

4.5. Resolution  
(ID # [24-1267](#))

By Councilor Strezo and Councilor Clingan  
That the Administration and relevant city departments discuss an immediate action plan to address the increase of fights happening at Edward L. Leathers Community Park after students are released from school.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

4.6. Order  
(ID # [24-1265](#))

By Councilor Sait  
That the Director of Mobility and the Director of Engineering explore how to make the raised sidewalk located at the intersection of Broadway and Boston Avenue safer.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

4.7. Order  
(ID # [24-1266](#))

By Councilor Sait  
That the Director of Mobility install a raised crosswalk at the intersection of Boston and Kidder Avenues.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

4.8. Order  
(ID # [24-1272](#))

By Councilor Mbah

That the Director of Inspectional Services and the Commissioner of Public Works appear before this Council to discuss the problems of local restaurants complying with the requirements of proper waste handling and contracting for city waste collection.

Councilor Mbah said this came about because a local restaurant's trash removal contract was not allowed to be renewed. He wants to find out how local restaurants are being treated with regard to having a contract with the city to pick up their trash. The Councilor is concerned that this problem may be widespread and he has several questions that he wants answered.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

4.9. Resolution  
(ID # [24-1270](#))

By Councilor Mbah

That the Administration discuss the sufficiency of after school programs for high school students and the methods of outreach and guidance to ensure that all students have access to activities that meet their needs and interests.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

4.10. Resolution  
(ID # [24-1271](#))

By Councilor Mbah

That the Administration discuss the scope and limitations of staff at Somerville High School to supervise high school students in the after school period.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

4.11. Resolution  
(ID # [24-1269](#))

By Councilor Mbah, Councilor Sait, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Ewen-Campen

That the Administration make it easier for residents to host block parties by simplifying and shortening the approval process, and take steps to provide monetary awards or grants of \$100 for approved block parties.

Councilor Mbah said this resolution aims to address loneliness and promote community. He said that the permitting process needs to be shortened to make it easier for people to hold block parties. Councilor Wilson commented that the city will need to figure out where funds will come from as well as a process to make the proposed payments. President Ewen-Campen noted that some of the delay in issuing the permits rests with the City Council due to its summer recess schedule. Councilor Burnley noted that it's difficult to know who to talk to about block parties and that a guide would be helpful. City Clerk Wells stated that her office is the administrator for these permits and that she would be happy to prepare a guide.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee4.12. Resolution  
(ID # [24-1273](#))

By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Sait, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Davis and Councilor Scott

That the Administration update this Council on the status of the process to provide the resources and programming needed to safely re-open the Central Library during mid-day hours.

This item was discussed with items #24-1263, #24-1270, #24-1271, #24-1295, #24-1313, and #24-1314.

Councilor Ewen-Campen spoke about the Central Library being closed for 2 hours per day around school closing time. Dangerous behavior has been exhibited at the library and city staff has requested additional staff to safely reopen the library. Intergovernmental Affairs Director Singh explained that the Administration is working to reopen the library as quickly as possible and working on short- and long-term plans to address the issues. Cameras have been installed at the facility and additional teen space is being explored as well as additional staff. The administration is also working on hiring a library social worker to respond to the needs of community members who need assistance, adding indoor and outdoor programming for youth, conducting a youth needs assessment and inviting new partners to the table for the Children's Cabinet. Director Singh stated that no date has been set for the re-opening.

Councilor Strezo asked how long unsafe issues have been reported to administration and Director Singh said staff has been meeting for months to address these concerns, but she will get more specific information.

Councilor Strezo noted that there was conversation in the Children's Cabinet about teen spaces and she asked for a timeline for opening a teen center at any city-owned properties. Director Singh said the administration is looking at all facilities for space and staff, but no timetable has been set. Councilor Burnley said that the library issue is a crisis, and he believes that the administration has gone out of its way to address the matter, however, he is upset about the lack of transparency, i.e., not being informed about this since it began in March. He said parents are frustrated and that there is a lack of bringing people together to come up with solutions. Councilor Mbah said the responsibility goes beyond the library staff and he wants to know where the Public Schools responsibility for student behavior ends.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld stated that she found out about the closure on Facebook and she asked if there has been any outreach to parents or to library staff. Director Singh said the announcement was not taken lightly and the timing could have been better, and she will get an answer from staff regarding parent outreach. Library staff was engaged to get their feedback. Councilor Pineda Neufeld also asked who the liaison to the library team was and Director Singh replied that the Police, Health and Human Services, Schools, Parks and Recreation, and Law Departments were all involved. Councilor Pineda Neufeld pressed the issue and asked who the point person

was. Director Singh replied that the team was led by the mayor's Chief of Staff, Nikki Spencer.

