



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## City Council

### Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 25, 2026

7:00 PM

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#### 1. OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis.

The City Council entered recess at 7:28 PM and returned at 7:30 PM

The City Council entered Executive Session at 9:01 PM

The City Council returned to Regular Meeting Session at 9:32 PM

- 1.1. Roll Call                      Call of the Roll.  
(ID # [26-1128](#))

**RESULT:**     PLACED ON FILE

**Present:**     Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen  
City Councilor At Large Jon Link  
Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott  
Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan  
City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo  
Ward Five City Councilor Naima Sait  
City Councilor At Large Ben Wheeler  
Ward Seven City Councilor Emily Hardt  
Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin  
City Councilor At Large Wilfred N. Mbah  
Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis

- 1.2. Remembrances            Remembrances.  
(ID # [26-1124](#))

Councilor Sait requested a moment of silence in memory of Eleanor “Ellie” Blute.  
Councilor Clingan requested a moment of silence in memory of Daniel “Danny” Ryan.  
Councilor Clingan requested a moment of silence in memory of Alisha Miller

**RESULT:**     APPROVED

- 1.3. Minutes                      Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 28, 2026.  
(ID # [26-1125](#))

**RESULT:**     APPROVED

- 1.4. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 4, 2026.  
(ID # [26-1126](#))

**RESULT: APPROVED**

## 2. CITATIONS

## 3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 3.2. Grant of Location Verizon New England applying for a Grant of Location to install 159 feet of  
(ID # [26-1059](#)) conduit in Main Street, from manhole 44/320A to a point of pickup at a proposed new handhole next to 5 Main Street.

Alexander Marreao, representing Verizon New England, 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**

- 3.3. Grant of Location Verizon New England applying for a Grant of Location to install 88 feet of  
(ID # [26-1060](#)) 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.

Alexander Marrero, representing Verizon New England, 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**

- 3.4. Grant of Location Verizon New England applying for a Grant of Location to install 164 feet of  
(ID # [26-1061](#)) 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.

Alexander Marrero, representing Verizon New England, 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**

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

- 4.1. Ordinance (ID # [26-1111](#))
- By Councilor Link, Councilor Hardt, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Mbah and Councilor Sait  
That Chapter 3, Article VIII, Division 1 of the Code of Ordinances be amended as detailed within.
- Councilor Link explained that the proposed ordinance targets "mills" by banning the retail sale of exotic birds, fish, and other animals in pet stores. He clarified that the ordinance would not affect pet adoptions from rescues or direct sales from breeders in non-retail settings.
- To support the bill, Link introduced Bethany DeZolt, Advocacy and Community Engagement Coordinator for the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty of Animals-Angell. DeZolt highlighted the cruel conditions of profit-driven breeding facilities and noted that 17 Massachusetts municipalities have already passed similar legislation requiring pet stores to partner with shelters or rescues. She urged the City Council to pass the ordinance.
- RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee
- 4.2. Resolution (ID # [26-1112](#))
- By Councilor Link, Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Mbah  
Calling for traffic calming measures in the Prospect Hill neighborhood.
- Councilor Link commented that the Prospect Hill area has experienced numerous traffic accidents, prompting neighbors to collect signatures requesting that a traffic study of that area be conducted. Councilor Ewen-Campen noted that this neighborhood is used as a major traffic cut-through at rush hours and he suggested that clear corners for visibility is needed.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee
- 4.3. Resolution (ID # [26-1121](#))
- By Councilor Link, Councilor Wheeler, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Sait, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Hardt  
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.
- Councilor Link reported that he received an email from a class at the East Somerville Community School and he feels that this is an opportunity for the Office of Sustainability and Environment to interact with students on the matter.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
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4.4. Order  
(ID # [26-1078](#))

By Councilor Strezo, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Hardt, Councilor Link, Councilor Mbah, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Sait, Councilor Scott and Councilor Wheeler

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.

Councilor Strezo spoke about the cost of skating sessions at the rink and sponsored Annette McKee, former president of the Somerville Youth Hockey Association, to speak on the item. Ms. McKee pointed out that the rink is well built and maintained and that as a state-owned rink, the operator, FMC Ice Sports, is required to offer public skate time. Ms. McKee feels that the early release Wednesdays are a good time for the city's youth to utilize the rink but feels that the \$5 entry fee, along with the \$10 charge for skate rentals, is a significant cost for families. She noted that the number of participants at those times only increased by 5 skaters, which she contributes to the cost of the sessions or the public's lack of knowing about this opportunity to give the community a full range of recreation options. Councilor Clingan expressed his desire for the administration to attempt to broker some sort of deal with the operator. Mayor Wilson said the city pursuing request for proposals for use of the Founders Rink.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing, Community Development and Equity Committee

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.

Councilor Strezo commented that the policy for volunteering in the Recreation Department is not consistent with the policies of other city departments and she would like to have the matter discussed in committee.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing, Community Development and Equity Committee

## 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.

Councilor Ewen-Campen noted that this item had previously been laid on the table pending a recommendation from the Planning Board. He stated that the Planning Board's recommendation appears on the current agenda as Item 26-0971 and requested that the Council approve the amendment at tonight's meeting.

**RESULT:** **ORDINANCE ORDAINED**

**AYE:** Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

## 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.

Discussed with items #26-1101, #26-1102, #26-1103, #26-1104, #26-1107.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

### 6.B. FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

Discussed with items #26-1100, #26-1102, #26-1103, #26-1104, #26-1107.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

### 6.C. FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

Discussed with items #26-1100, #26-1101, #26-1103, #26-1104, #26-1107.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

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- 6.C.2. Order (ID # [26-0979](#)) By Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Hardt, Councilor Link, Councilor Mbah, Councilor Sait, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wheeler That the Director of Health and Human Services update this Council on recent changes for Requests For Proposals for youth programming grants, particularly grants that impact Teen Empowerment directly.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.D. FINANCE COMMITTEE
- 6.D.1. Committee Report (ID # [26-1103](#)) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on June 16, 2026.
- Discussed with items #26-1100, #26-1101, #26-1102, #26-1104, #26-1107.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 6.D.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0744](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$222,502 grant that requires a match, from the Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization to the Mobility Division for Blue Bikes State of Good Repair project.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 6.D.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0853](#)) Requesting approval of a time-only contract extension until 12/31/2028 for the contract with Symmes Maini & McKee for Owners Project Manager Services for Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Capital Projects.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 6.D.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0868](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$2,500 using available funds in the Parks & Recreation Department Professional Services Account for removal and storage of floating docks at the Blessing of the Bay boathouse.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 6.D.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0869](#)) Requesting approval of a time-only contract extension until 9/5/2028 for the contract with Stantec Consulting Services Inc. for the Mystic River Outfall Sewer Separation design project.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 6.D.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0871](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$2,500 from the Planning, Preservation and Zoning Salaries Account to the Public Space and Urban Forestry Salaries Account to cover a year-end budget deficit.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
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- 6.D.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0872](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$100,000 from the Public Space and Urban Forestry Capital Account to the Street Tree Stabilization Fund for additional Fiscal Year 2027 tree planting and maintenance.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 6.D.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0874](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$127,358 from various Office of Housing Stability Ordinary Maintenance Accounts to the Housing Assistance Stabilization Fund for housing assistance programs.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 6.D.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0875](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$2,403.70 from the Planning, Preservation and Zoning Salaries Account to the Department of Public Works Highway Overtime Account for the Davis Square Activation project.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 6.D.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0876](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$58,642 grant that requires a match, from Metro North Regional Employment Board to the Health and Human Services Department for the YouthWorks Summer Program.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 6.D.11. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0877](#)) Requesting approval to increase the Somertime Revolving Account Expenditure Limit for Fiscal Year 2026.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 6.D.12. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0879](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$500,000 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to the Mobility Division for the Western Pearl Street construction project.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 6.D.13. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0881](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$4,966.16 from various Council on Aging Ordinary Maintenance Accounts and the Health and Human Services Salaries Account to various Council on Aging Personal Services Account to cover an expected year-end deficit.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 6.D.14. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0885](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$125,000 from the Department of Public Works Administration Salaries Account to the Snow Removal Account to cover expenses from the Fiscal Year 2026 winter weather season.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
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6.D.15.Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0893](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$455,000 from the Department of Public Works Highway Wages Account to the Snow Removal Account to cover expenses from the Fiscal Year 2026 winter weather season.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.D.16.Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0896](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$110,000 from the Department of Public Works Buildings Wages Account to the Snow Removal Account to cover expenses from the Fiscal Year 2026 winter weather season.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.D.17.Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0897](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$150,000 from the Department of Public Works Grounds Wages Account to the Snow Removal Account to cover expenses from the Fiscal Year 2026 winter weather season.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.D.18.Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0898](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$300,000 from the Department of Public Works Custodial Salaries Account to the Snow Removal Account to cover expenses from the Fiscal Year 2026 winter weather season.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.D.19.Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0899](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$300,000 from the Department of Public Works Sanitation Recycling Account to the Snow Removal Account to cover expenses from the Fiscal Year 2026 winter weather season.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.D.20.Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0903](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$400,000 from the Department of Public Works Sanitation Rubbish Removal Account to the Snow Removal Account to cover expenses from the Fiscal Year 2026 winter weather season.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.D.21.Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0920](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$250,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Unemployment Compensation Account to remediate a year-end deficit.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.D.22. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [26-0922](#))

Requesting the appropriation of \$1,624,494 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Department of Public Works Snow Removal Account to reduce a year-end deficit.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**AYE:** Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

6.D.23. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [26-0948](#))

Requesting the approval of the expenditure limitations for departmental Revolving Funds for Fiscal Year 2027.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

6.D.24. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [26-0949](#))

Requesting approval to increase the Special Event Revolving Fund Expenditure Limit for FY 2026.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

6.D.25. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [26-0968](#))

Requesting the appropriation or reserve of \$8,367,344 in estimated Fiscal Year 2027 Community Preservation Act (CPA) revenue for CPA projects and expenses.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

6.D.26. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [26-0977](#))

Requesting approval to execute the Fifth Amendment to the lease agreement with Dana Family Series, LLC, for the Grove Street parking lot, through June 30, 2027.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**AYE:** Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

6.D.27. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [26-0998](#))

Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$41,257.05 using available funds in various Department of Public Works accounts for various services.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

6.D.28. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1001](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$144,235 from the Opioid Recovery and Remediation Stabilization Fund to support various projects related to opioid initiatives.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**AYE:** Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin

6.D.29. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1009](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$18,850 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Judgments & Settlements Account for closing costs relative to the purchase of the Assembly Square Fire Station Condominium Unit at 45 Middlesex Avenue.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

6.D.30. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1010](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$360,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Judgments & Settlements Account for settlement payments relative to the lease between BRE-BMR, Middlesex LLC and the City of Somerville for the Assembly Square Fire Station at 45 Middlesex Avenue.

This item was placed before the City Council and placed on file.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

6.D.31. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1014](#)) Requesting approval to repurpose and appropriate \$45,000 from the COVID-19 Stabilization fund to continue the Playworks Program at the Winter Hill Community School for the 2026-2027 School Year.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**AYE:** Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin

6.D.32. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [26-1017](#))

Requesting the appropriation of \$196,086 from the Salary & Wage Stabilization Fund to various departmental Other Lump Sum Payment Accounts to fund a collective bargaining agreement with Somerville Municipal Employees Union, Unit D.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**AYE:** Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin

6.D.33. Order  
(ID # [26-1025](#))

By Councilor Scott

That the City Attorney advise this Council on the Mayor's compliance with Section 6-4 of the Somerville Charter as it relates to the submission of the Fiscal Year 2027 budget, particularly "the school budget, as adopted by the school committee".

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

6.D.34. Order  
(ID # [26-1026](#))

By Councilor Scott

That the City Clerk inform this Council as to the final status of item #25-0905, a unanimous vote in favor of adopting Chapter 329 of the Acts of 1987 on May 22, 2025.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

6.D.35. Mayor's  
Communication  
(ID # [26-1035](#))

Conveying information regarding changes in positions in the Fiscal Year 2027 budget.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

6.E. FINANCE COMMITTEE

6.E.1. Committee Report  
(ID # [26-1104](#))

Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on June 17, 2026.

Discussed with items #26-1100, #26-1101, #26-1102, #26-1103, #26-1107.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

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.

Discussed with items #26-1100, #26-1101, #26-1102, #26-1103, #26-1104. Councilor Wheeler moved that all financial items be reconsidered in the hopes that reconsideration fails. A roll call vote was taken with 0 Councilors in favor, 11 opposed (Councilors Ewen- Campen, Link, Scott, Clingan, Strezo, Sait, Wheeler, Hardt, McLaughlin, Mbah, Davis).

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

6.F.2. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [26-0950](#))

Requesting the appropriation of \$376,778,493 to fund the Fiscal Year 2027 General Fund Operating Budget.

Council Wheeler noted that the updated budget has been submitted as item 26-1151, and requested that this item be severed from the committee report and placed on file. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

**AYE:** Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

6.F.3. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [26-0951](#))

Requesting the appropriation of \$39,633,688 to fund the Fiscal Year 2027 Sewer Enterprise Fund budget.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

6.F.4. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [26-0952](#))

Requesting the appropriation of \$24,672,499 to fund the Fiscal Year 2027 Water Enterprise Fund budget.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

- 6.F.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0953](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$794,782 to fund the Fiscal Year 2027 Kennedy School Pool Enterprise Fund budget.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

- 6.F.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0954](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$237,500 to fund the Fiscal Year 2027 Dilboy Fields Enterprise Fund Budget.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

- 6.F.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0961](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$1,676,728 from the Salary Contingency Account-Salaries to the Salary & Wage Stabilization Fund.

This item was placed before the City Council and approved.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

- 6.F.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0962](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$16,000,000 from the Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings Account to the Sewer Capital Stabilization Fund.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**AYE:** Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

- 6.F.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0963](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$2,000,000 from the Water Enterprise Retained Earnings Account to the Water Capital Stabilization Fund.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**AYE:** Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

- 6.F.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0965](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$7,150,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Street Reconstruction and Renovation Stabilization Fund to support the 5-Year Capital Investment Plan.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**AYE:** Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

- 6.F.11. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0966](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$1,000,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Salary & Wage Stabilization Fund.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**AYE:** Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

6.F.12. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0967](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$1,200,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Fund.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**AYE:** Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

6.F.13. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0969](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$86,200 from the Dilboy Fields Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings Account to subsidize the Fiscal Year 2027 Dilboy Fields Enterprise Fund Budget.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**AYE:** Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

6.F.14. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0970](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$238,791 from the Kennedy School Pool Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings to support the Fiscal Year 2027 Kennedy School Pool Enterprise Fund Budget.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**AYE:** Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

- 6.F.15. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1008](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$200,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Compensated Absence Liability Fund.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**AYE:** Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

- 6.F.16. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1015](#)) Requesting approval to appropriate and transfer \$1,000,000 from the Community Benefits Stabilization Fund to the Housing Assistance Stabilization Fund for housing assistance.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**AYE:** Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin

- 6.F.17. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1016](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$549,399 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Traffic Safety Stabilization Fund for traffic safety improvements.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**AYE:** Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

- 6.F.18. Resolution (ID # [26-1137](#)) By Councilor Strezo That the collective salaries of Licensing Commissioners be increased to \$15,180 with the Chair receiving \$5,180 and Licensing Commissioners 2 and 3 receiving \$5,000 each annually.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**AYE:** Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

6.F.19. Resolution  
(ID # [26-1138](#))

By Councilor Link

That the Administration add \$400,000 in funding for Youth Development Services grants so that Teen Empowerment may have full funding.

**RESULT:** WITHDRAWN

**AYE:** Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

6.F.20. Resolution  
(ID # [26-1132](#))

By Councilor Strezo

That the funding for the previously cut Home Visitor position within the SomerBaby Program be reinstated through Health and Human Services and be inclusive of postpartum care.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**AYE:** Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

6.F.21. Resolution  
(ID # [26-1133](#))

By Councilor Strezo

That the Administration allocate \$20,000 to provide additional out-of-school-time programming for teens on early-release Wednesdays.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**AYE:** Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

6.F.22. Resolution  
(ID # [26-1134](#))

By Councilor Link

That the crossing guards receive a 10% raise in Fiscal Year 2027 budget.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**AYE:** Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

6.F.23. Resolution  
(ID # [26-1135](#))

By Councilor Mbah

That the Administration restore the funding for the cut positions in the Racial and Social Justice Department and restore funding towards the mission of the department.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**AYE:** Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

6.F.24. Resolution  
(ID # [26-1136](#))

By Councilor Mbah

That the Administration utilize the Small Business Stabilization Fund in Fiscal Year 2027 to infuse spending to local small businesses and educate them on how to use these funds.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**AYE:** Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

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.

Councilor Ewen-Campen summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that 2 public hearings were held, the first regarding locations of

homeless shelters and the second regarding the Urban Center Housing Tax Increment Financing map.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.G.2. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [26-0257](#))

Union 2 Associates, LLC requesting a Zoning Map Amendment to change the zoning district of 2 and 9 Union Square, 286, 290, and 298 Somerville Avenue from Commercial Core 5 (CC5) to Mid-Rise 6 (MR6).

**RESULT: WITHDRAWN**

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.

Councilor Hardt summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that neighborhood concerns regarding an Eversource Grant of Location were discussed. The committee recommended that the 3 Grants of Location for Eversource, currently before the committee, be approved.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.H.2. Grant of Location (ID # [26-0750](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 10 feet of conduit in Hudson Street, from Utility Pole 202/9 to a proposed new handhole next to 135 Hudson Street.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.H.3. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [26-0864](#))

John Henderson submitting comments re: item #26-0750, a Grant of Location to install 10 feet of conduit next to 135 Hudson Street.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.H.4. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [26-0910](#))

Diane Covino submitting comments re: item #26-0750, a Grant of Location to install 10 feet of conduit next to 135 Hudson Street.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.H.5. Grant of Location (ID # [26-0980](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 31 feet of conduit in Richardson Street, from Utility Pole 296/1 to a point of pickup at 0 Richardson Street.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.H.6. Grant of Location (ID # [26-0981](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 641 feet of conduit in Somerville Avenue and Prospect Street, and one new Manhole 31333, from existing Manhole 27921 and from existing Manhole 25406 to a point of pickup at 51 Prospect Street.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

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.

Councilor Sait summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that the committee discussed urban neighborways, directed traffic patrols, the use of colored lane markings for bus and bike lanes, crosswalk visibility, speed bumps, raised intersections and increase traffic enforcement to ensure compliance with the one-way traffic direction signage.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.I.2. Resolution (ID # [26-0124](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Scott That the Director of Mobility implement colored lane markings for bus and bike lanes on Prospect Street between Webster Avenue and Somerville Avenue.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.I.3. Resolution (ID # [26-0614](#)) By Councilor Link and Councilor Scott That the Director of Mobility add the intersection of Durham and Hanson Street to the list of crosswalks that require daylighting improvements to enhance visibility and pedestrian safety.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.I.4. Resolution (ID # [26-0806](#)) By Councilor Sait That the Director of Mobility install a speed bump on Vernon Street.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.I.5. Resolution (ID # [26-0822](#)) By Councilor Mbah and Councilor Hardt That the Director of Mobility install speed bumps on Elmwood Street and assess whether closing the street to non-residents during rush hours would be possible and useful to reduce the cut-through traffic to and from Cameron Avenue.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.I.6. Resolution (ID # [26-0837](#)) By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Director of Mobility use urban Neighborways art on Perkins Street, in front of the playground, to increase pedestrian safety.  
**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.I.7. Resolution (ID # [26-0840](#)) By Councilor Link and Councilor Ewen-Campen  
That the Director of Mobility evaluate the feasibility of implementing a raised intersection or crosswalk at the intersection of Columbus Avenue, Prospect Hill Parkway, and Stone Avenue, and report findings to the City Council.  
**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.I.8. Resolution (ID # [26-1012](#)) By Councilor Hardt  
That the Chief of Police increase traffic enforcement in Teele Square, especially focusing on the lights and crosswalks between Broadway and Holland Street, and especially in the morning when students and families are walking to school.  
**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.I.9. Resolution (ID # [26-1021](#)) By Councilor Hardt  
That the Director of Mobility install additional signage and the Chief of Police increase enforcement to ensure compliance with the one-way traffic direction on Whitfield Road.  
**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**
- 7.1. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1118](#)) Requesting that this Council convene in Executive Session to discuss item #26-1109, a request for appropriation to the Law Department Judgments & Settlements Account.  
The Council voted to enter into Executive Session to discuss this matter after being advised by City Solicitor Amara that the item to be discussed meets the criteria set forth in the MA Open Meeting Law.  
The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:57 PM and the members moved into Executive Session. The regular meeting was reconvened at 9:32 PM. President Davis announced that no votes were taken in Executive Session, other than the vote to adjourn.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**

**AYE:** Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

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.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings of items 7.2 through 7.4 and 7.6 through 7.15 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

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.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings of items 7.2 through 7.4 and 7.6 through 7.15 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

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.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings of items 7.2 through 7.4 and 7.6 through 7.15 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

- 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.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 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.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings of items 7.2 through 7.4 and 7.6 through 7.15 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

- 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.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings of items 7.2 through 7.4 and 7.6 through 7.15 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

- 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.
- Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings of items 7.2 through 7.4 and 7.6 through 7.15 and approve them this evening.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- AYE:** Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis
- 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.
- Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings of items 7.2 through 7.4 and 7.6 through 7.15 and approve them this evening.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- AYE:** Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis
- 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.
- Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings of items 7.2 through 7.4 and 7.6 through 7.15 and approve them this evening.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- AYE:** Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

- 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.
- Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings of items 7.2 through 7.4 and 7.6 through 7.15 and approve them this evening.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- AYE:** Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis
- 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.
- Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings of items 7.2 through 7.4 and 7.6 through 7.15 and approve them this evening.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- AYE:** Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis
- 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.
- Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings of items 7.2 through 7.4 and 7.6 through 7.15 and approve them this evening.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- AYE:** Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

- 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.
- Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings of items 7.2 through 7.4 and 7.6 through 7.15 and approve them this evening.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- AYE:** Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis
- 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.
- Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings of items 7.2 through 7.4 and 7.6 through 7.15 and approve them this evening.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- AYE:** Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis
- 7.16. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1083](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jurett Mooltrey-Weathers to the Affordable Housing Trust.
- RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
- FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee
- 7.17. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1085](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Calli Masters to the Fair Housing Commission.
- RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
- FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

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- 7.18. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1086](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Alexis Washburn to the Climate Action Commission.
- Councilor Mbah moved to waive the readings of items 7.18 through 7.30 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.
- RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee
- 7.19. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1087](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Corey Donahue to the Climate Action Commission.
- Councilor Mbah moved to waive the readings of items 7.18 through 7.30 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.
- RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee
- 7.20. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1088](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Courtney Koslow to the Climate Action Commission.
- Councilor Mbah moved to waive the readings of items 7.18 through 7.30 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.
- RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee
- 7.21. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1089](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Kenzie Ballard to the Climate Action Commission.
- Councilor Mbah moved to waive the readings of items 7.18 through 7.30 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.
- RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee
- 7.22. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1091](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Zahra Atti to the Climate Action Commission.
- Councilor Mbah moved to waive the readings of items 7.18 through 7.30
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and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

7.23. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [26-1092](#))

Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Lauren Gunther to the Climate Action Commission.

Councilor Mbah moved to waive the readings of items 7.18 through 7.30 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

7.24. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [26-1093](#))

Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Ritika Philip to the Climate Action Commission.

Councilor Mbah moved to waive the readings of items 7.18 through 7.30 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

7.25. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [26-1094](#))

Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Paxti Martinez to the Climate Action Commission.

Councilor Mbah moved to waive the readings of items 7.18 through 7.30 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

7.26. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [26-1095](#))

Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Larry Yu to the Climate Action Commission.

Councilor Mbah moved to waive the readings of items 7.18 through 7.30 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

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**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

7.27. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [26-1096](#))

Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Monte Allen to the Climate Action Commission.

Councilor Mbah moved to waive the readings of items 7.18 through 7.30 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

7.28. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [26-1097](#))

Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Sierra Moll to the Climate Action Commission.

Councilor Mbah moved to waive the readings of items 7.18 through 7.30 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

7.29. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [26-1098](#))

Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Bhavika Kalia to the Climate Action Commission.

Councilor Mbah moved to waive the readings of items 7.18 through 7.30 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

7.30. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [26-1099](#))

Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Rio Hunter Black to the Climate Action Commission.

Councilor Mbah moved to waive the readings of items 7.18 through 7.30 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

- 7.31. Mayor's  
Communication  
(ID # [26-1123](#))

Conveying a request regarding body-worn cameras.

Mayor Wilson addressed the Council saying that the Administration will collaborate with the Council to move forward with implementation of body-worn cameras, adding that he would be happy to call a Special Meeting of the City Council in July to facilitate a public hearing and any additional deliberation needed on the items.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

- 7.32. Withdrawn  
(ID # [26-0955](#))

Withdrawn.

**RESULT: 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.

City Clerk Henderson explained that, after careful consideration, the position was removed due to budget constraints. President Davis explained that Council Strezo approval was necessary to legally remove the position because of a state statute. Councilor Hardt expressed her appreciation the person who served in that position.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 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.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

- 8.3. Officer's  
Communication  
(ID # [26-1119](#))

City Attorney conveying an update regarding item #26-1025.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

- 8.4. Officer's  
Communication  
(ID # [26-0971](#))

Planning Board conveying recommendations for items #26-0287, #26-0257, #26-0330, #26-0329, #26-0328, #26-0327 and #26-0234.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

- 8.5. Officer's Communication (ID # [26-1090](#)) Director of Parking conveying information regarding item #26-1019.
- RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee
- 8.6. Officer's Communication (ID # [26-1057](#)) City Clerk conveying Block Party Licenses issued.
- RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE
- 8.7. Withdrawn (ID # [26-0947](#)) Withdrawn.
- RESULT:** WITHDRAWN
- 9. NEW BUSINESS**
- 9.1. License (ID # [26-1062](#)) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Boston Pipe Lining Company LLC.
- Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.6 and 9.8 through 9.13 and approve them this evening.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- 9.2. License (ID # [26-1063](#)) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Capitol Services LLC.
- Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.6 and 9.8 through 9.13 and approve them this evening.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- 9.3. License (ID # [26-1064](#)) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Doherty Excavating Inc.
- Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.6 and 9.8 through 9.13 and approve them this evening.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- 9.4. License (ID # [26-1065](#)) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Environic Solutions Inc.
- Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.6 and

9.8 through 9.13 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

- 9.5. License  
(ID # [26-1066](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, New England Style Inc.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.6 and 9.8 through 9.13 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

- 9.6. License  
(ID # [26-1067](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, The Welch Corp.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.6 and 9.8 through 9.13 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

- 9.7. License  
(ID # [26-1068](#))

New Extended Operating Hours License, Wings Over Somerville, 519 Somerville Avenue, for in-store, take-out, and delivery service until 2am.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

- 9.8. License  
(ID # [26-1069](#))

Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Falafel Place, 1 Main Street.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.6 and 9.8 through 9.13 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

- 9.9. License  
(ID # [26-1070](#))

Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Martha Lee Trust, 147 Highland Avenue.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.6 and 9.8 through 9.13 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

- 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).

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.6 and 9.8 through 9.13 and approve them this evening.

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**RESULT: APPROVED**

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.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.6 and 9.8 through 9.13 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

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.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.6 and 9.8 through 9.13 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

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.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.6 and 9.8 through 9.13 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.14. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [26-1076](#))

18 individuals, including 17 residents submitting comments re: Fiscal Year 2027 budget items.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

9.15. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [26-1079](#))

Jodi Nemser-Abrahams and Lisa Shatz submitting comments re: item #26-1023, that Chapter 2, Article VIII, Division 1 of the Code of Ordinances be amended as detailed within.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

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.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

- 9.17. Public Communication (ID # [26-1081](#)) Crystal Huff and Toni Antonino submitting comments re: I McGrath Highway.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

- 9.18. Public Communication (ID # [26-1082](#)) Helen Levich submitting comments re: body-worn cameras.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

- 9.19. Public Communication (ID # [26-1084](#)) Michael Lenotto submitting comments re: item #26-0650, the draft Combined Sewer Overflow Plan.

Councilor Clingan commented that the authors of this item will present their plan at the June 29th Sustainability and Infrastructure Committee meeting.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

**FOLLOWUP:** Sustainability and Infrastructure Committee

## 10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 10.1. Citation (ID # [26-1141](#)) By Councilor McLaughlin Commending Regina Bertholdo on the auspicious occasion of her retirement.

Councilor McLaughlin presented the citation to Ms. Bertholdo and spoke about her service and commitment to the people of Somerville. Ms. Bertholdo said that she began working in the city in the 1990's and she thanked past and present school guidance counselors, mayors, City Councilors and the many city departments who she interacted with. Councilors Mbah, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, along with Mayor Wilson thanked Ms. Bertholdo for her untiring work to help make Somerville a welcoming community.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

- 10.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1151](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$376,778,493 to fund the Fiscal Year 2027 General Fund Operating Budget.

Budget Director Mike Mastrobuoni explained that this item corrects errors to funding allocations, not operations, in the original budget submission (#26-0950). The amended Fiscal Year 2027 budget proposal of \$394,172,946 (Municipal Appropriations totaling \$376,778,493) is unchanged from the original submission at the bottom line.

Councilor Scott stated that the Council performed its duty of financial oversight, however he does not agree with the cuts to city staff, the denial of the extra special education sports and interventionist, nor raises for the Somerville Police Department, since these actions do not meet the moment. Councilor Strezo had concerns about School Department budget, therefore President Davis recused himself for this part of the discussion and Councilor Mbah assumed the Chair. Councilor Strezo referenced a letter written by Sam Steiner and said that she will not be voting in favor of the Fiscal Year 2027 budget. Councilor Hardt commented that she looks forward to the Fiscal Year 2028 budget with the hope that the needs of the School Department may be realized. Councilor Scott clarified that the only option the City Council has to try and meet the needs of the School Department in the Fiscal Year 2027 budget is to reject the budget and send it back to the mayor.

Councilor Davis assumed the Chair.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**AYE:** Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**NAY:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott, and City Councilor At Large Strezo

10.3. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [26-1129](#))

Requesting the approval of a transfer of \$76.96 from the Department of Veterans Services Professional & Technical Services Account to the Overtime Account to cover an expected year-end deficit.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

10.4. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [26-1130](#))

Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$14,974.64 grant with no match required, from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to the Health and Human Services Department for Local Public Health Funding for FIFA 2026 World Cup Community Events.

Director of Health and Human Services Karen Carroll explained that this was a late grant award and that the funds will be used for FIFA activities.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

10.5. Public Event  
(ID # [26-1131](#))

Somerville Chamber of Commerce applying for a Public Event License for Somerville Watch Party on July 7 from 10am to 10pm.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

- 10.6. Public Communication (ID # [26-1139](#)) Alex Thang Nguyen submitting comments re: item #26-0257, requesting a Zoning Map Amendment to change the zoning district of 2 and 9 Union Square, 286, 290, and 298 Somerville Avenue from Commercial Core 5 (CC5) to Mid-Rise 6 (MR6).

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

- 10.7. Public Communication (ID # [26-1140](#)) Alex Pickert submitting comments re: Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority red line closure.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:05 PM.