

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

**SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

August 5, 2020, 7:00 PM  
Meeting by Remote Participation  
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**NOTICE**

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. C. 30A, s. 18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, as well as Mayor Curtatone's Declaration of Emergency, dated March 15, 2020, this meeting of the City Council will be conducted via remote participation. We will post an audio recording, audio-video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of these proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting on the City of Somerville website and local cable access government channels.

This Special Meeting of the City Council has been called by the President for the consideration of any and all business that may come before the Council.

**Register at the following website to view this meeting live or to testify at any public hearing:**  
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6975948688038741262>.

**OPENING CEREMONIES**

1. Roll Call            Call of the Roll.  
(ID # 23317)
  
2. Remembrances    Remembrances.  
(ID # 23318)

**CITATIONS**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

3. Public                19 residents requesting a Public Hearing on Tufts  
Communication    University's plans to re-open its campus in the fall.  
(ID # 23324)

**ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

4. Order                 By City Councilor Ewen-Campen  
(ID # 23310)        That the Director of Health and Human Services report to this Council the feasibility of using weekly pooled Covid-19 testing and/or relatively affordable "test strips" for school children, public employees, and workers at public-facing businesses.

5. Order (ID # 23311) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen  
That the Director of Finance inform this Council how the recent announcement of a 3-month level funding of State aid will affect the FY21 budget.
6. Order (ID # 23312) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen  
That the Director of Communications send a city-wide mailer informing residents of the Tenant Notification Act and the ongoing Eviction Moratorium, in light of ongoing unlawful Notices to Quit being distributed to tenants.
7. Order (ID # 23313) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen  
That the Chief of Police provide a breakdown of how 911 emergency calls are triaged, coded, and dispatched under our current system.
8. Order (ID # 23316) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Clingan  
That the City Solicitor appear before this Council's Committee on Legislative Matters with draft language to repeal Ordinance 9-120, the so-called Anti-Gang Loitering Ordinance.
9. Order (ID # 23315) By City Councilor Rossetti  
That the Director of Finance report to this Council, all actual state aid appropriations versus budgeted (anticipated) state aid.
10. Communication (ID # 23314) By City Councilor Rossetti  
Reporting on an additional State appropriation of \$250,000 for High School Construction Project Covid-19 costs.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

11. Resolution 209284 By City Councilor Scott, Ballantyne, Clingan, Davis, Strezo  
Supporting House Resolution 702, The People's Justice Guarantee.
12. Resolution 210251 By City Councilor Ballantyne  
That the Mayor, the Chief of Police and the Director of Health and Human Services discuss with this Council, at its June 11, 2020 meeting, their declaration of Systemic Racism as a Public Safety and Health Emergency.
13. Grant of Location 210378 Submitted by TC Systems to install 78 feet of conduit in Washington St from Pole 358/58 at the corner of Magnus Ave to a proposed handhole across the street in the sidewalk at Perry Park, then to adjacent Pole 58X.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

14. Mayor's Request (ID # 23300) Requesting the change of 5 voting locations: W3 P1 from Properzi Manor to the Central Library Community Room, W3 P3 from the Dante Club to the St. Catherine's Church Gym, W6 P1 from the Kennedy School to the Dilboy VFW Post, W6 P3 from the Holy Bible Baptist Church to the West Somerville Neighborhood School, and W7 P3 from the VNA Alewife Brook Facility to the West Somerville Neighborhood School.
15. Mayor's Request (ID # 23302) Requesting approval to appropriate \$170,000 from the Union Sq Community Benefits Stabilization Fund to fund a Main Streets Small Business Liaison and job placement and career navigation services for residents.
16. Mayor's Request (ID # 23308) Requesting acceptance of a \$100,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Health to the Health and Human Services Department to fund expanded substance use prevention programming.
17. Mayor's Request (ID # 23309) Requesting acceptance of a \$95,000 grant with no new match required, from MA DoT to the SPCD Mobility Division for Shared Streets programming Implementation.
18. Mayor's Request (ID # 23242) Requesting acceptance of a \$75,000 Taxi Grant with no new match required, from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council to the Council on Aging for taxi rides for elders.
19. Mayor's Request (ID # 23307) Requesting acceptance of a \$11,894.30 grant with no new match required, from the Cambridge Health Alliance to the Health and Human Services Department for the Photovoice Gambling Prevention program.
20. Mayor's Request (ID # 23303) Requesting acceptance of a \$6,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Office of Public Safety and Security to the Police Department for pedestrian and bicycle safety enforcement.

**COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

21. Officer's Communication (ID # 23325) Licensing Commission conveying a letter to Tufts University to reinforce outdoor dining guidelines.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 22. License/Permit (ID # 23321) New Drainlayer's License, Heimlich Landscaping & Constrution Corp.
- 23. License/Permit (ID # 23319) Renewing Drainlayer's License, JNJ Sacca.
- 24. License/Permit (ID # 23320) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Marchi Paving.
- 25. License/Permit (ID # 23322) Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Eastern Transportation, Med #73,87.
- 26. Public Communication (ID # 23323) LaCourt Foundation LLC proposing a zoning amendment to re-zone their property at 34-36 Merriam St to UR.
- 27. Public Communication (ID # 23326) 13 citizens submitting comments re: Tufts plans to re-open its campus in the fall.

**SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

- 28. Order (ID # 23328) By City Councilor Scott That the City Solicitor draft language to prohibit the use of prison labor of any kind for city projects, including the Middlesex Sheriff's Community Work Program.
- 29. Order (ID # 23329) By City Councilor Scott That the Chief of Police provide to this Council an itemized statement of all materials, tools, and property owned or leased by the City for use of the Police Department.
- 30. Order (ID # 23330) By City Councilor Scott That the Chief of Police provide to this Council an itemized statement of any equipment purchased on behalf of employees of the Police Department which became the individual employee's property.
- 31. Order (ID # 23327) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Finance update this Council on Aug. 5, 2020 with an overview of municipal trends and the City's finances.

32. Order By City Councilor Ballantyne  
(ID # 23332) That the Director of Finance discuss with this Council's Finance Committee several suggestions for assistance proposed by a group of Somerville arts and cultural organizations.
33. Communication By City Councilor Ballantyne  
(ID # 23331) Conveying her correspondence with Tufts University President Monaco regarding Tufts' Fall re-opening plans.

**LATE ITEMS**

**ADJOURNMENT**