

City of Somerville, Massachusetts

City Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 12, 2024

7:00 PM

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1. OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen.

The City Council entered recess at 7:27 PM and returned at 7:40 PM.

The City Council entered Executive Session at 7:53 PM and returned at 8:52 PM.

1.1. Roll Call (ID # **24-1750**)

Call of the Roll.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

Present: Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin

Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis City Councilor At Large Jake Wilson Ward Five City Councilor Naima Sait

Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott

City Councilor At Large Wilfred N. Mbah City Councilor At Large Willie Burnley Jr. Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo

Ward Seven City Councilor Judy Pineda Neufeld Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen

1.2. Remembrances (ID # **24-1751**)

Remembrances.

Councilor Davis requested a moment of silence in memory of Marie Howe. Councilor Pineda Neufeld requested a moment of silence in memory of Virginia "Ginny" Smithers Sanders.

RESULT: APPROVED

1.3. Minutes (ID # <u>24-1752</u>)

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 14, 2024.

Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

2. CITATIONS

2.1. Citation (ID # 24-1703)

By Councilor Pineda Neufeld

Commending Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen for his distinguished service as President of this Council in 2024.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld presented the citation on behalf of the Council to President Ewen-Campen.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor

Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor

Ewen-Campen

2.2. Citation (ID # 24-1704)

By Councilor Ewen-Campen

Commending Councilor Judy Pineda Neufeld for her distinguished service as Vice President of this Council in 2024.

President Ewen-Campen presented the citation on behalf of the Council to Councilor Pineda Neufeld.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor

Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor

Ewen-Campen

2.3. Citation (ID # **24-1730**)

By Councilor Wilson

Commending the Engineering Department for their outstanding achievements in the 2024 construction season.

Councilor Wilson praised the Engineering staff for their work on a multitude of projects during the year.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor

Ewen-Campen

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

3.1. Grant of Location Eversoure (ID # 24-1707) feet of co

Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install approximately 251 feet of conduit in Prospect Street, from Utility Pole 291/14 to a point of pickup at 118 Prospect Street.

Jacqui Duffy, representing Eversource, spoke in favor of the item and explained the purpose of the request. There being no further speakers, the Public Hearing was closed. Councilor Scott commented that Eversource had made a commitment to the city to resolve the double pole issue.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor

Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor

Ewen-Campen

3.2. Grant of Location (ID # 24-1708)

Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install approximately 25 feet of conduit and a new Manhole 32549 in Auburn Avenue, from Utility Pole 17/2 to a point of pickup at 11 Auburn Avenue.

Jacqui Duffy, representing Eversource, spoke in favor of the item and explained the purpose of the request. There being no further speakers, the Public Hearing was closed.

Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

3.3. Grant of Location (ID # 24-1710)

Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install approximately 28 feet of conduit in Windsor Place, from existing Manhole 26724 to a point of pickup at 600 Windsor Place.

Jacqui Duffy, representing Eversource, spoke in favor of the item and explained the purpose of the request. There being no further speakers, the Public Hearing was closed.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

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3.4. Grant of Location (ID # **24-1711**)

Cambridge Network Solutions applying for a Grant of Location to install approximately 114 feet of conduit in Linwood Street and Fitchburg Street, from existing Manhole 22014 to a proposed Handhole and continuing to a point of pickup at 1 Fitchburg Street.

CONDITION: That any cobblestone displaced is restored and replaced in an orderly manner.

CONDITION: That residents of 1 Fitchburg Street are provided with alternative parking during construction.

Herb Petone, representing Cambridge Network Solutions, spoke in favor of the item and explained the purpose of the request. Rob Castle spoke and asked that the item be conditioned on maintaining the stone walkway. Councilor Scott moved to condition approval of this item as follows: *That any cobblestone displaced is restored and replaced in an orderly manner* and *that residents of 1 Fitchburg Street are provided with alternative parking during construction*. The motion was approved on a roll call vote of 11 in favor (McLaughlin, Davis, Wilson, Sait, Scott, Mbah, Burnley, Clingan, Strezo, Pineda Neufeld, Ewen-Campen), 0 opposed. There being no further speakers, the Public Hearing was closed. Councilor Scott asked that a representative from Cambridge Network Solutions contact him with the plans involved.

RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor

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3.5. Withdrawn Withdrawn. (ID # **24-1709**)

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

4. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

4.1. Order By Councilor Ewen-Campen

(ID # <u>24-1731</u>) That the Director of Mobility develop safety measures for the slip lane at the intersection of Elm Street, Somerville Avenue, and Craigie Street, also

known as Wilson Park.

Councilor Ewen-Campen commented that this is a dangerous intersection, and with the new development coming, it's worth taking another look at it.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor

Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor

Ewen-Campen

4.2. Order

(ID # **24-1732**)

By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Scott, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Pineda Neufeld

That the Director of Parking develop a comprehensive plan to streamline the process for parking permits for in-home elder care and health providers, including Meals on Wheels.

Councilor Ewen-Campen explained that many of these agencies contract their services to companies that have employees who use their own vehicles to provide the service. As a result, given the turnover of those employees, it's difficult to get permits. He would like to find a better way to address this situation.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

4.3. Order (ID # **24-1733**)

By Councilor Wilson and Councilor Clingan

That the Commissioner of Public Works place a new street light at the corner of Broadway and Fenwick Street to address dark conditions at an important pedestrian crossing.

Councilor Wilson commented that this is a key crosswalk across a busy street and it is dangerous to cross due to the lack of adequate street lighting. He realizes that asking to have a streetlight installed is a big ask, but he would like to explore what can be done to make the crossing safer.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor

Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor

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4.4. Resolution (ID # 24-1734)

By Councilor Wilson, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Mbah, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Sait, Councilor Scott and Councilor Strezo

That the Administration pursue harm reduction initiatives to provide alternative methods of addressing substance abuse with wraparound supports like basic health care, housing support, and recovery resources during the planning process for an overdose prevention center.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

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4.5. Order (ID # **24-1735**)

By Councilor Clingan and Councilor Wilson

That the Director of Mobility and the Director of Engineering create an on-demand, dedicated pedestrian phase for the traffic signals at the intersection of Broadway and School Street, with NO TURN ON RED signage for both eastbound Broadway traffic and northbound School Street traffic.

RESULT: <u>APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION</u>

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor

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4.6. Order (ID # 24-1736)

By Councilor Scott, Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Mbah That the Director of Mobility and the Director of Engineering appear before this Council to discuss the preparation of a change order to revert to the design of the bike lane entrance at Washington Street and Webster Avenue to the original 100% plans.

Councilor Scott commented on the amount of community input that was provided for the planning of this project, and noted that the current plan was inadvertently not posted for review, resulting in the actual design being something other than what residents thought it was going to be and he explained that this order is intended to correct that error. Councilor Scott sponsored Roberto Fisher to speak on the item. Mr. Fisher said that he was disappointed with the way the implementation took place, adding that he would like the bike network to be safe for all users. He pointed out that the entrance to the bike lane is dangerous and needs to be rectified.

RESULT: <u>APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION</u>

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

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4.7. Order (ID # **24-1737**)

By Councilor Scott

That the Director of Mobility add the words EXCEPT BICYCLES to the Do Not Enter and One Way signage on Hawkins Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor

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4.8. Order F (ID # **24-1738**)

By Councilor Scott

That the Director of Mobility install DO NOT ENTER, EXCEPT RESIDENTS AND BICYCLES signage at the intersections of Ivaloo and Beacon Street and Ivaloo and Park Street.

Councilor Scott spoke about the traffic on Ivaloo Street and said that residents of that street would appreciate the requested signage.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

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4.9. Order (ID # **24-1741**)

By Councilor Scott

That the Director of Mobility install a speed bump on Tremont Street near Tremont Place.

Councilor Scott said that he was informed that this speed bump did not make it onto the list for 2024, so he's submitting this order for action in 2025.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

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4.10. Order (ID # **24-1740**)

By Councilor Scott, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Sait, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Davis and Councilor Clingan

That the Director of Housing assist this Council in drafting changes to the Condominium Conversion Ordinance to enable the Condominium Review Board to fulfill its intended function and prevent circumvention of tenant's rights.

Councilor Scott commented that some developers are routinely circumventing the process and he feels that changes to the ordinance are needed to give the Condominium Review Board some additional tools to ensure that the ordinance is adhered to. Councilor Wilson commented that he wants to close the loopholes in the ordinance and Councilor Clingan stated that he has spoken to Director Shachter from the Office of Housing Stability about this.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor

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4.11. Communication (ID # 24-1739)

By Councilor Scott

In her capacity as Chair of the Charter Review Special Committee, conveying an update on the status of charter negotiations with the Mayor.

Councilor Scott said the Council's small negotiating group met with the City Clerk and a representative from the Collins Center a short while ago and has not met with anyone since. Their understanding is that Councilor Davis will meet with Intergovernmental Affairs Director Singh tomorrow but they are unsure whether the Mayor will be in attendance.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

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Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor

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5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1. Citation (ID # **24-1690**)

By Councilor Mbah and Councilor Ewen-Campen Commending Reebee Garofalo on the auspicious occasion of his 80th

birthday.

Councilor Mbah and President Ewen-Campen presented the citation to Mr. Garofalo and mentioned how music became an integral part of his life and how he used it to build community. Mr. Garofalo thanked the Council for this honor.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

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6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

6.A. <u>CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE</u>

6.A.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel (ID # 24-1743) Matters, meeting on December 2, 2024.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that the committee recommended for approval: the appointment of Amanda Nagim-Williams as the Director of Racial and Social Justice and the promotions of Sean Sheehan to the position of Police Captain, Paul Anderson to the position of Police Lieutenant and Juan Ducasse Ayala to the position of Police Sergeant. The Committee Report was approved, and the City Clerk administered the oath of office for the three Police Department promotions.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

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6.A.2. Mayor's Request (ID # **24-1620**)

Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Amanda Nagim-Williams as Director of Racial and Social Justice.

RESULT: <u>APPROVED</u>

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6.A.3. Mayor's Request (ID # **24-1657**)

Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Sean M. Sheehan to the position of Police Captain.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor

Ewen-Campen

6.A.4. Mayor's Request (ID # **24-1658**)

Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Paul Anderson to the position of Police Lieutenant.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor

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Ewen-Campen

6.A.5. Mayor's Request (ID # **24-1661**)

Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Juan Ducasse Ayala to the position of Police Sergeant.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor

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Ewen-Campen

6.B. EQUITY, GENDER, FAMILIES AND VULNERABLE POPULATIONS COMMITTEE

6.B.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and (ID # 24-1748) Vulnerable Populations, meeting on December 10, 2024.