Councilor Scott noted that his submitted items call for support for the library staff and he thinks it would be a mistake to push past the staff to get the library reopened sooner and said that it's a travesty that people are finding out about the problem from social media. He invited the public and the administration to attend a meeting to have a conversation about the resources needed to restore full library access, (date and location TBD).

Councilor Sait spoke about the lack of notice to the public and lack of updates to parents. She asked that a timeline for a youth center be determined. Councilor Clingan commented that he was caught off guard by the announcement and he asked about the high school's involvement, saying that this is about behavioral issues. He believes that we should be able to hold people accountable for their actions and he wants library staff to feel confident that things are in place to keep order. Councilor Wilson said this is an emotional issue for the city which didn't crop up overnight, adding that it's a failure of government for failing the library staff and the city's youth. Councilor McLaughlin will schedule a Public Health and Public Safety Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss the matter. He commented that a lot of this is not new, but what is different now is that people have gotten the message that there are no consequences for their actions. The buck stops with the mayor but he can't condemn her, knowing that everyone is on the "no cops" page. He has sympathy for the aggressors, but he said we're not doing them any favors by not holding them accountable. Ultimately, his sympathies lie with the library staff and those trying to avail themselves of the facilities. Everyone is being punished because the city won't stand up to the aggressors and that says a lot about the city.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

4.13. Resolution  
(ID # [24-1274](#))

By Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Sait

That the Administration update this Council on the status of implementing the recommendations of the Parking & Curb Use Study, and respond to the July 2024 recommendations of the Somerville Alliance of Safe Streets (SASS).

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee



- 4.14. Order  
(ID # [24-1275](#))
- By Councilor Clingan, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Mbah and Councilor Sait
- That the City Solicitor review Ordinance 11-038 (Rodent Control) and provide opinions for the next meeting of this Council's Special Committee on Rodent Issues on 1. whether city inspectors may enter onto private property; 2. how much time must elapse subsequent to the issuance of a citation for the city to "cause the work to be performed and charge the owner of the property and place a lien against the property for expenses incurred"; and 3. the minimum amount of time that may be imposed pursuant to 11-038 (e).
- This item was discussed with items #24-1276 and #24-1277.  
Councilor Clingan noted the frustration felt by his constituent and he wants to get a sense of how the city is doing in combatting rats.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Rodent Issues Special Committee
- 4.15. Order  
(ID # [24-1276](#))
- By Councilor Clingan, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Mbah and Councilor Sait
- That the Directors of Constituent Services, Inspectional Services and Health and Human Services jointly prepare a written report for the next meeting of this Council's Special Committee on Rodent Issues, on the number of rodent complaints received from January 1, 2024 to date, including the information detailed within.
- This item was discussed with items #24-1275 and #24-1277.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Rodent Issues Special Committee
- 4.16. Order  
(ID # [24-1277](#))
- By Councilor Clingan, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Mbah and Councilor Sait
- That the Environmental Health Manager prepare a written report for the next meeting of this Council's Special Committee on Rodent Issues, on the number of Residential Rodent Control Assistance Program requests submitted from January 1, 2024 to date, including the average waiting time for inspections and bait station installation and a plan of action to expedite the process.
- This item was discussed with items #24-1275 and #24-1276.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Rodent Issues Special Committee
- 4.17. Order  
(ID # [24-1284](#))
- By Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Ewen-Campen
- That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management provide an update on the Construction Advisory Group for the planned construction project to replace the Winter Hill and Brown schools.



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**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee

- 4.18. Order  
(ID # [24-1285](#))
- By Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Ewen-Campen  
That the Commissioner of Public Works provide an update on efforts to eliminate rat infiltration in school buildings.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee

- 4.19. Order  
(ID # [24-1286](#))
- By Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Ewen-Campen  
That the Commissioner of Public Works discuss use restrictions in place for Somerville Public School athletic teams at Reavis field.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee

- 4.20. Order  
(ID # [24-1287](#))
- By Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Ewen-Campen  
That the Commissioner of Public Works provide an update about the functionality of public address, or PA, systems at multiple Somerville Public School buildings.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee

- 4.21. Order  
(ID # [24-1288](#))
- By Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Ewen-Campen  
That the Commissioner of Public Works provide an update on repairs to damaged play structures at the Capuano Early Education Center schoolyard.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee

- 4.22. Order  
(ID # [24-1289](#))
- By Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Ewen-Campen  
That the Commissioner of Public Works provide an update on the reliability and repairs of the elevator(s) at the Winter Hill and Edgerly Schools.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee

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- 4.23. Order  
(ID # [24-1294](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Director of Mobility place speed bumps and other traffic calming measures along Bonair Street by the Edgerly School.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee
- 4.24. Order  
(ID # [24-1295](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Chief of Police and the Chief Fire Engineer provide a record of all calls to first responders regarding incidents at all Somerville Public Library locations since September 1, 2023.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee
- 4.25. Order  
(ID # [24-1296](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Director of Mobility install a mirror at the entrance of the East Somerville Green Line station to ensure pedestrians and cyclists can see around the blind corner.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- 4.26. Order  
(ID # [24-1297](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Scott  
That the Commissioner of Public Works increase lighting along the intersection of Joy and Washington Streets.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- 4.27. Order  
(ID # [24-1298](#))
- By Councilor Burnley Jr.  
That the Commissioner of Public Works return the trash receptacle in front 168 Broadway.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- 4.28. Order  
(ID # [24-1299](#))
- By Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Wilson, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Sait, Councilor Mbah and Councilor Clingan  
That the Director of Health and Human Services update this Council on interdepartmental efforts to establish a Warming Center at the Cummings School and the repairs needed to accomplish this.
- President Ewen-Campen clarified that the Cummings School building is under the control of the Somerville Public Schools and that a vote was taken by the School Committee to create a warming center there.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee
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- 4.29. Order  
(ID # [24-1300](#))
- By Councilor Wilson and Councilor Pineda Neufeld  
That the Director of Grants Development and External Funds and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Director update this Council on ARPA grant encumbrances ahead of the obligation deadline of December 31, 2024.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 4.30. Order  
(ID # [24-1301](#))
- By Councilor Wilson, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Sait  
That the Director of Parks and Recreation and the Commissioner of Public Works update this Council on plans to minimize the timing impacts of future closures of the Ginny Smithers Sanders Pool for periodic maintenance.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee
- 4.31. Order  
(ID # [24-1302](#))
- By Councilor Wilson and Councilor Clingan  
That the Director of Health and Human Services update this Council on the status of the Youth-Focused Needs Assessment funded in the Fiscal Year 2024 budget.
- Councilor Wilson noted that funds for this were included in the FY 2024 budget and he would like to see the report.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- 4.32. Order  
(ID # [24-1303](#))
- By Councilor Wilson  
That the Director of Finance and the Budget Director present this Council with an updated Capital Investment Plan.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- 4.33. Resolution  
(ID # [24-1304](#))
- By Councilor Wilson, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Sait and Councilor Mbah  
That the Administration form a task force or commission for short-, medium-, and long-term planning and coordination of public and private community spaces and programming, including spaces and programming for youth.
- Councilor Wilson commented that the city is lacking in community spaces and he wants to ensure there is some advanced high level planning to address the matter.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
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- 4.34. Resolution (ID # [24-1305](#)) By Councilor Wilson, Councilor Scott, Councilor Sait and Councilor Clingan  
That the Administration explore activating Somerville High School for community uses outside of school hours.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

- 4.35. Resolution (ID # [24-1306](#)) By Councilor Wilson and Councilor Scott  
That the Administration update this Council on plans for the Cummings School building and Founders Memorial Skating Rink this fiscal year.

Councilor Wilson noted that a reuse feasibility report was produced and he would like to know what the impacts on the community and youth programming would be.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

## 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

## 6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### 6.A. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 6.A.1. Committee Report (ID # [24-1292](#)) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on September 10, 2024.

Councilor Wilson summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that the committee approved 6 grants, 1 appropriation, 12 payments of prior year invoices, 2 contract extensions and 3 easements.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

- 6.A.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-1074](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$300,000 grant renewal with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Infectious Disease & Laboratory Sciences to the Health and Human Services Department for local health support for COVID-19 case investigation and contact tracing.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

- 6.A.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-1075](#)) Requesting approval to appropriate \$150,000 from the Salary & Wage Stabilization Fund to the Police Department - Personal Services - Other Lump Sum Benefits account to settle pending litigation.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

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

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Strezo

- 6.A.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-1076](#)) Requesting approval to extend and amend a contract with Warner Larson Incorporated until 9/30/2025 for the additional services needed to complete the Dilboy Auxiliary Fields Re-Design project.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 6.A.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-1078](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$3,600,000 grant with no new match required, from the MassWorks Infrastructure Program to the Department of Infrastructure & Asset Management for the Inner Belt & Brickbottom Pedestrian Crossing.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 6.A.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-1082](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$959,500 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Gaming Commission to the Office of Strategic Planning & Community Development Mobility Division for the Transit Pass Pilot Program, Traffic Signal Pre-emption for Emergency Services and Middlesex Ave - Mystic Ave Intersection Project.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 6.A.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-1083](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$50 using available funds in the Department of Infrastructure & Asset Management Ordinary Maintenance Fee account for a Department of Conservation & Recreation Construction Access Permit.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 6.A.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-1089](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$19,747.90 using available funds in the Office of Strategic Planning & Community Development Administration Legal Services account for the Somerville Redevelopment Authority 90 Washington St appeal.
- RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.A.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-1090](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$99,886.56 grant with no new match required, from the MA Technology Collaborative to the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development Economic Development Division for digital navigation services to Somerville Housing Authority residents.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.A.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-1150](#)) Requesting approval of an amendment to the Stormwater Drainage Easement at 10-20 Innerbelt Road.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

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

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Strezo

- 6.A.11. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-1151](#)) Requesting approval of a Maintenance Easement and License Agreement for 0 Middlesex and Kensington Avenue.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

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

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Strezo

- 6.A.12. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-1160](#)) Requesting approval of a Pedestrian Access Easement and Grant of License for 3-5 Hawkins Street.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

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

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Strezo

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| 6.A.13. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">24-1161</a> ) | Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$1,853.28 using available funds in the Department of Veterans Services Office Supplies and Office Equipment accounts for supplies and equipment purchases.<br><b>RESULT:     <u>APPROVED</u></b>            |
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| 6.A.14. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">24-1162</a> ) | Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$1,080 using available funds in the Department of Veterans Services Professional & Technical Services Account for transportation during the 2024 Memorial Day Parade.<br><b>RESULT:     <u>APPROVED</u></b> |
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| 6.A.15. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">24-1163</a> ) | Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$3,071.16 using available funds in the SomerViva Office of Immigrant Affairs Professional & Technical Services account for interpretation services.<br><b>RESULT:     <u>APPROVED</u></b>                   |
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| 6.A.16. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">24-1169</a> ) | Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$112.93 using available funds in the Health and Human Services Department Reimbursement of Licenses Account for Canva subscription.<br><b>RESULT:     <u>APPROVED</u></b>                                   |
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| 6.A.17. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">24-1172</a> ) | Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$62,400 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Grounds R&M Account for playground surface repairs.<br><b>RESULT:     <u>APPROVED</u></b>   |
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| 6.A.18. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">24-1173</a> ) | Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$960.24 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Administration Office Supplies account for the purchase of office supplies.<br><b>RESULT:     <u>APPROVED</u></b>                           |
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| 6.A.19. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">24-1174</a> ) | Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$8,609.72 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Sanitation Benches & Barrels Account for the purchase of trash containers.<br><b>RESULT:     <u>APPROVED</u></b>                          |
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| 6.A.20. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">24-1175</a> ) | Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$37.27 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Administration Lease Copier account for photocopier lease expenses.<br><b>RESULT:     <u>APPROVED</u></b>                                    |
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- 6.A.21. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-1176](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$225 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Rentals Buildings account for portal restroom rentals.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.A.22. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-1177](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$659 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Administration License Reimbursement Account for employee operator licenses.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.A.23. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-1185](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$22,781.32 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for the installation of access controls and additional card entry access.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.A.24. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-1187](#)) Requesting approval of a time-only extension until 09/30/2024 for the contract with the Public Consulting Group, LLC to continue the Medicaid Billing and Collection Services.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.A.25. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-1193](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$237,939.81 grant with no new match required, from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council to the Health and Human Services Department for a team performing multi-municipal shared public health services including a Shared Services Coordinator, a Regional Nurse, and a Clinical Community Health Worker.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.B. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- 6.B.1. Committee Report (ID # [24-1291](#)) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on September 5, 2024.

Councilor McLaughlin summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that the committee discussed several items, with one item (#24-0642) being discharged with no recommendation to allow the Ward 4 Councilor to weigh in on the matter.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.B.2. Public Communication (ID # [24-0607](#)) Mo Rizkallah requesting a Zoning Map Amendment to change the zoning district of 5 Homer Square from Neighborhood Residence (NR) to Urban Residence (UR).

**RESULT: NOT APPROVED**

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

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Strezo

6.B.3. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [24-0641](#))

14 registered voters requesting a Zoning Map Amendment to change the zoning district of 136 School Street from Urban Residence (UR) to Mid-Rise 6 (MR6), 95 Highland Avenue from Neighborhood Residence (NR) to MR6, and 97, 99-99A, 101-103, and 107 Highland Avenue from Mid-Rise 5 (MR5) to MR6.

**RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED**

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

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Strezo

6.B.4. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [24-0642](#))

14 registered voters requesting a Zoning Map Amendment to change the zoning district of 228, 230, 232, 234, 236 Pearl Street from Mid-Rise 4 (MR4) to Mid-Rise 6 (MR6).

Councilor Clingan spoke in favor of the citizens' petition, saying that he feels that this area is perfect for an upzoning to MR6. A proposed project that could be built is also supported by Councilor Clingan. Community meetings have been held on the matter to discuss what upzoning could mean with respect to this project. He said that everyone is aware and has been engaged in the process and a Community Benefits Agreement has been negotiated. The Somerville Redevelopment Authority did a walk through and requested that a local architect be secured for the project. The developer also agreed to activate Skilton Street. Councilor Burnley commented that this is the kind of project that can happen when communities engage with developers. Councilor Wilson asked the City Solicitor if amending this item to include parcel 226 would require another public hearing and Solicitor Amara explained that parcel 226 is not included in what is before the Council, however, it could be submitted on its own for upzoning.

**RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED**

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

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Strezo

6.B.5. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [24-0898](#))

Emily Duquette submitting comments re: item #24-0641, a Zoning Map Amendment for the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA).

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

6.B.6. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [24-1092](#))

8 individuals submitting comments re: item #24-0607, a Zoning Map Amendment to change the zoning district of 5 Homer Square from Neighborhood Residence (NR) to Urban Residence (UR).

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

6.B.7. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [24-1164](#))

3 individuals submitting comments re: item #24-0641, a Zoning Map Amendment to change the zoning district of 136 School Street from Urban Residence (UR) to Mid-Rise 6 (MR6), 95 Highland Avenue from Neighborhood Residence (NR) to MR6, and 97, 99-99A, 101-103, and 107 Highland Avenue from Mid-Rise 5 (MR5) to MR6.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

6.B.8. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [24-1165](#))

26 individuals submitting comments re: item #24-0642, a Zoning Map Amendment to change the zoning district of 228, 230, 232, 234, 236 Pearl Street from Mid-Rise 4 (MR4) to Mid-Rise 6 (MR6).

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

6.B.9. Officer's  
Communication  
(ID # [24-1194](#))

Planning Board conveying recommendations for items #24-0607 and #24-0641.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

6.B.10. Officer's  
Communication  
(ID # [24-1195](#))

Planning Board conveying recommendations for items #24-0551 and #24-0642.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.B.11. Order  
(ID # [24-1290](#)) By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the City Solicitor provide an opinion on whether the Zoning Map Amendment proposed in item #24-0642 is considered spot zoning.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.C. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- 6.C.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on  
(ID # [24-1293](#)) September 11, 2024.

Councilor McLaughlin summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that there was a lengthy discussion about homelessness in the city and about the rampant drug use occurring at Seven Hills Park. Several individuals spoke on the matter, including Councilor Pineda Neufeld, who recounted her experiences at the park. Police Chief Femino, Health and Human Services Director Karin Carroll, Legislative Liaison Kimberly Hutter, and representatives from the Somerville Homeless Coalition also spoke on these topics. Over 120 people attended the meeting remotely, with many commenting that they don't feel safe.

Councilor Scott thanked Chief Femino and city staff who are working on the problems at Seven Hills Park and with the homeless. He referenced an email from Dr. Elizabeth Quinn who noted that spot zones are helping to reduce opioid deaths and he thinks this is a good starting point. Dr. Quinn stated in her email that the stigma around drug use was present throughout the Public Health and Public Safety Committee meeting.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.C.2. Order  
(ID # [24-0920](#)) By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Director of Inspectional Services provide the Ward 1 City Councilor with any tickets and fines associated with the Home Depot, Circuit City, and the surrounding area in the past ten years.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.C.3. Order  
(ID # [24-0921](#)) By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Director of Inspectional Services inspect the Home Depot, Circuit City, and surrounding area for code violations and report back to the Ward 1 City Councilor.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.C.4. Order  
(ID # [24-0924](#)) By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Director of Inspectional Services (ISD) provide the Ward 1 City Councilor with a list of all ISD tickets issued in Ward 1 on May 6, 2024.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

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## 7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 7.1. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-1324](#)) Requesting that this Council convene in Executive Session to receive an update on the status of collective bargaining negotiations with all municipal bargaining units.
- The Council voted to enter into Executive Session at 9:10 pm. The Council returned to the regular meeting at 10:16 pm and President Ewen-Campen reported that no votes were taken in Executive Session other than the vote to adjourn.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- AYE:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen
- ABSENT:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin
- 7.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-1259](#)) Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Articles 2-7, Articles 9-11, Article 13, and Article 15 of the Zoning Ordinance to make corrections, clarifications, and regulatory framework improvements.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee
- 7.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-1225](#)) Requesting authorization to borrow \$6,018,969 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for street and sidewalk reconstruction.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.3, 7.4 and 7.6 through 7.9 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-1227](#)) Requesting approval to appropriate \$56,215.42 from the Bike Share Stabilization Fund for installation and startup costs for a BlueBike station at 200 Inner Belt Road.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.3, 7.4 and 7.6 through 7.9 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
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- 7.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-1283](#)) Requesting approval to appropriate \$37,575 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to procure Early and Mail In Voting Machinery for the Elections Department.
- Commissioner Salerno explained that the machinery will be used to assist in processing votes and that the funds may be refundable from the state's Auditor's Office.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen
- ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan
- 7.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-1228](#)) Requesting approval of a time-only contract extension for fourteen months with a new expiration date of 12/31/2025, for P Gioioso & Sons Inc for construction services for the Spring Hill Sewer Separation project.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.3, 7.4 and 7.6 through 7.9 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-1229](#)) Requesting approval of a time-only contract extension for twelve months with a new expiration date of 12/31/2025, for Stantec Consulting Services Inc for design services for the Spring Hill Sewer Separation project.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.3, 7.4 and 7.6 through 7.9 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-1261](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a technical assistance grant valued at \$25,000 with no new match required, from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) to the Office of Sustainability and Environment for sustainable and resilient zoning development.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.3, 7.4 and 7.6 through 7.9 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-1309](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$770 using available funds in the Mayor's Office Food Supplies & Refreshments Account for food served at a Departmental Training meeting with Department Heads.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.3, 7.4 and 7.6 through 7.9 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-1226](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Courtney Brunson to the Somerville Redevelopment Authority.
- Councilor Pineda Neufeld moved to waive the readings of items 7.10 and 7.11 and refer them to the Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee
- 7.11. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-1232](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Lynn Richards to the Planning Board.
- Councilor Pineda Neufeld moved to waive the readings of items 7.10 and 7.11 and refer them to the Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee
- 7.12. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-1282](#)) Requesting approval of an exemption for Brandon Lafee under MGL c268A, s20(b).
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- 7.13. Mayor's Communication (ID # [24-1308](#)) Conveying recommendations on Charter reform.
- Director of Intergovernmental Affairs Singh told the Council that this is a shared priority, and that the Mayor wants to send it along to the state legislature as soon as possible.
- RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Charter Review Special Committee
- 7.14. Mayor's Communication (ID # [24-1310](#)) Conveying an update on the establishment of a Youth Advisory Committee.



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**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE****8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

- 8.1. Officer's Communication (ID # [24-1280](#)) Planning Board conveying recommendations for items #24-0679 and #24-0680.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

- 9.1. License (ID # [24-1233](#)) Renewing Drainlayer's License, F.E. French Construction Inc.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.21 and 10.10 through 10.11 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.2. License (ID # [24-1237](#)) Renewing Drainlayer's License, J.R. and Sons Construction, Inc.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.21 and 10.10 through 10.11 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.3. License (ID # [24-1234](#)) Renewing Drainlayer's License, L.V.M.J. Corporation.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.21 and 10.10 through 10.11 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.4. License (ID # [24-1235](#)) Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Falafel Place, 1 Main St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.21 and 10.10 through 10.11 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.5. License (ID # [24-1238](#)) Renewing Garage License, Good Gas Somerville, 343 Medford Street.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.21 and 10.10 through 10.11 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

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- 9.6. License  
(ID # [24-1236](#))
- Renewing Taxi Medallion, V.I.N.L. Transportation, Inc., Med. #65.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.21 and 10.10 through 10.11 and approve them this evening.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.7. License  
(ID # [24-1239](#))
- New Sign/Awning License, Cole Haan, 550 Assembly Row, 1 blade sign and 1 storefront sign.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.21 and 10.10 through 10.11 and approve them this evening.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.8. Public Event  
(ID # [24-1243](#))
- Parks and Recreation applying for a Public Event License for Fall Festival on September 21 from 8:30am to 3pm.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.21 and 10.10 through 10.11 and approve them this evening.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.9. Public Event  
(ID # [24-1278](#))
- Alice Barrett applying for a Public Event License for Thrift for Palestine on September 21 from 3pm to 6:30pm (raindate September 22).
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.21 and 10.10 through 10.11 and approve them this evening.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.10. Public Event  
(ID # [24-1244](#))
- Kevin Fitzpatrick applying for a Public Event License for Greene Street BP on September 28 from 2pm to 9pm (raindate October 5).
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.21 and 10.10 through 10.11 and approve them this evening.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.11. Public Event  
(ID # [24-1245](#))
- Anton Tutter applying for a Public Event License for Outside on Oxford on September 28 from 2pm to 10pm (raindate October 5).
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.21 and 10.10 through 10.11 and approve them this evening.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.12. Public Event  
(ID # [24-1279](#))
- Marcy Goldstein-Gelb applying for a Public Event License for Boston & Prichard Avenue BP on October 6 from 3pm to 10pm (raindate October 20).
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.21 and 10.10 through 10.11 and approve them this evening.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
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- 9.13. Public Event  
(ID # [24-1247](#)) Elizabeth Peabody House Association applying for a Public Event License for Elizabeth Peabody House Fall Festival on October 19 from 9am to 6pm (raindate October 20).  
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.21 and 10.10 through 10.11 and approve them this evening.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.14. Public Event  
(ID # [24-1246](#)) Federal Realty applying for a Public Event License for Assembly Row's 10th Anniversary Drone Show on October 19 from 12pm to 8pm (raindate October 20).  
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.21 and 10.10 through 10.11 and approve them this evening.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.15. Public Event  
(ID # [24-1248](#)) Annie Pinnell applying for a Public Event License for Art Sale on October 20 from 9:30am to 4:30pm.  
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.21 and 10.10 through 10.11 and approve them this evening.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.16. Public Event  
(ID # [24-1251](#)) Samuel Feller applying for a Public Event License for Annual Chili Cookoff on October 26 from 10am to 5pm (raindate November 2).  
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.21 and 10.10 through 10.11 and approve them this evening.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.17. Public Event  
(ID # [24-1249](#)) East Somerville Main Streets applying for a Public Event License for Halloween Block Party & Pet Parade on October 26 from 1pm to 7pm (raindate October 27).  
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.21 and 10.10 through 10.11 and approve them this evening.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.18. Public Event  
(ID # [24-1250](#)) James Adams applying for a Public Event License for Hudson Street Annual BP on October 26 from 1pm to 7pm (raindate October 27).  
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.21 and 10.10 through 10.11 and approve them this evening.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.19. Public Event  
(ID # [24-1307](#)) Kelsey Kent applying for a Public Event License for Lexington Ave Halloween on October 31 from 4pm to 10pm.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.21 and 10.10 through 10.11 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.20. Public Event  
(ID # [24-1252](#))

Kinsey Scales applying for a Public Event License for Kinsey Scales Free Outdoor Concert on November 17 from 11am to 2pm (raindate November 24).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.21 and 10.10 through 10.11 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.21. Public Event  
(ID # [24-1253](#))

Somerville Road Runners applying for a Public Event License for 28th Annual Gobble Gobble Gobble Road Race on November 28 from 6am to 1pm.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.21 and 10.10 through 10.11 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.22. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [24-1254](#))

Daniel Cayarga submitting comments re: Seven Hills Park.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

- 9.23. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [24-1256](#))

95 individuals, including 61 residents, along with Cambria Hotel, Aeronaut Brewery, and Union Square Main Streets submitting comments re: items #24-0680 and #24-0679, a Zoning Map and Zoning Text amendment to create the Somernova Innovation Sub-Area.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

- 9.24. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [24-1281](#))

Beatriz Gomez Mouakad submitting comments re: Somerville Municipal Employees Association.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

- 9.25. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [24-1255](#))

Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) conveying the alteration of location of a section of State highway.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

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## 10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 10.1. Order  
(ID # [24-1311](#))
- By Councilor Scott  
That the Director of Housing and relevant departments prepare an Artist Studio Conversion Guide to encourage owners of vacant properties to create more artist space.
- Councilor Scott noted that there are many buildings in Ward 2 that are vacant and he thinks that they could be used for artist space.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 10.2. Order  
(ID # [24-1312](#))
- By Councilor Scott  
That the Director of Planning, Preservation and Zoning collaborate with this Council on updating the Zoning Ordinance to require all new construction to place electrical transformers below ground.
- Councilor Scott noted that this is not required on by-right projects, however, every transformer could be put underground, at a cost to developers. He hopes this serves as a bookmark to address this in the future.
- RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee
- 10.3. Order  
(ID # [24-1315](#))
- By Councilor Scott  
That the Director of Planning, Preservation and Zoning reconsider the policy of allowing lot splits and mergers as administrative approvals rather than special permits.
- Councilor Scott said most of the splits/mergers are being administratively approved and the unintended consequences are going to get worse. He explained that lots are being purchased and split in ways that may bypass the affordable housing component of developments.
- RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee
- 10.4. Order  
(ID # [24-1319](#))
- By Councilor Scott  
That the Director of Inspectional Services issue a citation to the owner of 91 Prospect Street and 10 Oak Street for not having a dumpster license and failing to clean and secure their site.
- Councilor Scott noted that these violations have been ongoing for 6 years.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 10.5. Order  
(ID # [24-1320](#))
- By Councilor Scott  
That the Commissioner of Public Works clear the overgrowth on the sidewalks of Allen Street, Prospect Street, and Webster Avenue and that the Director of Inspectional Services cite the property owners accordingly.
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**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 10.6. Communication (ID # [24-1313](#)) By Councilor Scott, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Ewen-Campen Conveying full support for the Public Library Board of Trustees and Director of Libraries in their efforts to maintain safe and accessible library environments for patrons and employees alike.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION****FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

- 10.7. Communication (ID # [24-1314](#)) By Councilor Scott, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Ewen-Campen Conveying an invitation to the public to a community conversation about resources needed to restore full library access, hosted by Somerville's youth community and Somerville Municipal Employees Association members.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION****FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

- 10.8. Order (ID # [24-1326](#)) By Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Strezo That the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator take the necessary measures to ensure ADA compliance for the second floor of 165 Broadway for the purposes of expanding youth services.

**RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION****FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

- 10.9. Officer's Communication (ID # [24-1325](#)) City Clerk conveying information regarding item #24-1264, an order that City Councilors have regular visible access to the scheduling of the City Council Chamber, and that a regular working space be designated for City Councilors.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

- 10.10. Small Wireless Facility (ID # [24-1327](#)) Crown Castle Fiber LLC applying for a Small Wireless Facility License for facilities on an existing pole at 45 Perry Street.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.21 and 10.10 through 10.11 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 10.11. Small Wireless Facility (ID # [24-1328](#)) Crown Castle Fiber LLC applying for a Small Wireless Facility License for facilities on an existing pole at 112 Fremont Street.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.21 and 10.10 through 10.11 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 10.12. Public Communication (ID # [24-1329](#)) 409 individuals, including one resident, submitting comments re: ceasefire.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 11:25 PM.