



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## City Council

### Regular Meeting Agenda

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**Thursday, October 9, 2025**

**7:00 PM**

**City Council Chamber and Remote  
Participation**

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

- 1.1. Roll Call                      Call of the Roll.  
(ID # [25-1566](#))
- 1.2. Remembrances              Remembrances.  
(ID # [25-1567](#))
- 1.3. Minutes                      Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of  
(ID # [25-1568](#))                  September 11, 2025.

#### **2. CITATIONS**

#### **3. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 3.1. Grant of Location              Comcast applying for a Grant of Location to install a  
(ID # [25-1528](#))                  new Manhole and a total of 46 feet of conduit in Auburn  
Avenue, from Utility Pole 2 to a point of pickup at 11  
Auburn Avenue.

- 3.2. Grant of Location (ID # [25-1529](#)) Comcast applying for a Grant of Location to install a total of 49 feet of conduit in Houghton Street, from Utility Pole 174/1 to a point of pickup at 121 Prospect Street.
- 3.3. Grant of Location (ID # [25-1530](#)) Comcast applying for a Grant of Location to install a total of 64 feet of conduit in Albion Street, from Utility Pole 3/22 to a point of pickup at 156 Albion Street.
- 3.4. Grant of Location (ID # [25-1532](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install a total of 15 feet of conduit in Cross Street East, from Utility Pole 558/3 to a point of pickup at 33 Cross Street East.
- 3.5. Grant of Location (ID # [25-1533](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install a total of 7 feet of conduit in Kingston Street, from Utility Pole 101/4 to a point of pickup at 37 Kingston Street.

#### **4. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

- 4.1. Order (ID # [25-1517](#)) By Councilor Davis  
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management provide an update on the condition of the High School building exterior tiles, and efforts to prevent and mitigate future tile failures.
- 4.2. Resolution (ID # [25-1561](#)) By Councilor Davis and Councilor Strezo  
That the Administration discuss with this Council the process for removing abandoned items from public spaces.
- 4.3. Resolution (ID # [25-1562](#)) By Councilor Davis and Councilor Strezo  
That the Administration discuss with this Council whether there is a need to create additional alternative locations for people to store their belongings.
- 4.4. Resolution (ID # [25-1563](#)) By Councilor Davis and Councilor Strezo  
That the Administration provide data on needles found in and around Davis Square, outside of the designated receptacle box, including a breakdown by specific location, and used vs. unused.
- 4.5. Order (ID # [25-1548](#)) By Councilor Sait  
That the Director of Mobility discuss with this Council, strategies for improving the safety of users of the Community Path, as detailed within.

- 4.6. Order By Councilor Sait  
(ID # [25-1550](#)) That the Director of Mobility install a speed bump on Ashland Street.
- 4.7. Order By Councilor Sait  
(ID # [25-1549](#)) That the Director of Inspectional Services update this Council on compliance with the Short-Term Rental Ordinance, including any updated enforcement methods and whether the imposition of the 3% community impact fee under MGL c. 64G, § 3D has had any impact on the number of short-term rental units in the city, or whether any impacts are expected.
- 4.8. Order By Councilor Clingan  
(ID # [25-1564](#)) That the Director of Parking place NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER signs on Walnut Street at Sunnyside Avenue.
- 4.9. Order By Councilor Clingan  
(ID # [25-1565](#)) That the Director of Mobility add Moreland Street to the queue for speed humps.

## **5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 5.1. Communication By Councilor Mbah  
(ID # [25-1492](#)) Conveying a report of the Affordable Housing Trust.
- 5.2. Communication By Councilor Mbah  
(ID # [25-1493](#)) Conveying a report of the Job Creation and Retention Trust.

## **6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

### 6.A. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- 6.A.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Confirmation of  
(ID # [25-1523](#)) Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on October 6, 2025.

### 6.B. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 6.B.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on  
(ID # [25-1524](#)) October 7, 2025.

### 6.C. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- 6.C.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on  
(ID # [25-1522](#)) October 2, 2025.

**6.D. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE**

- 6.D.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting  
(ID # [25-1521](#)) on September 30, 2025.

**6.E. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE**

- 6.E.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits,  
(ID # [25-1525](#)) meeting on October 8, 2025.

**6.F. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE**

- 6.F.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting  
(ID # [25-1518](#)) on September 29, 2025.

**7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

- 7.1. Mayor's Request Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Tables  
(ID # [25-1552](#)) 4.1.13, 4.2.13, 4.3.13, 4.4.13, 5.1.14, 7.2.7, 7.4.8, 8.4.16  
(c), and 9.1.1 of the Zoning Ordinance to permit  
Home-Based Child Day Care accessory uses and make  
corrections.
- 7.2. Mayor's Request Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Sections  
(ID # [25-1554](#)) 10.10.3, 15.1.2, 15.1.6, 15.1.8, 15.2.1, 15.2.2, 15.2.3,  
15.2.4, 15.3.1, 15.3.2, and 15.5.2 of the Zoning  
Ordinance to make pre-submittal meetings optional for  
most permits and to improve clarity and consistency.
- 7.3. Mayor's Request Requesting ordainment of an amendment to the Zoning  
(ID # [25-1551](#)) Map to change the zoning district of 90 Washington  
Street from Civic (CIV) to High Rise (HR).
- 7.4. Mayor's Request Requesting approval create the BrickBottom  
(ID # [25-1557](#)) Infrastructure Stabilization fund and accept a payment to  
the fund of \$763,814.81, from off-site infrastructure and  
other contributions outlined in the BrickBottom district  
project development covenants, for the purpose of  
funding public infrastructure projects that mitigate the  
impact of large-scale development in the BrickBottom  
district.

