

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

March 24, 2022, 7:00 PM
City Council Chamber and Remote Participation

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OPENING CEREMONIES

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 (ID # 28359)
2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 (ID # 28360)
3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting,
 (ID # 28361) February 24, 2022.

CITATIONS

4. Citation By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin
 (ID # 28312) Commending Ann Cassesso, on the auspicious occasion
 of her retirement after 52 years of dedicated service to
 the City in the Somerville Public Libraries.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. Grant of Submitted by Eversource to install 30 feet of conduit in
 Location Fountain Avenue, from Utility Pole 130/4 to a point of
 (ID # 28307) pickup at 22-24 Fountain Avenue.
6. Grant of Submitted by Eversource to install 19 feet of conduit in
 Location Day Street, from Manhole 12884 to a point of pickup at
 (ID # 28308) the rear of 278 Elm Street.

7. Grant of Location (ID # 28309) Submitted by Eversource to install 23 feet of conduit in the intersection of Somerville Avenue and Washington Street, from Manhole 8860 to a point of pickup at 71 Union Square.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

8. Order (ID # 28313) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Director of Inspectional Services report to this Council on the average time it takes for residents to have solar panels installed, identify the bottlenecks in this process, and discuss how this process can be streamlined and accelerated.
9. Order (ID # 28314) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the appropriate departments work with this Council to draft an Ordinance regarding the commercial use of hazardous industrial materials in retrofitted older buildings.
10. Order (ID # 28315) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Director of Planning & Zoning update this Council on a proposed zoning amendment to "separate and define arts and creative workspace as an Arts and Creative Enterprise (ACE) use subcategory" as recommended in the Somerville Arts Space Risk Assessment.
11. Order (ID # 28321) By City Councilor Gomez Mouakad
That the Commissioner of Public Works, the Director of Procurement and Contracting Services and the Director of Mobility provide this Council with the 90-day Implementation Report relative to the Ordinance to Safeguard Vulnerable Road Users.
12. Order (ID # 28322) By City Councilor Gomez Mouakad
That the Director of Planning & Zoning and the Director of the Office of Sustainability and Environment report on strategies to integrate and implement photovoltaics, weatherization, and electrification in Historic Properties.
13. Resolution (ID # 28320) By City Councilor Gomez Mouakad
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.
14. Resolution (ID # 28324) By City Councilor Pineda Neufeld
That the FY 2023 budget allocate funding for the construction of the West Somerville Neighborhood School yard.

15. Resolution (ID # 28325) By City Councilor Pineda Neufeld
That the FY 2023 budget allocate funding for a newcomer center.
16. Resolution (ID # 28330) By City Councilor Davis
That the FY 2023 budget allocate funding to address sidewalk and crosswalk safety hazards in Davis Square.
17. Resolution (ID # 28331) By City Councilor Davis
That the FY 2023 budget allocate funding for a public process for a re-engineering of Elm Street, in Davis Square.
18. Resolution (ID # 28332) By City Councilor Davis
That the FY 2023 budget allocate funding for a public process to create a four-season public market hall at the Day and Herbert Streets parking lot.
19. Resolution (ID # 28333) By City Councilor Davis
That the FY 2023 budget allocate funding for a public process regarding the development of 45 College Avenue.
20. Resolution (ID # 28334) By City Councilor Davis
That the FY 2023 budget allocate increased funding for new social workers and other mental health professionals to respond to mental health and substance use emergencies.
21. Resolution (ID # 28335) By City Councilor Davis
That the FY 2023 budget allocate increased funding to support community organizations providing housing, mental health, and substance abuse services.
22. Resolution (ID # 28336) By City Councilor Davis
That the FY 2023 budget allocate funding to create at least two engagement centers to provide basic facilities and services for unhoused people.
23. Resolution (ID # 28337) By City Councilor Davis
That the FY 2023 budget allocate increased funding to acquire and create new affordable housing.
24. Resolution (ID # 28338) By City Councilor Davis
That the FY 2023 budget allocate funding for a fare-free bus pilot.

