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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

NOTICE

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

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OPENING CEREMONIES

- 1. Roll Call Call of the Roll. (ID # 24201)
- 2. Remembrances Remembrances. (ID # 24199)
- 3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Organizational Meeting, January 4, 2021, and the Regular Meeting, January 14, 2021.

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4.	Grant of Location (ID # 24126)	Submitted by Eversource to install 126 feet of conduit in Somerville Avenue, from manhole 8640 to a point of pickup at 471 Somerville Avenue.
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5. Grant of Location (ID # 24124) Submitted by Extenet to install 41 feet of conduit in the intersection of Pearl and Pinckney Streets from Eversource manhole 4551 to a proposed handhole, then continuing 2 feet to a small wireless facility node at 34 Pearl Street.

6. Grant of Location (ID # 24125)

Submitted by Extenet to install 36 feet of conduit in Pennsylvania Avenue from Eversource manhole 12344 to a proposed handhole, then another 2 feet to a small wireless facility at the intersection of Vermont and Pennsylvania Avenues.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

7. Order By City Councilor Ballantyne

(ID # 24121) That the Director of SPCD, with the Planning Board, plan periodic reviews of the Zoning Ordinances to

determine if they are working as intended.

8. Order By City Councilor Ballantyne

(ID # 24122) That the Director of SPCD discuss whether the Zoning

Ordinances pre-permitting process is working as

intended.

9. Order By City Councilor Ballantyne

(ID # 24130) That the Director of Sustainability and Environment

provide this Council with updates to the Climate

Forward Plan.

10. Order By City Councilor Ballantyne

(ID # 24157) That the Director of Mobility and the Director of

Infrastructure and Asset Management collaborate to write responses to the questions contained within regarding the Spring Hill separation project.

11. Order By City Councilor Strezo, McLaughlin

(ID # 24131) That this Council's Committee on Housing and

Community Development, with the Director of Economic Development, invite representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and restaurant and business communities to discuss an ordinance addressing the

impacts of third party delivery services.

12. Order By City Councilor Strezo

(ID # 24133) That this Council's Committee on Housing and

Community Development discuss with the Director of Economic Development and the Chair of the Licensing Commission the creation of a public education campaign focusing on copycat restaurants and their impact on the

community.

13. Order By City Councilor Strezo

(ID # 24132) That the City Solicitor advise in writing and appear

before this Council's Committee on Housing and Community Development to determine how extensively the Encore Casino has been in compliance with its

Surrounding Community Agreement.

14. Communication By City Councilor Strezo

(ID # 24123) Reporting on the Childrens' Cabinet.

15. Withdrawn Withdrawn. (ID # 24135)

16. Communication By City Councilor Mbah

(ID # 24134) Updating this Council on the Racial and Social Justice

Director hiring process.

17. Order By City Councilor Ewen-Campen

(ID # 24146) That the Director of SPCD propose an alternate design

for Phase 1 of the Highland Ave portion of the Spring Hill Streetscapes plan that includes protected bike lanes from the Central Hill Campus to Central St, without sacrificing the proposed pedestrian safety and MBTA

bus improvements.

18. Communication By City Councilor Ewen-Campen

(ID # 24145) Updating this Council on the January 20 meeting of the

Redevelopment Authority as it pertains to the Winter

Hill Redevelopment Plan.

19. Communication By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Davis, Scott, Mbah

(ID # 24144) Providing a regular update on this Council's policy

research and community outreach work towards civilian

oversight.

20. Order By City Councilor Clingan

(ID # 24147) That the Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry

appear before this Council with an update on the delayed

Healey Schoolyard master plan and the current

implementation schedule.

21. Communication By City Councilor Niedergang, Mbah

(ID # 24148) Sharing the Somerville Alliance for Safe Streets

Declaration and Call to Action and inviting everyone to attend the SASS virtual Summit on February 28, 2021

from 4-5 PM.

22. Resolution By City Councilor Niedergang, Mbah

(ID # 24149) That the Mayor dedicate resources as a supplementary

FY21 budget request and in the FY22 budget to create a Department of Transportation with at least three new, additional full-time staff including a senior position empowered to coordinate this work across departments -

a Chief of Streets.

23. Resolution By City Councilor Niedergang, Mbah

(ID # 24150) That the Mayor direct department heads to prioritize the

rapid construction of physical infrastructure to slow traffic, protect our most vulnerable residents, and bring our streets into compliance with the ADA, to address the killing of four pedestrians by motor vehicles in the last

two years and prevent further traffic fatalities.