Councilor Strezo summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that the committee discussed a restructuring of water and sewer rates, an update on the development of a water bill ratepayer assistance program, a plan to prevent displacement in relation to water and sewer bills, the Family Self Sufficiency Program, the installation of diaper changing stations in both restrooms on the second floor of City Hall, the availability of free menstrual products in all city owned bathrooms, findings and recommendations from the Surgeon General Advisory on the Mental Health and Well-Being of Parents and caregivers.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor

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Ewen-Campen

6.B.2. Mayor's Communication (ID # 24-0674)

Conveying an update on the development of a water bill ratepayer assistance program.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.B.3. Resolution (ID # 24-0717)

By Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson

That the Administration address its plan to prevent displacement in relation to water and sewer bills.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.B.4. Resolution (ID # **24-1033**)

By Councilor Strezo

That the Director of the Somerville Housing Authority discuss the Family Self Sufficiency Program, which assists public housing residents to reach financial goals, and how to expand its purpose, presence and usage.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.B.5. Resolution

(ID # <u>24-1183</u>)

By Councilor Strezo, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Mbah, Councilor McLaughlin and

Councilor Clingan

That the Administration install diaper changing stations in both restrooms on the second floor of City Hall.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.B.6. Order

By Councilor Strezo

(ID # <u>24-1262</u>)

That the Director of Health and Human Services provide an update on the availability of free menstrual products in all city owned bathrooms.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.B.7. Order

(ID # **24-1396**)

By Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Sait That the Director of Health and Human Services discuss with this Council the findings from the recent U.S. Surgeon General Advisory on the Mental Health and Well-Being of Parents and its recommendations to better support parents and caregivers.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.B.8. Mayor's

Communication (ID # **24-1614**)

Conveying an update on water and sewer rate restructuring.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.C. FINANCE COMMITTEE

6.C.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on December 10, 2024. (ID # 24-1747)

Councilor Wilson summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that the committee approved two appropriations, the acceptance and expending of three grants, the payment of six prior year invoices, five time only contract extensions, one departmental transfer, and one use of available funds. Additionally, the committee also held a public hearing on the draft Armory Master Plan and heard a lot of frustration from the public. Economic Development Division staff are seeking more feedback this month and will come back to City Council in January.

Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

6.C.2. Ordinance (ID # 23-0827)

By Councilor Scott and Councilor Wilson Amending Section 2-323 of the Code of Ordinances, Salary Ranges, to

provide cost-of-living adjustments for School Committee Members and City Councilors.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor

Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor

Ewen-Campen

6.C.3. Mayor's Request (ID # **24-1260**)

Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$171,000 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for a Special Response Team rescue vehicle.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

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Ewen-Campen

6.C.4. Mayor's Request (ID # **24-1491**)

Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$500,000 grant with no new match required, from MA Department of Conservation and Recreation to the Public Space and Urban Forestry Division for the Blessing of the Bay MassTrails improvement project.

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6.C.5. Mayor's Request (ID # **24-1543**)

Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$5,730 using available funds in the Law Department's Legal Services Account for outside legal counsel services.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

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Ewen-Campen

6.C.6. Mayor's Request (ID # 24-1545)

Requesting approval of a time-only contract extension of three years for PMA, LLC for Owner's Project Manager services for the Somerville High School project.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

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Ewen-Campen

6.C.7. Mayor's Request (ID # 24-1546)

Requesting approval of a time-only contract extension for Suffolk Construction, for Construction Manager services for the Somerville High School project.

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6.C.8. Mayor's Request (ID # **24-1547**)

Requesting approval of a time-only contract extension for Symmes Maini & McKee Associates, Inc. for design services for the Somerville High School project.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor

Ewen-Campen

6.C.9. Mayor's Request (ID # **24-1550**)

Requesting the transfer of \$5,425 from the Human Resources Professional & Technical Services Account to the Law Professional & Technical Services Account for invoices for the physician on the Medical Panel Review Board.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor

Ewen-Campen

6.C.10.Mayor's Request (ID # 24-1562)

Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$38,803.02 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Natural Gas Account for natural gas delivery services.

Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

6.C.11.Mayor's Request (ID # **24-1566**)

Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$7,539.86 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Electricity Account for solar generation services.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor

Ewen-Campen

6.C.12. Mayor's Request (ID # **24-1569**)

Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$35,917.36 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Electricity Account for solar generation services.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor

Ewen-Campen

6.C.13.Mayor's Request (ID # 24-1570)

Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$1,710 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Sanitation Benches & Barrels Account for Big Belly containers.

RESULT: <u>APPROVED</u>

Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

6.C.14. Mayor's Request (ID # **24-1571**)

Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$2,682 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Buildings Rental Equipment Account for equipment rental services.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor

Ewen-Campen

6.C.15. Mayor's Request (ID # **24-1572**)

Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$2,569.52 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Buildings HVAC R&M Account for HVAC repair services.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor

Ewen-Campen

6.C.16.Mayor's Request (ID # **24-1573**)

Requesting approval of the use of available funds in the amount of \$60,000 from the Department of Public Works Highway Wages Account to fund the Lets Get Working Program.

Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

6.C.17. Mayor's Request (ID # **24-1574**)

Requesting approval to appropriate \$147,902 from the Energy Stabilization Fund to replace steam traps.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor

Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor

Ewen-Campen

6.C.18.Mayor's Communication (ID # 24-1580) Conveying the draft Armory Master Plan.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.C.19.Mayor's Request (ID # **24-1635**)

Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$82,357.50 grant with no new match required from Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs to the Council on Aging for social, educational and physical wellness programming.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor

Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor

Ewen-Campen

6.C.20. Mayor's Request (ID # **24-1649**)

Requesting approval to appropriate \$340,000 from the Union Square Community Benefits Fund, with \$200,000 for Workforce Development Services and \$140,000 for Small Business Technical Assistance Services.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor

Ewen-Campen

6.C.21. Mayor's Request (ID # **24-1654**)

Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$29,074.72 using available funds in various Police Department Ordinary Maintenance Accounts for unpaid invoices.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor

Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor

Ewen-Campen

6.C.22. Order

(ID # **24-1684**)

By Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Scott

That the Director of Grants and External Funds explain to this Council in writing whether the city can apply for a grant through the Advanced Transportation Technologies and Innovation (ATTAIN) Program to fund a North-South microtransit pilot program, and apply if it is possible.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.C.23.Officer's Communication

(ID # **24-1691**)

Director of Economic Development and Director of the Arts Council requesting that this Council's Finance Committee hold a public hearing on the draft Armory Master Plan.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.D. LAND USE COMMITTEE

6.D.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on December 5, 2024. (ID # 24-1744)

Councilor McLaughlin summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that the committee placed several items on file with the expectation that they would be re-filed in the new legislative year. Two public hearings were held, one regarding bicycle parking and the other regarding changes to

neighborhood uses.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City

Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Strezo

6.D.2. Order (ID # **24-0790**)

By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Scott That the Director of Engineering appear before the Committee on Land Use to discuss how required electrical equipment can modify the plans for already-approved new developments, such as at 379 Somerville Avenue.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.D.3. Order (ID # **24-0909**)

By Councilor Wilson and Councilor McLaughlin

That the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development update this Council on the possibility of receiving additional federal financing for transit-oriented development through the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA 49) initiative and the potential eligibility of projects in Somerville.

