



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Rodent Issues Special Committee

Regular Meeting Agenda

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Roll Call

1. Committee Minutes (ID # 22-1694) **Approval Review:** Approval of the Rodent Issues Special Committee Minutes of September 28, 2022.

Presentation

2. Order (ID # [22-0296](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Kelly, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Pineda Neufeld
That the Director of Health and Human Services, the Director of Inspectional Services and the Environmental Health Coordinator update this Council on current rodent mitigation plans.
3. Order (ID # [23-0131](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Kelly
That the Director of Inspectional Services and the Environmental Health Coordinator update this Council on the SMART box program and other rodent control measures.

Discussion

4. Order
(ID # [22-0346](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Scott and Councilor Kelly
That the Director of Inspectional Services consider a financial relief program for low income residents who are paying out of pocket for increased rodent expenses, including car and home repairs.
5. Order
(ID # [23-0063](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Strezo, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Scott and Councilor Clingan
That the Environmental Health Coordinator and the Director of Inspectional Services discuss resident reports of cars damaged by rats over the past five years.
6. Order
(ID # [23-0069](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Wilson and Councilor Kelly
That the Environmental Health Coordinator update this Council on any past pilots and any future plans for use of rodent hormonal birth control.

Housekeeping

7. Order
(ID # [23-0062](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Strezo, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Gomez Mouakad
That the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development and the Environmental Health Coordinator discuss the feasibility of including neighborhood-specific rat control funding in Community Benefits Agreements.
8. Order
(ID # [22-2037](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Kelly and Councilor Burnley Jr.
That the Director of Inspectional Services bait the sewers along Pennsylvania Avenue and adjacent streets and develop a plan to address rodent issues, in anticipation of planned water pipeline renovation.
9. Order
(ID # [22-2036](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Kelly
That the Director of Inspectional Services inspect Chuckie Harris Park, the General Insulation building and 161 Broadway for signs of rodent issues and food waste.
10. Order
(ID # [22-0297](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Kelly
at the Commissioner of Public Works update this Council on the replacement of trash bins due to rodent activity.