25. Resolution (ID # 28339) By City Councilor Davis
That the FY 2023 budget allocate increased funding for Parks and Recreation programs.
26. Resolution (ID # 28340) By City Councilor Davis
That the FY 2023 budget allocate increased funding for quick build and permanent improvements consistent with the Vision Zero Action Plan.
27. Resolution (ID # 28341) By City Councilor Davis
That the FY 2023 budget allocate funding for snow clearing along pedestrian routes to and from schools and squares.
28. Resolution (ID # 28342) By City Councilor Davis
That the FY 2023 budget allocate funding for additional inspector positions within the Inspectional Services Department.
29. Resolution (ID # 28343) By City Councilor Davis
That the FY 2023 budget allocate additional funding to increase City Council committee support staffing.
30. Communication (ID # 28326) By City Councilor Davis
Conveying a report on the March 21, 2022 meeting of the High School Building Committee.
31. Resolution (ID # 28344) By City Councilor Kelly
That the FY 2023 budget establish a multi-lingual Employment Connection Center.
32. Resolution (ID # 28345) By City Councilor Kelly
That the FY 2023 budget establish a fund to secure hotel rooms for unsheltered people in adverse and seasonally severe weather.
33. Resolution (ID # 28346) By City Councilor Kelly
That the FY 2023 budget allocate funds for transitional living community resources and expanded shelter access for unhoused people.
34. Resolution (ID # 28347) By City Councilor Kelly
That the FY 2023 budget allocate funds to build a public dashboard for staffing demographics.
35. Resolution (ID # 28348) By City Councilor Kelly
That the FY 2023 budget establish a mobile COVID-19 vaccine and testing clinic.

36. Order (ID # 28329) By City Councilor Wilson
That the Chief of Police enforce MGL c.90 sec. 6, prohibiting license plate covers on motor vehicles.
37. Order (ID # 28327) By City Councilor Wilson
That the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development and the Somerville Arts Council update this Council on the Arts Space Needs Assessment and the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) report.
38. Order (ID # 28328) By City Councilor Wilson
That the Director of Mobility update this Council on plans to install a contraflow bike lane on White Street.
39. Resolution (ID # 28349) By City Councilor Wilson
That the FY 2023 budget allocate funding for a new site selection study for a Public Safety Building.
40. Resolution (ID # 28350) By City Councilor Wilson
That the FY 2023 budget increase funding for permanent traffic calming measures.
41. Resolution (ID # 28351) By City Councilor Wilson
That the FY 2023 budget increase funding for traffic calming signage.
42. Resolution (ID # 28352) By City Councilor Wilson
That the FY 2023 budget allocate funding for a study of the condition of all Fire Department facilities.
43. Communication (ID # 28356) By City Councilor Wilson
In his capacity as Chair of the Finance Committee, conveying the process for the Finance Committee of the Whole meeting on Wednesday, March 30, 2022 to determine consensus on FY 2023 budget priorities.
44. Resolution (ID # 28386) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Strezo
That the Administration establish a working group with this Council and various stakeholders to create recommendations for the developer provided community center(s) in Union Square and Boynton Yards.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

45. Public Communication 212916 Broadway Somerville Apartments, LLC requesting the adoption of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Map to change the zoning district of 383 Broadway from UR to MR5.

- 46. Public Communication 213008 Michael E. Olson requesting the adoption of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Map to change the zoning district of 125 Lowell Street from NR to UR.
- 47. Grant of Location 213242 Submitted by Eversource to install a total of 324 feet of conduit in Hawkins Street at the intersection of Somerville Avenue and Hawkins Street.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