AMENDMENT: That the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development update this Council on the possibility of receiving additional federal financing for transit-oriented development through the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA 49) initiative, <u>IRS 63-20 corporation financing and Railroad Rehabilitation & Improvement Financing (RRIF)</u> and the potential eligibility of projects in Somerville.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.D.4. Mayor's Request (ID # **24-1197**)

Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Sections 1.1.4, 2.1.1, 3.1.18, 3.2.17, 4.1.15, 4.2.15, 4.3.15, 4.4.16, 5.1.17, 6.1.13, 6.2.15, 6.3.13, 6.4.16, 7.2.9, 7.3.9, 8.2.4.c, 9.2.3, 9.2.6, 11.2.4, 11.2.5, 11.2.6, 11.3, 12.1.7, 15.2.1, and Table 9.1.1 of the Zoning Ordinance to address various parking requirements.

President Ewen-Campen informed the Council that the effective date will be February 1, 2025, to allow time to prepare for the change administratively. Councilor Wilson commented on the need for accessible parking and said that he will work with the Commission for Persons with Disabilities to increase parking. Councilor Clingan pointed out that of the 30,000 parking spots in the city, only 200 are dedicated to handicapped parking. This item was enrolled and ordained.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED AS AMENDED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City

Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Strezo

6.D.5. Order

Order By Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Mbah (ID # 24-1213) That the Director of Planning, Preservation, an

That the Director of Planning, Preservation, and Zoning work with this Council to determine how to remove legislative barriers to increasing accessible housing, particularly when residents wish to add accessible

features to their home.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.D.6. Order

By Councilor Scott

(ID # **24-1312**)

That the Director of Planning, Preservation and Zoning collaborate with this Council on updating the Zoning Ordinance to require all new construction to place electrical transformers below ground.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.D.7. Order

By Councilor Scott

(ID # **24-1315**)

That the Director of Planning, Preservation and Zoning reconsider the policy of allowing lot splits and mergers as administrative approvals rather than special permits.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.D.8. Public

Communication

(ID # **24-1367**)

Charles DeCecca requesting a Zoning Map Amendment to change the zoning district of 501 Mystic Valley Parkway from Neighborhood Residence (NR) to Urban Residence (UR).

This item was enrolled and ordained.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City

Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Strezo

6.D.9. Resolution (ID # **24-1480**)

By Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Mbah, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Sait, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson

That the Administration explore opportunities to utilize the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) Communities Catalyst Fund to spur new housing acquisition or production, particularly in the Winter Hill, Gilman Square, and East Somerville neighborhoods.

AMENDMENT: That the Administration explore opportunities to utilize the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) Communities Catalyst Fund to spur new housing acquisition or production, particularly in the Winter Hill, Gilman Square, and East Somerville and Davis Square and Ball Square neighborhoods.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.E. <u>LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE</u>

6.E.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on December 11, (ID # 24-1749) 2024.

Councilor Burnley summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that the committee recommended for approval six Grants of Location, one Garage License renewal and one new Flammables License. The committee also had a discussion with representatives from Eversource about the double pole situation in Somerville and received a commitment from Eversource to work with the city and other utility companies to resolve the problem.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor

Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor

Ewen-Campen

6.E.2. License (ID # **24-1109**)

Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 141 Beacon Street.

CONDITION: That the family trust keep the property clean and well

managed.

RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

6.E.3. Grant of Location (ID # **24-1554**)

Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install approximately 115 feet of conduit in Medford Street and Warren Street, starting from Utility Pole 228/4 to a point of pickup at 16 Medford Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor

Ewen-Campen

6.E.4. Grant of Location (ID # <u>24-1555</u>)

Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install approximately 4,098 feet of conduit and three new manholes in McGrath Highway, Washington Street, and Joy Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor

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6.E.5. Grant of Location (ID # **24-1556**)

Comcast applying for a Grant of Location to install approximately 43 feet of conduit in Warren Street, starting from Utility Pole 1 to a point of pickup at 16 Medford Street.

Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

6.E.6. Grant of Location (ID # 24-1557)

Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install approximately 65 feet of conduit in Washington Street, from Utility Pole 358/29 to a point of pickup at 192 Washington Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor

Ewen-Campen

6.E.7. Grant of Location (ID # <u>24-1558</u>)

Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install approximately 53 feet of conduit in Somerville Avenue, from existing Manhole 28941 to an approximate point of pickup at 557 Somerville Avenue.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor

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6.E.8. Grant of Location (ID # 24-1559)

Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install approximately 122 feet of conduit in Laurel Street and Somerville Avenue, from Utility Pole 199/0 to an approximate point of pickup at a proposed handhole at 515 Somerville Avenue.

RESULT: <u>APPROVED</u>

Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

6.E.9. License (ID # **24-1560**)

New Flammables License, 74M Property Owner, LLC, 74 Middlesex Avenue, storing 6,870 gallons.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor

Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor

Ewen-Campen

6.E.10. Resolution (ID # **24-1777**)

By Councilor Scott

That representatives from Eversource, Comcast, RCN, Verizon and any other service providers appear before this Council to discuss transfers, pole removals and any other overhead service.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor

Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor

Ewen-Campen

6.F. OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE

6.F.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, meeting (ID # 24-1746) on December 9, 2024.

