



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Public Health and Public Safety Committee

Regular Meeting Agenda

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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Roll Call

1. Committee Minutes (ID # [24-1318](#)) **Agenda Ready:** Approval of the Minutes of the Public Health and Public Safety Committee Meeting of September 11, 2024.

Library Overview

2. Communication (ID # [24-1314](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** 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.

3. Communication (ID # [24-1313](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** 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.
4. Resolution (ID # [24-1273](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** 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.

Incidents Report

5. Order (ID # [24-1295](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** 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.
6. Order (ID # [24-1263](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** 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.

Teen Space

7. Order (ID # [24-1326](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** 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.

8. Resolution (ID # [24-1270](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** 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.
9. Resolution (ID # [24-1267](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** 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.

Schools

10. Resolution (ID # [24-1271](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** 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.
11. Resolution (ID # [24-1305](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** 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.