24. Communication By City Councilor Niedergang

(ID # 24151) Submitting questions, concerns, comments and ideas

regarding Police staffing, in response to Chief Charles Femino's memo of January 31, 2021, for the February 1

Public Health and Public Safety Committee.

25. Order By City Councilor Scott

(ID # 24152) That this Council discuss FY22 funding and

organizational priorities for the Mobility Department.

26. Order By City Councilor Scott

(ID # 24153) That this Council discuss the costs of placing overhead

power and utility lines underground as part of any street reconstruction or resurfacing project, and consider requiring such placement by ordinance, in light of the risks and costs of proliferating utility connections and

leaning or doubled poles.

27. Order By City Councilor Scott

(ID # 24154) That the City Solicitor prepare legislation revoking the

enabling legislation for the Police Reserve List.

28. Order By City Councilor Scott

(ID # 24155) That the City Solicitor prepare legislation revoking the

enabling legislation for the Fire Reserve List.

29. Order By City Councilor Scott

(ID # 24156) That this Council pursue a Charter or Ordinance

amendment to expand Police and Fire Interview Panels to include a City Councilor and a designee of the

Director of Racial and Social Justice.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

30. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report of the Committee on Confirmation of

Report Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on

(ID # 24176) February 2, 2021.

B. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Giovanna 210571 Lorenzet Marin to the position of Reserve Police Officer. RECOMMENDED: Approved.

Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jose 210573 DaCosta to the position of Reserve Police Officer. RECOMMENDED: Approved.

D. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Matthew 210577 Fairchild to the position of Reserve Police Officer. RECOMMENDED: Not Approved.

31. FINANCE COMMITTEE

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A. Committee Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on February 9, 2021.

(ID # 24184)

B. Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of \$130,853 from the 211198 Medical Marijuana Stabilization Fund for substance use prevention, community/parent/student education, overdose/naloxone training, and an Overdose Prevention Center.

RECOMMENDED: Approved

Mayor's Request Requesting to transfer CPA funds totaling \$436,069 from 211199 the CPA Undesignated Fund Balance to designated CPA Reserve Accounts.
 RECOMMENDED: Approved

D. Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of \$375,578 from the CPA
211200 Open Space/Recreational Land Reserve Budget and the
Budgeted Reserve for the Healey School Tot Lot
Renovation.

RECOMMENDED: Approved

E. Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of \$125,000 from the CPA
211201 Historic Resources Reserve Budget and the Budgeted
Reserve to the Broadway House, 181 Broadway, to
rehabilitate the exterior, replace windows, and preserve
historic details.

RECOMMENDED: Approved

F. Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of \$90,000 from the CPA
211202 Historic Resources Reserve Budget to the Broadway
Winter Hill Congregational Church for the renovation of
the bell tower.

RECOMMENDED: Approved

G. Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of \$87,114 from the CPA
211203 Historic Resources Reserve Budget to the Somerville
Museum for Collection Care.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

H. Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of \$49,500 from the CPA
 211204 Historic Resources Reserve Budget and the Budgeted
 Reserve to the Grace Baptist Church to repair the slate
 roof, replace related gutters, and repoint brick masonry.

RECOMMENDED: Approved

I. Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of \$3,500 from the CPA

Historic Resources Reserve Budget to the Somerville 211205

Public Library for the Works Progress Administration

Carved Wood Bas-Relief Restoration.

RECOMMENDED: Approved

J. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a \$100,000 grant with no new 211206 match required, from the MA Attorney General's Office

to the Health & Human Services Department for opioid

recovery navigators.

RECOMMENDED: Approved

K. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of \$11,500 grant with no new

211207 match required, from the Mass Cultural Council to the Arts Council for unrestricted operational support.

RECOMMENDED: Approved

L. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a time-only extension for

211208 Gienapp Design Associates for engineering and

> construction administration services on various on-call engineering projects for one year through 2/28/2022.

RECOMMENDED: Approved

M. Mayor's Request Requesting the use of available funds in various DPW

Ordinary Maintenance Accounts to pay \$52,414.95 in 211230

prior fiscal year unencumbered invoices.

RECOMMENDED: Approved

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE 32.

Committee Report of the Committee on Housing and Community A.