Councilor Mbah summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that the committee discussed invasive plants, youth participation in the city's summer recreation and education programs.

Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

6.F.2. Order

By Councilor Burnley Jr.

(ID # **24-0370**)

That the Director of the Office of Sustainability and Environment update this Council on the design, cost, and implementation timeline for the city's composting program.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.F.3. Public Communication (ID # 24-0457)

Green & Open Somerville and Earthwise Aware submitting comments re: invasive plant species.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.F.4. Order

By Councilor Mbah

(ID # **24-1029**)

That the Director of Parks and Recreation, the Director of SomerPromise and the Out of School Time Coordinator, report to the City Council on the status of children and teen participation in the summer recreation and education programs.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.F.5. Order

By Councilor Sait and Councilor Pineda Neufeld

(ID # <u>24-1415</u>)

That the Director of Parks and Recreation provide this Council with the list of youth program offerings, their cap and their enrollment data in 2023 and 2024.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.G. PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

6.G.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, meeting on (ID # 24-1745) December 9, 2024.

Councilor Clingan summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that the committee discussed the city's emergency response and action plans in the event of a derailment or chemical spill, plans for the Cummings School building and Founders Memorial Skating Rink for the current this fiscal year, the operational status of elevators in city buildings, streetlights along Mystic Avenue, the MBTA's application to circumvent

ADA compliance, Veterans Monuments, and (18) extended water outages in Ward 2. Councilor Strezo noted that the city had previously experienced a chemical spill and she stressed the importance of having an action plan.

RESULT: APPROVED

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> Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor

Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor

Ewen-Campen

6.G.2. Order By Councilor Strezo

> That the Director of Emergency Management discuss the city's emergency (ID # **24-1182**) response plan for freight train routes and action plans in the event of a

derailment or chemical spill.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.G.3. Resolution By Councilor Wilson and Councilor Scott

> (ID # 24-1306) That the Administration update this Council on plans for the Cummings School building and Founders Memorial Skating Rink this fiscal year.

> > **RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.G.4. Order By Councilor Clingan, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Ewen-Campen (ID # 24-1398) That the Commissioner of Public Works provide this Council with a list of the elevators in all city buildings, the operational status of each elevator, and

the maintenance and inspection records for each.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.G.5. Order By Councilor Clingan (ID # <u>24-1481</u>)

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the streetlights along Mystic

Avenue between the Medford line and Temple Street.

WORK COMPLETED **RESULT:**

6.G.6. Order By Councilor Clingan and Councilor Ewen-Campen

That the Director of Inspectional Services appear before this Council to (ID # **24-1486**) discuss the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA)'s

application to the Mass Architectural Access Board, on behalf of the City of Somerville, to circumvent Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

compliance.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED 6.G.7. Resolution (ID # 24-1608)

By Councilor Mbah, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Sait, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson

That the Administration provide this Council with a comprehensive status update of all Veterans Monuments affected by the construction and renovations around the High School complex.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.G.8. Order (ID # **24-1637**)

By Councilor Scott

That the Director of Water and Sewer appear before this Council to discuss recent extended outages in Ward 2 and mitigation plans for future work.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- 6.H. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE
- 6.H.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on December 2, (ID # 24-1742) 2024.

Councilor Sait summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that the committee discussed the Parking & Curb Use Study, recommendations of the Somerville Alliance of Safe Streets, resuming the practice of issuing tickets rather than warnings for serious moving violations, facilitating bike parking for large licensed public events, raised sidewalks, speed bumps, signage and safety measures at various locations, crossing guard coverage, crossings at the community path, making permit-only parking available to non-resident parents with shared custody of children enrolled in Somerville Public Schools, ticketing during daycare pickup and drop-off hours at 99A Dover Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor

Ewen-Campen

6.H.2. Resolution (ID # **24-1274**)

By Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Sait

That the Administration update this Council on the status of implementing the recommendations of the Parking & Curb Use Study, and respond to the July 2024 recommendations of the Somerville Alliance of Safe Streets (SASS).

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.H.3. Order (ID # **24-1392**)

By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Davis, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Sait, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Clingan

That the Chief of Police resume the practice of issuing tickets rather than warnings for serious moving violations that endanger public safety, including speeding and running red lights.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.H.4. Resolution

By Councilor Wilson and Councilor Burnley Jr.

(ID # <u>24-1400</u>)

That the Administration facilitate bike parking for large licensed public events in the city.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.H.5. Order

By Councilor Mbah and Councilor Sait

(ID # **24-1464**)

That the Director of Parking and the Director of Mobility install ALL-WAY STOP signs and safety measures at the Cedar Street intersection with the Community Path.

AMENDMENT: That the Director of Parking and the Director of Mobility install ALL-WAY STOP signs and safety measures at <u>all the Cedar Street</u> intersections with the Community Path.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.H.6. Order

By Councilor Sait

(ID # **24-1466**)

That the Director of Mobility explore ways to make the intersection of Gilman and Aldrich Streets safer, including adding clear signage and painting.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.H.7. Order

By Councilor Clingan

(ID # **24-1482**)

That the Director of Mobility install STOP signs making the intersections of Temple Street and the following streets 4-way stops: Bailey Road, Governor Winthrop Road, Puritan Avenue, Putnam Street, and Ten Hills Road.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.H.8. Order

By Councilor Clingan

(ID # **24-1483**)

That the Director of Mobility install a flashing STOP sign on Puritan Avenue at its intersection with Temple Street.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.H.9. Order

By Councilor Clingan and Councilor Wilson

(ID # **24-1484**)

That the Director of Mobility install speed humps on Medford Street between Central and School Streets.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.H.10.Order

By Councilor Mbah and Councilor Pineda Neufeld

(ID # <u>24-1529</u>)

That the Chief of Police provide an explanation regarding why there was no police assistance or crossing guard coverage at the intersection of Curtis Street and Powderhouse Boulevard during school drop-off hours on October 23, 2024.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.H.11.Order

By Councilor Mbah and Councilor Pineda Neufeld

(ID # **24-1530**)

That the Chief of Police, in collaboration with the Director of Mobility, develop and present a plan to ensure that crossing guards are adequately stationed at critical intersections near schools during high-traffic hours and that, in the absence of crossing guards, police officers are deployed to ensure the safety of students and families.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.H.12.Order

By Councilor Sait and Councilor Mbah

(ID # **24-1592**)

That the Director of Mobility install a raised crosswalk at the intersection of Cedar Street and the Community Path.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.H.13.Resolution

(ID # **24-1597**)

By Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Mbah, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Sait, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson

That the Administration provide an update to this Council on the Citywide Parking and Curb Use report and what recommendations, if any, have been implemented.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.H.14.Order

By Councilor Ewen-Campen

(ID # **24-1607**)

That the Director of Mobility re-evaluate and strengthen the NO TRUCKS signage at the corner of Warren Avenue and Bow Street in the aftermath of the 18-wheeler that became seriously stuck and blocked traffic on November 10-11, 2024.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.H.15.Order

By Councilor Ewen-Campen

(ID # **24-1609**)

That the Director of Engineering update this Council on the timeline to straighten the community path crossing of School Street.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.H.16.Order

By Councilor Ewen-Campen

(ID # **24-1610**)

That the Director of Mobility install bicycle traffic lights and appropriate YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS signage at the intersection of Somerville Avenue and Park Street.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.H.17.Order

(ID # **24-1673**)

By Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Sait and Councilor Davis

That the Director of Parking discuss with this Council how to ensure that permit-only parking is available to non-resident parents with shared custody of children enrolled in Somerville Public Schools.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.H.18.Order

(ID # **24-1674**)

By Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Davis and Councilor Strezo That the Director of Parking install signage indicating the grace period, during daycare pickup and drop-off hours, during which parking tickets will not be issued in front of 99A Dover Street.

AMENDMENT: That the Director of Parking install signage indicating the grace period, during daycare pickup and drop-off hours, during which parking tickets will not be issued in front of 99A Dover Street, and other daycare locations in the city.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

7.1. Mayor's Request (ID # **24-1723**)

Requesting that this Council convene in Executive Session to discuss and act upon satisfaction options in the matter of Cobble Hill Center, LLC v. Somerville Redevelopment Authority.

The Council entered Executive Session at 7:53 PM to discuss this matter and reconvened at 8:52 PM. President Ewen-Campen announced that 3 votes were taken in Executive Session in addition to the vote to adjourn. Those 3 votes were then taken in open session and approved. Those items were:

#24-1720, Mayor Requesting the appropriation of \$12,000,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Judgments and Settlements Account to pay additional costs of purchasing the parcel of land known as

90 Washington Street.

#24-1721, Mayor Requesting the appropriation of \$94,536 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation, Supplemental State Aid Account to the Judgments and Settlements Account to pay additional costs of purchasing the parcel of land known as 90 Washington Street.

#24-1722, Mayor Requesting authorization to borrow \$14,400,000 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount to pay additional costs of purchasing the parcel of land known as 90 Washington Street.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld moved for reconsideration and reconsideration failed on a roll call vote of 0 in favor, 11 opposed (McLaughlin, Davis, Wilson, Sait, Scott, Mbah, Burnley, Clingan, Strezo, Pineda Neufeld, Ewen-Campen).

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor

Ewen-Campen

7.2. Mayor's Request (ID # **24-1694**)

Requesting authorization to borrow \$4,757,000 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for the recurring FY 2025 Sewer Improvements program.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.2-7.4, 7.6-7.8, 7.10-7.11, 7.13-7.14, and 10.5-10.6 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

7.3. Mayor's Request (ID # **24-1712**)

Requesting approval to appropriate \$20,900 from the Energy Stabilization Fund to add attic insulation to the Recreation Department at 16 Walnut Street.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.2-7.4, 7.6-7.8, 7.10-7.11, 7.13-7.14, and 10.5-10.6 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

7.4. Mayor's Request (ID # **24-1713**)

Requesting the appropriation of \$110,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the 90 Washington Demonstration Project Account for ongoing litigation costs.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.2-7.4, 7.6-7.8,

7.10-7.11, 7.13-7.14, and 10.5-10.6 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

7.5. Mayor's Request (ID # **24-1756**)

Requesting approval to use available funds in the SomerViva Salaries account in the amount of \$36,911 to fund an increase of the Legal Services Coordinator and Immigration Policy Analyst position from part-time to full-time.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor

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7.6. Mayor's Request (ID # **24-1718**)

Requesting approval of a transfer of \$60,159 from the Public Space and Urban Forestry Capital Account to the Public Space and Urban Forestry Ordinary Maintenance Account for Tree Keeper/311 Integration expenses.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.2-7.4, 7.6-7.8, 7.10-7.11, 7.13-7.14, and 10.5-10.6 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

7.7. Mayor's Request (ID # **24-1727**)

Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$295,463 grant with no new match required, from Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to the Police Department for 911 personnel costs.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.2-7.4, 7.6-7.8, 7.10-7.11, 7.13-7.14, and 10.5-10.6 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

7.8. Mayor's Request (ID # **24-1728**)

Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$133,427.11 grant with no new match required, from Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to the Police Department for training and recertification and additional staffing support.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.2-7.4, 7.6-7.8, 7.10-7.11, 7.13-7.14, and 10.5-10.6 and refer them to the Finance

Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

7.9. Mayor's Request (ID # **24-1697**)

Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$75,350 grant with no new match required, from Massachusetts Office on Disability to the Department of Racial and Social Justice for the completion of an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor

Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor

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7.10. Mayor's Request (ID # **24-1659**)

Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$60,000 grant with no new match required, from Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to the Police Department for traffic safety enforcement.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.2-7.4, 7.6-7.8, 7.10-7.11, 7.13-7.14, and 10.5-10.6 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

7.11. Mayor's Request (ID # **24-1660**)

Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$40,021 grant with no new match required, from Department of Mental Health to the Police Department for the continuation of partial funding for the Jail Diversion Coordinator position.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.2-7.4, 7.6-7.8, 7.10-7.11, 7.13-7.14, and 10.5-10.6 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

7.12. Mayor's Request (ID # **24-1655**)

Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$26,502.44 grant with no new match required, from University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School to the Health and Human Services Department for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) outreach assistance.

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7.13. Mayor's Request (ID # **24-1643**)

Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$2,063.40 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Buildings Fire Alarm R&M Account for fire alarm equipment programming.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.2-7.4, 7.6-7.8, 7.10-7.11, 7.13-7.14, and 10.5-10.6 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

7.14. Mayor's Request (ID # **24-1642**)

Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$1,725.65 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Administration In State Travel Account for EZ pass.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.2-7.4, 7.6-7.8, 7.10-7.11, 7.13-7.14, and 10.5-10.6 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

7.15. Mayor's Request (ID # **24-1689**)

Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Alfred Rymill III as Housing Authority Police Officer.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

7.16. Mayor's Request (ID # **24-1696**)

Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Lauren Chapman to the Human Rights Commission.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld moved to waive the readings of items 7.16, 7.17 and 7.19 and refer them to the Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

7.17. Mayor's Request (ID # **24-1698**)

Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Brian Sokol to the Human Rights Commission.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld moved to waive the readings of items 7.16, 7.17 and 7.19 and refer them to the Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

7.18. Mayor's Request (ID # **24-1700**)

Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Alex Barbat to the Commission for Women.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor

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7.19. Mayor's Request (ID # **24-1699**)

Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jenny Bonham Carter to the Human Rights Commission.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld moved to waive the readings of items 7.16, 7.17 and 7.19 and refer them to the Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

7.20. Mayor's Request (ID # **24-1701**)

Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Katelin Firth to the Commission for Women.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor

Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor

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7.21. Mayor's Request (ID # **24-1715**)

Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Mary Battinelli as Constable.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor

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7.22. Mayor's Communication (ID # 24-1726)

Conveying changes to the reappointment policy for boards, commissions and committees.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld urged her colleagues to read this communication so that they may understand the changes being proposed by the Administration.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor

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8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

8.1. Officer's Communication (ID # 24-1695)

Planning Board conveying recommendations for items #24-1197 and #24-1367.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor

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8.2. Officer's Communication (ID # 24-1702)

City Clerk conveying an update on the block party license process.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor

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8.3. Officer's Communication (ID # 24-1719)

Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning & Community Development conveying an update on market conditions and available tools to stimulate growth.

OSPCD Executive Director Galligani gave a brief update on lab, housing and commercial real estate markets and said that staff is working to find ways to jump start housing development and that the city does have some tools it can use. He noted that commercial lab space is slow but is showing some signs of life. At the present time, there is 1.8 million square feet (out of 2.8 million square feet) of vacant lab space in Somerville. There is also 18 million square feet of lab space coming on line in the region.

Director Galligani said that the best estimate of absorption in the region is 1.5 million square feet on average/year, so it may take 12 years to fill the spaces in Somerville. He noted that vacant lab buildings are taxed at 60% of their potential and said that there are presently 7 vacant lab buildings in the city. If all the spaces were filled, it would provide the city with an additional \$13 million per year in tax revenue and would have a positive economic impact on local businesses.

Among the things being explored are providing tax breaks to encourage lab businesses to come into the city, event and industry targeted marketing campaigns to generate excitement and attraction for small businesses and targeting the life science industry.

Director Galligani said that small housing projects in neighborhoods is slowing down and projected to trail off in 2025-2026. To that end, the city is attempting to launch some affordable housing projects using such tools as zoning, the 40B process, a property tax phase-in, various financing tools (e.g., Sec. 108 Loan Program), and phasing in inclusionary housing. He stated that the city can do things to impact its communities.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

9.1. License (ID # 24-1714)

Renewing Automatic Amusement Device License, Lucky Strike, 325 Revolution Drive.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1-9.5, and 10.17-10.19 and approve them.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor

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9.2. License (ID # **24-1705**)

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Keash Excavating, Inc.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1-9.5, and 10.17-10.19 and approve them.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor

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9.3. License (ID # **24-1717**)

Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Broadway Auto Sales, 525 Broadway.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1-9.5, and 10.17-10.19 and approve them.

RESULT: <u>APPROVED</u>

Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

9.4. License (ID # **24-1716**)

Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Motorcycles & More LLC, 109 Bailey Road.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1-9.5, and 10.17-10.19 and approve them.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor

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9.5. License (ID # **24-1706**)

Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Web Motor Sales, 5 Middlesex Avenue.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1-9.5, and 10.17-10.19 and approve them.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor

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9.6. Public Communication (ID # 24-1724)

Jonathan Silverstein and Peter Mullane submitting comments re: item #24-1315, an order regarding lot splits and mergers.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

10.1. Resolution (ID # 24-1753)

By Councilor Strezo

That the Administration discuss how it plans to keep city employees and residents safe from sexual harassment and previous ways it has done so in recent years.

President Ewen-Campen explained Massachusetts General Law as it relates to Executive Sessions. Chief of Staff Nikki Spencer said this is about a painful subject and that the Administration takes sexual harassment in the workplace seriously. With more notice, the Administration would be happy to have staff appear to speak about the city's policy. She noted that, due to privacy concerns, she isn't able to speak about how cases were handled in the past.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor

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10.2. Ordinance (ID # **24-1754**)

By Councilor Burnley Jr.

Amending Sections 9-31 through 9-44 of the Code of Ordinances to support the end of wage theft.

Councilor Burnley spoke about trying to resolve the quorum issues plaguing the Wage Theft Advisory Committee. He sponsored Marcie Goldstein Gelb to speak on the item. Ms. Goldstein Gelb commented that although state and federal agencies play a role in this matter, local governments have the tools to make things happen. She urged the City Council to move forward with the proposed amendments so the work of the committee can take place. Councilor Burnley emphasized that wage theft is not tolerated in this city. He would like to bring this matter to fruition as soon as possible.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

10.3. Resolution (ID # **24-1755**)

By Councilor Burnley Jr.

Calling for integrity and accountability in the workplace.

Councilor Burnley commented that he has been hearing the frustration of former and current city staff as well as from public employees in other communities about the public's perception that Somerville's local government fell short of their responsibilities regarding this topic.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor

Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor

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10.4. Communication (ID # 24-1758)

By Councilor Sait

Conveying information regarding the rental registry.

Councilor Sait spoke about the proposed rental registry ordinance and commented on stakeholder interviews and focus groups conducted during the Summer and Fall of 2024. A draft of the proposed ordinance, as well as additional information about the vision for the Rental Registry is available on the city website.

Councilor Sait informed the members that she expects that a submission will be made to the City Council early next year.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor

Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor

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10.5. Mayor's Request (ID # **24-1729**)

Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$24,500 grant with no new match required, from Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to the Police Department for ambulance service.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.2-7.4, 7.6-7.8, 7.10-7.11, 7.13-7.14, and 10.5-10.6 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

10.6. Mayor's Request (ID # **24-1725**)

Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$545.03 using available funds in the Human Resources Professional & Technical Services for reimbursement of expenses relating to the Chief of Police interview process.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.2-7.4, 7.6-7.8, 7.10-7.11, 7.13-7.14, and 10.5-10.6 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

10.7. Mayor's Request (ID # **24-1761**)

Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Michael Tran to the position of Police Officer.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld moved to waive the readings of items 10.7-10.9 and refer them to the Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

10.8. Mayor's Request (ID # **24-1762**)

Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Ryan Westgate to the position of Police Officer.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld moved to waive the readings of items 10.7-10.9 and refer them to the Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

10.9. Mayor's Request (ID # **24-1763**)

Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Victor Romero Palomo to the position of Police Officer.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld moved to waive the readings of items 10.7-10.9 and refer them to the Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

10.10. Mayor's Request (ID # **24-1757**)

Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Sarah Pascarella to the Library Board of Trustees.

RESULT: <u>APPROVED</u>

Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

10.11. Withdrawn (ID # **24-1231**)

Withdrawn.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

10.12. Withdrawn (ID # **24-1395**)

Withdrawn.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

10.13. Withdrawn (ID # **24-1553**)

Withdrawn.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

10.14. Withdrawn (ID # **24-1633**)

Withdrawn.

RESULT: <u>WITHDRAWN</u>

10.15. Withdrawn (ID # 24-1634)

Withdrawn.

RESULT: <u>WITHDRAWN</u>

10.16. Withdrawn (ID # 24-1653)

Withdrawn.

RESULT: <u>WITHDRAWN</u>

10.17. License (ID # **24-1760**)

Renewing Automatic Amusement Device License, The Public, 563 Broadway.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1-9.5, and 10.17-10.19 and approve them.

RESULT: APPROVED

Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

10.18. License (ID # **24-1775**)

Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, John's Auto Sales, 181 Somerville Ave.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1-9.5, and 10.17-10.19 and approve them.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor

Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor

Ewen-Campen

10.19. Public Event (ID # **24-1759**)

Mayor's Office applying for a Public Event License for Annual Menorah Lighting on December 26 from 4pm to 8pm (raindate December 30).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1-9.5, and 10.17-10.19 and approve them.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor

Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor

Ewen-Campen

10.20. Public Communication (ID # 24-1772) Adriane Brayton and Jess White submitting comments re: item #24-1580, draft Armory Master Plan.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

10.21. Public Communication (ID # 24-1773)

Three residents submitting comments re: West Branch Library.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 10.21-10.23 and place them on file.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor

Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor

Ewen-Campen

10.22. Public Communication (ID # 24-1774)

Cole Rainey-Slavick submitting comments re: item #24-1674, parking for daycare pick-up and drop-off.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 10.21-10.23 and place them on file.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor

Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor

Ewen-Campen

10.23. Public Communication (ID # 24-1776)

Kim Schmahmann and Alyson Schultz submitting comments re: item #24-1711, Cambridge Network Solutions applying for a Grant of Location for 1 Fitchburg Street.

President Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 10.21-10.23 and place them on file.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor

Ewen-Campen

11. LATE ITEMS

11.1. Mayor's Request (ID # **24-1720**)

Requesting the appropriation of \$12,000,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Judgments and Settlements Account to pay additional costs of purchasing the parcel of land known as 90 Washington Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor

Ewen-Campen

11.2. Mayor's Request (ID # **24-1721**)

Requesting the appropriation of \$94,536 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation, Supplemental State Aid Account to the Judgments and Settlements Account to pay additional costs of purchasing the parcel of land known as 90 Washington Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City

Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor

Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor

Ewen-Campen

11.3. Mayor's Request (ID # **24-1722**)

Requesting authorization to borrow \$14,400,000 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount to pay additional costs of purchasing the parcel of land known as 90 Washington Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

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	Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor
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12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:33 PM on a roll call vote of 10 in favor (McLaughlin, Davis, Wilson, Sait, Scott, Mbah, Clingan, Strezo, Pineda Neufeld, Ewen-Campen), 1 opposed (Burnley).