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| 7.5.  | Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#"><u>25-1559</u></a> ) | Requesting approval to create the Boynton Yards Infrastructure Stabilization fund and accept a payment to the fund of \$384,025, from off-site infrastructure and other contributions outlined in the Boynton Yards district project development covenants, for the purpose of funding public infrastructure projects that mitigate the impact of large-scale development in the Boynton Yards district. |
| 7.6.  | Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#"><u>25-1543</u></a> ) | Requesting approval to appropriate \$147,724.07 from the COVID-19 Stabilization Fund for the 2026 Warming Center.  |
| 7.7.  | Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#"><u>25-1538</u></a> ) | Requesting approval to appropriate \$56,215.42 from the Bike Share Stabilization Fund for installation and startup costs of a Blue Bike station at the 495 Columbia Street development site.   |
| 7.8.  | Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#"><u>25-1545</u></a> ) | Requesting approval of a time-only extension until 12/31/2028 for the contract with Beyer Blinder Belle Architects & Planners for design services on the Building Master Plan.   |
| 7.9.  | Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#"><u>25-1546</u></a> ) | Requesting approval of a time-only extension until 12/31/2028 for the contract with Kleinfelder Northeast Inc. for design services on the Morrison Avenue Linear Storage Sewer project.  |
| 7.10. | Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#"><u>25-1520</u></a> ) | Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$500,000 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center to the Office of Sustainability and Environment for six no-cost electric vehicle charging station installations.   |
| 7.11. | Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#"><u>25-1504</u></a> ) | Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$13,084.20 using available funds in the Parks & Recreation Department Recreation Supplies Account for pool chemicals.   |
| 7.12. | Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#"><u>25-1508</u></a> ) | Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$1,533.75 using available funds in the Parks & Recreation Department Recreation Supplies Account for pool chemicals.  |
| 7.13. | Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#"><u>25-1489</u></a> ) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Dante Carreiro to the position of Police Officer.  |
| 7.14. | Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#"><u>25-1490</u></a> ) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Nicholas Cicerone to the position of Police Officer.   |
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- 7.15. Withdrawn                      Withdrawn.  
(ID # [25-1526](#))
- 7.16. Withdrawn                      Withdrawn.  
(ID # [25-1553](#))
- 7.17. Withdrawn                      Withdrawn.  
(ID # [25-1556](#))
- 7.18. Withdrawn                      Withdrawn.  
(ID # [25-1558](#))

## **8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

- 8.1. Officer's                      Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry conveying  
Communication                      the Somerville Pollinator Action Plan and related  
(ID # [25-1495](#))                      updates.
- 8.2. Officer's                      Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry conveying  
Communication                      the Somerville Open Space and Recreation Plan  
(ID # [25-1531](#))                      2025-2035.
- 8.3. Officer's                      City Clerk conveying Block Party Licenses issued.  
Communication  
(ID # [25-1527](#))
- 8.4. Officer's                      City Clerk conveying the selection of Emily Lopez  
Communication                      Touchy and Mihika Gogate to the position of City  
(ID # [25-1542](#))                      Council Project Assistant.

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

- 9.1. Public Event                      Matthew Taylor applying for a Public Event License for  
(ID # [25-1534](#))                      20th HONK! Festival on October 10-12 for various  
times.
- 9.2. Public Event                      Mayor's Office applying for a Public Event License for  
(ID # [25-1537](#))                      Truck O' Treat on October 23 from 4pm to 8pm (raindate  
October 30).
- 9.3. Public Event                      East Somerville Main Streets applying for a Public Event  
(ID # [25-1535](#))                      License for Halloween Community Event and Pet  
Spooktacular on October 25 from 1pm to 7pm (raindate  
October 26).
- 9.4. Public Event                      Friends of the Community Growing Center applying for  
(ID # [25-1536](#))                      a Public Event License for Pumpkin Smash on  
November 8 from 9am to 3pm (raindate November 9).

- 9.5. Public Communication (ID # [25-1539](#)) 12 registered voters requesting a Zoning Map Amendment to change the zoning district of 363 Highland Avenue from Mid-Rise 4 (MR4) to Mid-Rise (5) and from MR4 to Mid-Rise 6 (MR6), and 110 Willow Avenue MR4 to MR6.
- 9.6. Public Communication (ID # [25-1540](#)) Emily Harris submitting comments re: parking.
- 9.7. Public Communication (ID # [25-1541](#)) 3,007 individuals submitting comments re: ballot question.
- 9.8. Public Communication (ID # [25-1555](#)) 22 individuals, including 18 residents submitting comments re: ballot question challenge.

**10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**