48. EQUITY, GENDER, FAMILIES AND VULNERABLE POPULATIONS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 28318) Report of the Committee on Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations, meeting on March 15, 2022.
- B. Resolution 212952 By City Councilor Strezo, Pineda Neufeld, Kelly That the Administration create a plan for accessibility of virtual public meetings during the 2022 COVID pandemic surge to address how those without internet access may participate.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. Order 212967 By City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Kelly, Davis, Strezo, Burnley, Jr., Pineda Neufeld, Clingan That the Director of Communications report on measures that could be taken to provide more equitable and consistent access to online public meetings.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- D. Order 213061 By City Councilor Strezo That the Director of Health and Human Services discuss an updated long-term plan for aging in place for residents 65 and over.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- E. Order 213068 By City Councilor Strezo That the Director of the Council on Aging discuss a plan to allow seniors to be bussed to city events, including on evenings and weekends.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- F. Order 213069 By City Councilor Strezo, Clingan That the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development and the Director of Health and Human Services discuss a re-assessment to determine if Somerville is in compliance with its 2018 designation as an AARP Age-Friendly Community.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- G. Public Communication 213099 Residents submitting comments re: establishment of a special subcommittee to focus on the issues and concerns of older adults.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- H. Order 213113 By City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Pineda Neufeld That the Chief of Police and the Director of Racial and Social Justice report on the city's policy for traffic stops for undocumented immigrants.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- I. Ordinance 213250 By City Councilor Strezo, Gomez Mouakad, Ewen-Campen, Kelly, Wilson, Scott, Clingan, Pineda Neufeld, Davis, McLaughlin, Burnley, Jr. Requiring disclaimers or signs for Unlicensed Pregnancy Centers.
RECOMMENDED: Approved as Amended.
- J. Order 213285 By City Councilor Wilson, Clingan, Gomez Mouakad, Davis That the Director of Racial and Social Justice and the Director of Communications update this Council on the strategy to address digital equity in our city.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

49. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 28319) Report of the Committee on Finance Matters, meeting on March 22, 2022.
- B. Ordinance 212846 By City Councilor Scott, Wilson Proposing an ordinance relative to a mid-fiscal year report of municipal finances, with next-fiscal year budget projections.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. Order 212847 By City Councilor Scott, Wilson, Ewen-Campen That the Administration comply with Order #206164, relative to the employment of other counsel.
RECOMMENDED: Discharged w/no Recommendation
- D. Order 212850 By City Councilor Scott, Wilson, Ewen-Campen That the Administration update this Council on the status of the Police Staffing Study which was included in the FY2022 budget and estimated to take 2-4 months.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- E. Mayor's Communication 213016 Conveying a request for City Council input on priorities for the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- F. Order 213022 By City Councilor Scott That the Chief of Police provide this Council's Committee on Finance with the full language of the crossing guards' contract and also provide the number of crossing guard hours filled by SPD personnel.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- G. Mayor's Request 213319 Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$6,810 grant with no new match required, from the National Environmental Health Association-U.S. Food and Drug Administration Retail Flexible Funding Model Grant Program to the Inspectional Services Department for inspection team training.
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- H. Mayor's Request 213320 Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$5,000 grant with no new match required, from the National Environmental Health Association-U.S. Food and Drug Administration Retail Flexible Funding Model Grant Program to the Inspectional Services Department for an FDA self assessment.
RECOMMENDED: Approved.

50. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 28316) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on March 15, 2022.
- B. Order 212804 By City Councilor Davis
That the Administration re-submit its request for approval of a Home Rule Petition to authorize the continued employment of Acting Somerville Police Chief Charles Femino.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. Order 212822 By City Councilor Davis
That the Administration re-submit its proposed amendments to modernize the city's biotechnology ordinance.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- D. Order 212825 By City Councilor Davis
That the Administration re-submit the updated 2021 Surveillance Technology Annual Report.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- E. Mayor's Request 212995 Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to authorize the continued employment of Acting Somerville Police Chief Charles Femino.
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- F. Mayor's Request 212996 Requesting approval of an amendment to Ordinance 1-11 to establish the enforcing personnel for violations of the tree ordinance.
RECOMMENDED: Approved.

51. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 28317) Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on March 14, 2022.

- B. Resolution 212832 By City Councilor Gomez Mouakad
That the Board of Health host a public hearing on the implementation of the order requiring COVID-19 vaccination for indoor entertainment, recreation, dining, and fitness settings in the City of Somerville.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. Order 212974 By City Councilor Wilson, Burnley, Jr., Kelly, Pineda Neufeld, Ewen-Campen
That the Director of Health and Human Services update this Council on previous efforts to verify and certify employee vaccination status in Somerville businesses.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- D. Order 212975 By City Councilor Kelly
That the Director of Health and Human Services provide an update on acquiring and distributing 200,000 KF94 or KN95 masks to residents.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- E. Order 212976 By City Councilor Kelly
That the Director of Health and Human Services provide a plan for all residents to receive at-home COVID tests and increase the number of appointments for PCR tests.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- F. Order 212977 By City Councilor Kelly
That the Director of Health and Human Services provide an update on contact tracing efforts.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- G. Order 212978 By City Councilor Kelly
That the Director of Health and Human Services provide an update on how to report positive results of at-home COVID-19 tests.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- H. Order 213142 By City Councilor Kelly, Pineda Neufeld, Wilson
That this Council discuss the barriers to accessing mental health care and the services provided by local community mental health agencies.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 52. Mayor's Request (ID # 28355) Requesting approval of proposed amendments to modernize the Biotechnology Ordinance.
- 53. Mayor's Request (ID # 28362) Requesting approval of an amendment to Ordinance 1-11 to establish the enforcing personnel for violations of the Condominium Conversion Ordinance.
- 54. Mayor's Request (ID # 28298) Requesting acceptance of a Preservation Restriction for 83 Belmont Street.

55. Mayor's Request (ID # 28300) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$5,060 using available funds in the Parks and Recreation Retained Earnings Account for Lincoln Park Irrigation Repair costs.
56. Mayor's Request (ID # 28301) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$2,250 using available funds in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development Ordinary Maintenance account for Lincoln Park acoustical consulting.
57. Mayor's Request (ID # 28297) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$625 using available funds in the Human Resources Department Professional & Technical Services Account for professional services received in June 2020.
58. Mayor's Request (ID # 28191) Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, an \$84,802 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Energy Resources to the Office of Sustainability and Environment for four energy conservation projects in city-owned buildings.
59. Mayor's Request (ID # 28219) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Richard Lavey III to the position of Police Officer.
60. Mayor's Request (ID # 28220) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Kyle Lentini to the position of Police Officer.
61. Mayor's Request (ID # 28221) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Tenzing Kartso to the position of Police Officer.
62. Mayor's Request (ID # 28222) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Patrick Barton to the position of Police Officer.
63. Mayor's Request (ID # 28223) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jonathan Martins to the position of Police Officer.
64. Mayor's Request (ID # 28224) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of William Ruocco to the position of Police Officer.
65. Mayor's Request (ID # 28225) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Charles LoBrutto to the position of Police Officer.
66. Mayor's Request (ID # 28226) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Gianna Ferrara to the position of Police Officer.
67. Mayor's Request (ID # 28227) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Keighla McAloney to the position of Police Officer.

68. Mayor's Request (ID # 28354) Requesting to appear before this Council with an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) progress update.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

69. Officer's Communication (ID # 28306) Assistant City Solicitor submitting an Ordinance Concerning Deceptive Advertising Practices of Limited Services Pregnancy Centers and amending Section 1-11(b) of the Code of Ordinances.
70. Officer's Communication (ID # 28357) Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development requesting to review the proposed First Universalist Church Local Historic District (LHD) at 125 Highland Avenue.
71. Officer's Communication (ID # 28363) Director of the Office of Sustainability and Environment conveying an update on the Community Choice Electricity program.
72. Officer's Communication (ID # 28304) DPW Commissioner conveying a memo responding to Items #213114, #213115, #213135, #213136, #213137, #213138, #213139, and #213226.
73. Officer's Communication (ID # 28305) DPW Commissioner responding to Items #213246, #213283, and #213284.
74. Officer's Communication (ID # 28353) Planning Board submitting recommendations for Zoning Ordinance amendments, Items #212916, #213008, and #212871.

NEW BUSINESS

75. License/Permit (ID # 28358) Public Event License, Dancing in the Dark, Munroe Street from Prospect Hill Ave to Greenville St and Prospect Hill Park, Apr 1, 4PM-8:30PM (raindate Apr 2).
76. License/Permit (ID # 28310) New Drainlayer's License, EM Lofgren Corporation, Inc.
77. License/Permit (ID # 28311) Transferring Taxi Medallion License, Medallion #57 from Cinema Taxi Inc to Michael Garvey.
78. Public Communication (ID # 28302) Harvard University conveying its Spring 2022 Accountability Report.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

79. Resolution (ID # 28364) By City Councilor Wilson
That the FY 2023 budget allocate funding for hiring additional staff in the Planning Department.
80. Resolution (ID # 28367) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Burnley, Jr., Wilson
That the FY 2023 budget allocate funding for a consultant for the Commission for Women in anticipation of hiring an Executive Director.
81. Resolution (ID # 28368) By City Councilor Burnley, Jr.
That the FY 2023 budget allocate funding for job fairs for vulnerable and marginalized community members, to fill vacant municipal positions.
82. Resolution (ID # 28369) By City Councilor Burnley, Jr.
That the FY 2023 budget allocate additional funding for crossing guards in the Parking Department.
83. Resolution (ID # 28370) By City Councilor Burnley, Jr.
That the FY 2023 budget allocate funding for an interdepartmental role to report on contracted work that could be performed by municipal employees.
84. Resolution (ID # 28371) By City Councilor Burnley, Jr.
That the FY 2023 budget allocate additional funding for the installation of audible crosswalks.
85. Resolution (ID # 28372) By City Councilor Burnley, Jr.
That the FY 2023 budget allocate additional funding for the repair of potholes and damaged sidewalks.
86. Resolution (ID # 28365) By City Councilor Pineda Neufeld
That the FY 2023 budget allocate funding for the Human Resources Department to transition to digital systems.
87. Resolution (ID # 28375) By City Councilor Clingan
That the FY 2023 budget allocate increased funding for the street paving program.
88. Resolution (ID # 28376) By City Councilor Clingan
That the FY 2023 budget allocate increased funding for upgrading and streamlining internal purchasing, contracting and vendor payment systems.

89. Resolution (ID # 28377) By City Councilor Clingan
That the FY 2023 budget allocate increased funding for hiring additional inspectors in the Inspectional Services Department.
90. Resolution (ID # 28378) By City Councilor Clingan
That the FY 2023 budget allocate increased funding for hiring additional planners in the Mobility Division.
91. Resolution (ID # 28379) By City Councilor Clingan
That the FY 2023 budget allocate funding to create a Section 8 incentive program.
92. Resolution (ID # 28380) By City Councilor Clingan
That the FY 2023 budget allocate increased funding for quick build traffic calming measures.
93. Resolution (ID # 28381) By City Councilor Clingan
That the FY 2023 budget allocate increased funding for the redesign of the city's website.
94. Resolution (ID # 28382) By City Councilor Clingan
That the FY 2023 budget allocate increased funding for the creation of a Mental Health Unit within the Health and Human Services Department.
95. Resolution (ID # 28383) By City Councilor Clingan
That the FY 2023 budget allocate funding for a young adult apprenticeship program.
96. Resolution (ID # 28384) By City Councilor Clingan
That the FY 2023 budget allocate increased funding for a community center.
97. Resolution (ID # 28385) By City Councilor Clingan
That the FY 2023 budget allocate increased funding for a citywide youth program.
98. Order (ID # 28373) By City Councilor Gomez Mouakad
That the Department of Public Works and the Department of Human Resources provide a report on current open positions and a comparison of wages to neighboring communities and the private sector.
99. Resolution (ID # 28386) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Strezo
That the Administration establish a working group with this Council and various stakeholders to create recommendations for the developer provided community center(s) in Union Square and Boynton Yards.

100. Ordinance (ID # 28387) By City Councilor Scott
Requiring mid-year fiscal reports provided to this Council.

101. Mayor's Request (ID # 28323) Requesting a text amendment to the Somerville Zoning Ordinance to repeal all references to a Certificate of Zoning Compliance and replace with a requirement for the Building Official to conduct a zoning compliance review and maintain a public record of such reviews for all development.

102. License/Permit (ID # 28374) Amending Dog Kennel License, Elliots House Pet Care and More, 230 Somerville Ave, adding overnight boarding for 10 dogs.

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT