



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

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**Wednesday, July 1, 2026**

**6:30 PM**

**Virtual**

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This meeting was held via Zoom and was called to order by Chair McLaughlin at 6:33 pm and adjourned at 8:58 pm on a roll call vote of 2 in favor (Councilors Clingan and McLaughlin), 0 opposed, and 1 absent (Councilor Strezo).

Also present: James Donovan — Somerville Police Department Deputy Chief, Amanda Nagim-Williams — Director of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA), Denise Taylor — Director of Communications and Public Engagement, Sean Tierney — Assistant Fire Chief, Brad Rawson — Director of Mobility, Office of Strategic Planning & Community Development (OSPCD), Anne Gill — Director of Human Resources, Salvy Cicero — Crossing Guard Supervisor, Michael Holland — Somerville Police Lieutenant, Karin Carroll — Director of Health and Human Services, Jon Hillman — Public Safety for All Project Manager and Delaney Fisher-Cassiol — Clerk of Committees

**Roll Call**

**Present:** Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan and Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin

**Absent:** City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Public Health and Public Safety Committee Meeting of October 30, 2025. [25-1709](#)

Accepted

**Aye:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin

**Absent:** City Councilor At Large Strezo

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Rodent Issues Special Committee Meeting of December 1, 2025. [25-1855](#)

Accepted

**Aye:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin

**Absent:** City Councilor At Large Strezo

3. That the Chief of Police report to this Council on the response to the [26-1018](#)

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recent upsurge in drug use and other drug-related activity in public spaces in and around Davis Square, including in Hodgkins-Curtin park.

**Sponsors:** Councilor Hardt and Councilor Mbah

Recommended to be marked work completed

4. That the Administration address the ongoing public health and safety concerns at the Broadway Salvation Army site. [26-0972](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Sait, Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Mbah

Recommended to be marked work completed

5. That the Chief of Police provide documentation in writing regarding the circumstances surrounding cyclist traffic enforcement in Union Square on the morning of May 28. [26-0944](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Scott

Recommended to be marked work completed

6. Christopher Rosol submitting comments re: off leash dogs. [26-0914](#)

Kept in committee

7. That the Chief Information Officer provide this Council with a summary report on the current accessibility status of city-operated digital properties including websites, platforms, and portals, and share any plans to ensure new properties comply with Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) using principles like "accessibility-first design." [26-0838](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Link and Councilor Clingan

Recommended to be marked work completed

8. That the Administration submit a written report to this Council regarding the timeline and process for staffing the Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Coordinator role and update this Council on the plan to process ADA complaints and accessibility coordination when this position is vacant. [26-0825](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Strezo and Councilor Clingan

Recommended to be marked work completed

9. That the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator submit a written report to this City Council regarding the timeline for ADA Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 under Title II, and the plan for its completion. [26-0824](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Strezo and Councilor Clingan

Recommended to be marked work completed

10. That the Commissioner of Public Works invest in trash barrels with latches to address rodent issues. [26-0708](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Wheeler and Councilor Hardt  
Kept in committee

11. That the Administration update this Council on the ordering and maintenance of firefighter equipment such as fire engines, ladder trucks and all other fire apparatus. [26-0647](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor McLaughlin  
Recommended to be marked work completed

12. Gilman Square Neighborhood Council submitting comments re: McGrath Boulevard. [26-0493](#)

Kept in committee

13. Conveying Public Safety for All findings and current initiatives. [26-0348](#)

Recommended to be marked work completed

14. That the Director of Racial and Social Justice provide an update to this Council on the status of the Police Civilian Oversight Committee. [26-0243](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Link, Councilor Mbah and Councilor Scott  
Recommended to be marked work completed

15. That the City Council calls for an end to period poverty, and an end to barriers making it difficult for residents to be able to afford menstrual products in Somerville. [26-0125](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Strezo, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Link, Councilor Mbah, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Sait and Councilor Wheeler  
Recommended to be marked work completed

16. That the Commissioner of Public Works install privacy film and replace the shades of the women's bathroom on the second floor of City Hall. [26-0108](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Strezo  
Recommended to be marked work completed

17. That the Administration provide monthly updates to the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety on progress towards addressing [26-0106](#)

homelessness in Somerville.

**Sponsors:** Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Davis

Kept in committee

18. That the Director of Health and Human Services immediately install menstrual product dispensers on each floor of City Hall that provide free menstrual products. [26-0099](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Strezo

Recommended to be marked work completed

19. That the Director of Health and Human Services immediately install menstrual product dispensers that provide free menstrual products in all city owned bathrooms. [26-0098](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Strezo

Recommended to be marked work completed

20. That the Director of Human Resources and the Chief of Police work with state officials to provide crossing guards on McGrath Highway. [26-0057](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor McLaughlin

Recommended to be marked work completed

21. That this City Council discuss the safety of the Summer Street bike lane design around or near Putnam Street to Benton Road and how and if additional safety modifications can be made. [25-1770](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Strezo

Recommended to be marked work completed

Referenced Documents:

- PHPS - 2026-07-01 Cyclist Enforcement (with 26-0944)
- PHPS - 2026-07-01 Homelessness Memo (with 26-0106)
- PHPS - 2026-07-01 PSFA Findings Memo (with 26-0348)
- PHPS - 2026-07-01 ADA Coordinator Update (with 26-0825)
- PHPS - 2026-07-01 Menstrual Products Memo (with 26-0098, 26-0099, 26-0125)
- PHPS - 2026-07-01 WCAG Compliance Digital Accessibility Update (with 26-0838, 26-0824)
- PHPS - 2026-07-01 Evolving Web WCAG Summary Report May 2026 (with 26-0838, 26-0824)