



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## City Council

### Regular Meeting Agenda

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Thursday, June 25, 2026

7:00 PM

City Council Chamber and Remote  
Participation

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#### 1. OPENING CEREMONIES

- 1.1. Roll Call                      Call of the Roll.  
(ID # [26-1128](#))
- 1.2. Remembrances              Remembrances.  
(ID # [26-1124](#))
- 1.3. Minutes                        Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May  
(ID # [26-1125](#))                      28, 2026.
- 1.4. Minutes                        Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of June  
(ID # [26-1126](#))                      4, 2026.

#### 2. CITATIONS

#### 3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 3.1. Grant of Location              Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install  
(ID # [26-1058](#))                      107 feet of conduit in Mt. Vernon Street, from Utility  
Pole 159/7 to a point of pickup at 46 Mt. Vernon Street.

- 3.2. Grant of Location (ID # [26-1059](#)) Verizon New England applying for a Grant of Location to install 159 feet of conduit in Main Street, from manhole 44/320A to a point of pickup at a proposed new handhole next to 5 Main Street.
- 3.3. Grant of Location (ID # [26-1060](#)) Verizon New England applying for a Grant of Location to install 88 feet of conduit in Bow Street and Warren Avenue, from manhole 44/33A to a point of pickup at a proposed new handhole next to 41 Union Square.
- 3.4. Grant of Location (ID # [26-1061](#)) Verizon New England applying for a Grant of Location to install 164 feet of conduit in Somerville Avenue and Craigie Street, from Utility Pole 82/1 to a point of pickup at an existing handhole next to 680 Somerville Avenue.

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

- 4.1. Ordinance (ID # [26-1111](#)) By Councilor Link and Councilor Hardt  
That Chapter 3, Article VIII, Division 1 of the Code of Ordinances be amended as detailed within.
- 4.2. Resolution (ID # [26-1112](#)) By Councilor Link and Councilor Ewen-Campen  
Calling for traffic calming measures in the Prospect Hill neighborhood.
- 4.3. Resolution (ID # [26-1121](#)) By Councilor Link and Councilor Wheeler  
That the Director of the Office of Sustainability and Environment consider measures to reduce heat island effects on and around the grounds of the East Somerville Community School and the Edgerly School, including working with Open Spaces to add trees and green space.
- 4.4. Order (ID # [26-1078](#)) By Councilor Strezo  
That the Director of Parks and Recreation discuss the cost barriers and equity constraints that prevent low-income residents and local youth from accessing Somerville programs, such as public skate time at Veterans Memorial Rink on early school dismissal days.
- 4.5. Resolution (ID # [26-1077](#)) By Councilor Strezo  
That the Administration discuss the City's volunteer policy and its consistency among various city departments.

#### 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 5.1. Public Communication (ID # [26-0287](#)) 26 registered voters requesting a Zoning Text Amendment to amend the Zoning Ordinance sections 3.1.8c, 3.1.9c, 3.1.10c, 3.1.13k, 3.1.13l, 3.2.12l. and 3.2.12m.

## 6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### 6.A. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 6.A.1. Committee Report (ID # [26-1100](#)) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on June 9, 2026.

### 6.B. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 6.B.1. Committee Report (ID # [26-1101](#)) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on June 10, 2026.

### 6.C. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 6.C.1. Committee Report (ID # [26-1102](#)) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on June 15, 2026.

### 6.D. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 6.D.1. Committee Report (ID # [26-1103](#)) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on June 16, 2026.

### 6.E. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 6.E.1. Committee Report (ID # [26-1104](#)) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on June 17, 2026.

### 6.F. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 6.F.1. Committee Report (ID # [26-1107](#)) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on June 23, 2026.

### 6.G. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- 6.G.1. Committee Report (ID # [26-1105](#)) Report of the Committee on Land Use meeting in Joint Session with the Planning Board on June 18, 2026.

### 6.H. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- 6.H.1. Committee Report (ID # [26-1108](#)) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on June 24, 2026.

### 6.I. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

- 6.I.1. Committee Report (ID # [26-1106](#)) Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on June 22, 2026.

**7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

- 7.1. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1118](#)) Requesting that this Council convene in Executive Session to discuss item #26-1112, a request for appropriation to the Law Department Judgments & Settlements Account.
- 7.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1052](#)) Requesting approval to appropriate \$405,000 from the Facilities Construction & Renovation Fund to continue work on boiler controls and natural gas conversion.
- 7.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1054](#)) Requesting approval to appropriate and transfer \$350,000 from the Community Benefits Stabilization Fund to the Immigrant Legal Services Stabilization Fund for continued legal services.
- 7.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1110](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$201,495 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Judgments & Settlements Account for settlement payments relative to the purchase of the Assembly Square Fire Station at 45 Middlesex Avenue.
- 7.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1109](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$120,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Judgments & Settlements Account to settle an employment case.
- 7.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1127](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$78,900 from the Medical Marijuana Stabilization Fund to fund a Jail Diversion Clinician in the Community Outreach, Help and Recovery Unit.
- 7.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1114](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$595,106.69 from the Infrastructure and Asset Management-Capital Projects Engineering & Architecture Account to the Facility Renovation Stabilization Fund for continuing building design services.
- 7.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1051](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$405,000 from the Capital Building Improvements Account to the Facilities Stabilization Fund to continue work on multiple boilers.
- 7.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1117](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$185,357.58 from the Infrastructure and Asset Management-Engineering Capital Outlay Engineering & Architecture Account to the Street Reconstruction Stabilization Fund for continuing street, sidewalk, and pavement condition assessment and design services.

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- 7.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1115](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$117,928 from the Infrastructure and Asset Management-Capital Projects Professional & Technical Account to the Facility Renovation Stabilization Fund for continuing building design services.
- 7.11. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1122](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$74,670.64 from the Infrastructure and Asset Management Capital Outlay Professional & Technical Account to the Facility Renovation Stabilization Fund for continuing asset management program and planning services.
- 7.12. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1116](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$46,889.72 from the Infrastructure and Asset Management-Capital Projects Building Improvements Account to the Facility Renovation Stabilization Fund for continuing building design and construction services.
- 7.13. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1056](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$110,280 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Community Health and Prevention to the Health and Human Services Department for tobacco control and cessation.
- 7.14. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1055](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$50,000 grant with no new match required, from Bloomberg Philanthropies to the Office of Sustainability and Environment for the Youth Climate Action Fund program.
- 7.15. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1075](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$23,040 grant that requires an in-kind match, from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency to the Emergency Management Division for an emergency management software platform.
- 7.16. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1083](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jurett Mooltrey-Weathers to the Affordable Housing Trust.
- 7.17. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1085](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Calli Masters to the Fair Housing Commission.
- 7.18. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1086](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Alexis Washburn to the Climate Action Commission.
- 7.19. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1087](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Corey Donahue to the Climate Action Commission.
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- 7.20. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1088](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Courtney Koslow to the Climate Action Commission.
- 7.21. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1089](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Kenzie Ballard to the Climate Action Commission.
- 7.22. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1091](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Zahra Atti to the Climate Action Commission.
- 7.23. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1092](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Lauren Gunther to the Climate Action Commission.
- 7.24. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1093](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Ritika Philip to the Climate Action Commission.
- 7.25. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1094](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Paxti Martinez to the Climate Action Commission.
- 7.26. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1095](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Larry Yu to the Climate Action Commission.
- 7.27. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1096](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Monte Allen to the Climate Action Commission.
- 7.28. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1097](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Sierra Moll to the Climate Action Commission.
- 7.29. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1098](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Bhavika Kalia to the Climate Action Commission.
- 7.30. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1099](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Rio Hunter Black to the Climate Action Commission.
- 7.31. Mayor's Communication (ID # [26-1123](#)) Conveying a request regarding body-worn cameras.
- 7.32. Withdrawn (ID # [26-0955](#)) Withdrawn.

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

- 8.1. Officer's Communication (ID # [26-1113](#)) City Clerk requesting elimination of the Assistant City Clerk-Vital Records & Licensing position.
- 8.2. Officer's Communication (ID # [26-1120](#)) School Committee Chair conveying the Fiscal Year 2027 School Department budget as approved by the School Committee on June 8, 2026.

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| 8.3.      | Officer's<br>Communication<br>(ID # <a href="#">26-1119</a> ) | City Attorney conveying an update regarding item #26-1025.  |
| 8.4.      | Officer's<br>Communication<br>(ID # <a href="#">26-0971</a> ) | Planning Board conveying recommendations for items #26-0287, #26-0257, #26-0330, #26-0329, #26-0328, #26-0327 and #26-0234.                 |
| 8.5.      | Officer's<br>Communication<br>(ID # <a href="#">26-1090</a> ) | Director of Parking conveying information regarding item #26-1019.  |
| 8.6.      | Officer's<br>Communication<br>(ID # <a href="#">26-1057</a> ) | City Clerk conveying Block Party Licenses issued.   |
| 8.7.      | Withdrawn<br>(ID # <a href="#">26-0947</a> )                  | Withdrawn.  |
| <b>9.</b> | <b>NEW BUSINESS</b>   |   |
| 9.1.      | License<br>(ID # <a href="#">26-1062</a> )                    | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Boston Pipe Lining Company LLC.  |
| 9.2.      | License<br>(ID # <a href="#">26-1063</a> )                    | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Capitol Services LLC.  |
| 9.3.      | License<br>(ID # <a href="#">26-1064</a> )                    | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Doherty Excavating Inc.  |
| 9.4.      | License<br>(ID # <a href="#">26-1065</a> )                    | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Environic Solutions Inc.   |
| 9.5.      | License<br>(ID # <a href="#">26-1066</a> )                    | Renewing Drainlayer's License, New England Style Inc.   |
| 9.6.      | License<br>(ID # <a href="#">26-1067</a> )                    | Renewing Drainlayer's License, The Welch Corp.  |
| 9.7.      | License<br>(ID # <a href="#">26-1068</a> )                    | New Extended Operating Hours License, Wings Over Somerville, 519 Somerville Avenue, for in-store, take-out, and delivery service until 2am. |
| 9.8.      | License<br>(ID # <a href="#">26-1069</a> )                    | Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Falafel Place, 1 Main Street.  |
| 9.9.      | License<br>(ID # <a href="#">26-1070</a> )                    | Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Martha Lee Trust, 147 Highland Avenue.  |

- 9.10. Public Event  
(ID # [26-1071](#)) Mayor's Office applying for a Public Event License for Disability Pride Flag Celebration on July 9 from 3pm to 5:30pm (raindate July 16).
- 9.11. Public Event  
(ID # [26-1074](#)) Somerville Chamber of Commerce applying for a Public Event License for Somerville World Cup Viewing Party: Union Square on July 19 from 11am to 8:30pm.
- 9.12. Public Event  
(ID # [26-1073](#)) OpenAir Circus applying for a Public Event License for OpenAir Circus on July 31, August 1, and August 2 for various times.
- 9.13. Public Event  
(ID # [26-1072](#)) Somerville Garden Club applying for a Public Event License for Somerville Garden Club Plant Sale on September 20 from 8am to 5pm.
- 9.14. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [26-1076](#)) 18 individuals, including 17 residents submitting comments re: Fiscal Year 2027 budget items.
- 9.15. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [26-1079](#)) Jodi Nemser-Abrahams and Lisa Shatz submitting comments re: item #26-1203, that Chapter 2, Article VIII, Division 1 of the Code of Ordinances be amended as detailed within.
- 9.16. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [26-1080](#)) Nick Asermelly submitting comments re: item #26-0327, a Zoning Text Amendment to amend Section 15.7.2.d Zoning Board of Appeals Board Rules.
- 9.17. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [26-1081](#)) Crystal Huff and Toni Antonino submitting comments re: 1 McGrath Highway.
- 9.18. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [26-1082](#)) Helen Levich submitting comments re: body-worn cameras.
- 9.19. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [26-1084](#)) Michael Lenotto submitting comments re: item #26-0650, the draft Combined Sewer Overflow Plan.

**10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS****11. ADJOURNMENT**