Report

Development, meeting on February 3, 2021. (ID # 24178)

B. Order By City Councilor Hirsch, Ballantyne

> That the Director of Inspectional Services discuss the 208820

reasoning for and methods of enforcing the ordinance requiring landlords to post their contact information.

RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

C. Resolution By City Councilor Hirsch, Niedergang

> 208828 That the Administration discuss the feasibility of

> > including information about tax deferral programs in mailings about initiatives like lead paint abatement.

RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

D. By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Mbah, Scott, Resolution 208985

Hirsch, Rossetti, Davis, Niedergang, Ballantyne, White

That the Director of Sustainability and Environment and others in the Administration work with this Council to convene a task force to provide recommendations to eliminate the use of natural gas and other fossil fuels in

new buildings.

RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

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E. Order By City Councilor Hirsch, Ewen-Campen
209288 That the City Solicitor provide guidance on whether the

City can take property by eminent domain to create

affordable housing.

RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

F. Order By City Councilor Hirsch

209289 That the Director of Inspectional Services provide

preliminary feedback on how the zoning overhaul, if passed, will affect ISD staffing needs, practices, and

systems.

RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

G. Order By City Councilor Ballantyne

That the Director of SPCD provide this Council, in

conjunction with its FY21 budget review, a list of

upcoming commercial development, including the square

footage and linkage payment projections with

corresponding payment dates.

RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

H. Resolution By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne

209566 That the SomerVision 2040 Steering Committee consider

adding two additional indicators to be explicitly

measured as part of Commercial Development, Business & Arts: income equality, and number of worker-owned

co-ops.

RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

I. Order By City Councilor Niedergang

209649 That the Director of SPCD provide this Council with a

prioritized list of the various neighborhood plans that the Administration has committed to or has proposed, with a

timeline and work plan.

RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

J. Order By City Councilor Ewen-Campen

210636 That the City Solicitor provide the Committee on

Housing and Community Development with an opinion on whether the Tenant Notification Act could lead to a

fine, indefinitely, following a first offense. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

33. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting

Report on February 4, 2021.

(ID # 24179)

34. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public

Report Safety, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on

(ID # 24174) February 1, 2021.

35. PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, meeting on February 9, 2021.

(ID # 24182)

B. Order By City Councilor Rossetti

210303 That the Commissioner of Public Works contact

Eversource for an explanation of its reasoning for not having to notify homeowners when randomly installing

bollards on private property.

RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

C. Order By City Councilor Mbah, Ewen-Campen

210929 That the Commissioner of Public Works install lights at

all playgrounds.

RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

D. Resolution By City Councilor Ewen-Campen

211075 That a Representative from Eversource appear before

this Council to address reports about an October 16,

2020 incident at 20 Berkeley St. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

36. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking,

Report meeting on February 8, 2021. (ID # 24180)

B. Order By City Councilor Ballantyne, McLaughlin

209363 That the Director of SPCD discuss implementing a

"Don't Block the Box" campaign to ease intersection congestion at locations along Broadway, including

McGrath Highway.

RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

C. Order By City Councilor Clingan

210828 That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Parking

remove the parking meters at 315 Broadway.

RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

D. Officer's Director of Parking responding to items approved at the

Communication 12/10/20 meeting.

211151

RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

37. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to appropriate \$1,909,945 from the (ID # 24196) Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Facility

Construction and Renovation Stabilization Fund

- 38. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to appropriate \$1,843,117 from the (ID # 24141) Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Rainy Day Stabilization Fund to replenish reserves used to create the Small Business Emergency Relief Fund.
- 39. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to appropriate \$1,500,000 from the (ID # 24140) Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Street Reconstruction and Resurfacing Stabilization Fund to replenish reserves used to create the Small Business Emergency Relief Fund.
- 40. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to appropriate \$1,000,000 from the (ID # 24139) Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Capital Stabilization Fund to replenish reserves used to create the Small Business Emergency Relief Fund.
- 41. Mayor's Request Requesting the use of \$101,074 in available funds in the (ID # 24142) E-911 Personal Services Account to fund the retroactive FY21 salaries and benefits per the Agreement with SEIU Local 888, E-911 Call Taker/Dispatchers Chapter.
- 42. Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of \$73,263 from the (ID # 24127) Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Parking Meter Receipt Account to the Parking Professional and Technical Services Account to facilitate the city parking study.
- 43. Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of \$62,000 in the Capital (ID # 24137) Stabilization Fund to cover an increase in the cost of a new Fire Pumper.
- 44. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Use (ID # 24197) Policy.
- 45. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology (ID # 24190) Impact Report for Pole Cameras.
- 46. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology (ID # 24191) Impact Report for Homeland Security Cameras.
- 47. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology (ID # 24192) Impact Report for GLX Cameras.
- 48. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology (ID # 24193) Impact Report for Covert Device Cameras.
- 49. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology (ID # 24194) Impact Report for GPS and Monitor.

- 50. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology (ID # 24198) Impact Report for Thermal Imaging Cameras.
- 51. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Michael (ID # 24129) Anzalone as Deputy Fire Chief.
- 52. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of (ID # 24160) Suzanne Rinfret as Director of Parking.
- 53. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Doug (ID # 24161) Kress as Director of Health and Human Services.
- 54. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Jill (ID # 24162) Lathan as Director of Parks and Recreation.
- 55. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of (ID # 24163) William Roche as Municipal Hearing Officer.
- 56. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Angela Allen as (ID # 24165) Purchasing Agent.
- 57. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Linda Dubuque as City (ID # 24166) Treasurer and Collector of Taxes.
- 58. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Rachel (ID # 24167) Taylor as Animal Control Officer.
- 59. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Frank (ID # 24168) Wright as City Solicitor.
- 60. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Steve (ID # 24169) Craig as 311 Director.
- 61. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Fred (ID # 24171) Massaro as Director of Capital Projects.
- 62. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Rich (ID # 24172) Raiche as Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management.
- 63. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Nick (ID # 24177) Antanavica as Director of Inspectional Services.
- 64. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of James (ID # 24181) Halloran as Chief Sealer of Weights and Measures.

- 65. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jennifer (ID # 24183) Mancia as Executive Director of the Women's Commission.
- 66. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Nency (ID # 24185) Salamoun as Executive Director of the Human Rights Commission.
- 67. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of (ID # 24186) Nicholas Salerno as Election Commissioner.
- 68. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Chad (ID # 24187) Whiting as Director of Water and Sewer.
- 69. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Ted (ID # 24188) Louis-Jacques as Director of Veterans Services.
- 70. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Mark (ID # 24189) Lawhorne as Superintendent of Highways, Lines and Lights.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

71. Officer's City Solicitor requesting approval to retain outside Communication counsel to advise this Council and its Confirmation of (ID # 24136) Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee as to its recommendations with respect to patrol officer candidates.

NEW BUSINESS

- 72. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, JRF Corp. (ID # 24175)
- 73. Public Rachel Kester submitting comments re: protected bike Communication lanes.
 (ID # 24170)
- 74. Public 221 citizens from the Somerville Alliance for Safe Communication Streets submitting a Declaration and Call to Action re: (ID # 24173) safe streets.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 75. Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of \$55,000 from (ID # 24138)

 Unreserved Fund Balance to the SPCD Economic Development Professional & Technical Services

 Account, to conduct a District Improvement Financing analysis for the Boynton Yards, Clarendon Hill, and Union Square redevelopment projects.
- 76. Mayor's Request Requesting the use of \$27,211 in available funds in the (ID # 24143) Library Salaries Account to establish the position of Manager of Branch Services.
- 77. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology (ID # 24210) Impact Report for GreyKey.
- 78. Mayor's Request Requesting to withdraw the Surveillance Technology (ID # 24211) Impact Reports currently before the Committee on Legislative Matters.
- 79. Mayor's Request Requesting an amendment to the Surveillance (ID # 24212) Technology Ordinance to permit the Fire Department to use surveillance technology in exigent circumstances.
- 80. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Steven J. (ID # 24202) Mauras to the position of District Fire Chief.
- 81. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Patrick J. (ID # 24203) Halloran to the position of Fire Captain.
- 82. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Derek J. (ID # 24204) Nolan to the position of Fire Captain.
- 83. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of James M. (ID # 24205) Piwinski to the position of Fire Lieutenant.
- 84. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Paul A. (ID # 24206) Moreira to the position of Fire Lieutenant.
- 85. Officer's Requesting rescission of the adoption of MGL Chapter Communication 48 Sections 59B, 59C and 59D relative to a Reserve Fire (ID # 24207) Force.
- 86. Officer's Requesting rescission of the adoption of MGL Chapter Communication 147 Sections 11, 12 and 13 relative to a Reserve Police (ID # 24208) Force.

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT