



**City of Somerville,
Massachusetts
Public Health and Public Safety
Committee
Meeting Minutes Dispositions**

Monday, September 11, 2023

6:00 PM

Virtual

This meeting was held via Zoom and was called to order by Chair Kelly at 6:00 pm and adjourned at 7:39 pm with a roll call vote of all in favor (Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Davis, and Chair Kelly), none opposed, and none absent.

Others present: Neha Singh – Mayor’s Office, Jeffrey DiGregorio – SPD, James Donovan – SPD, Karin Carroll – HHS, Stephanie Widzowski – Clerk of Committees.

Roll Call

Present: Chairperson Charlotte Kelly, Vice Chair Lance L. Davis and Matthew McLaughlin

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Public Health and Public Safety Committee meeting of July 10, 2023. [23-1149](#)

Accepted

Aye: Chairperson Kelly, Vice Chair Davis and Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin

Housing

2. That the Director of Housing and the Director of Health and Human Services update this Council regarding repeated requests to provide shelter to homeless residents. [23-1289](#)

Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin

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3. Conveying numerous locations suitable for temporary and long-term shelter for the homeless population. [23-1285](#)

Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin

Recommended to be marked work completed

4. That the Administration update this Council regarding increases in homelessness and the direct responses taken by the city to address those [23-1284](#)

increases.

Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin

Recommended to be marked work completed

5. That the Administration update this Council on the progress toward providing direct homeless services to East Somerville residents in temporary and permanent locations within Ward 1. [23-1283](#)

Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin

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Safety

6. That the Director of Health and Human Services engage Somerville Cares About Prevention to conduct compliance checks on establishments serving liquor to prevent over-serving of alcohol. [23-1290](#)

Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin

Recommended to be marked work completed

7. That the Chief of Police conduct compliance checks on liquor stores. [23-1286](#)

Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin

Recommended to be marked work completed

8. That the Chief of Police report to this Council, the percentage of requested traffic details for construction projects that have been filled by Somerville Police Department officers, filled by non-Somerville police officers, and unfilled, for the past three years. [22-2111](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Wilson

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Health

9. That the Director of Health and Human Services update this Council on the progress of Safe Consumption sites. [23-1294](#)

Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Burnley Jr.

Recommended to be marked work completed

10. That the Administration update this Council on locations of sharps collection stations and work with the Commissioner of Public Works to install sharps collection stations in all public restrooms. [23-1172](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Kelly and Councilor McLaughlin

Recommended to be marked work completed

11. That the Director of Health & Human Services work with this Council and community partners to determine if the city has a current PILOT agreement with Mass General Brigham and other healthcare providers, and how mental health services can be a component of such agreements, particularly as part of a mental health gun buyback program.

[23-0618](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Burnley Jr.

Recommended to be marked work completed

Referenced Documents:

- PHPS - 2023-09-11 Copy of 2021 Details (with 22-2111)
- PHPS - 2023-09-11 Copy of 2022 Details (with 22-2111)