



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

City Council

Regular Meeting Agenda

Thursday, July 10, 2025

7:00 PM

**City Council Chamber and Remote
Participation**

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1. OPENING CEREMONIES

- 1.1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
(ID # [25-1246](#))
- 1.2. Remembrances Remembrances.
(ID # [25-1247](#))
- 1.3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June
(ID # [25-1248](#)) 12, 2025.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- 2.1. Election Election of a President for 2025.
(ID # [25-1205](#))
- 2.2. Election Election of a Vice President for 2025.
(ID # [25-1206](#))

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 3.1. Small Wireless Facility (ID # [25-1208](#)) Crown Castle Fiber LLC applying for a Small Wireless Facility License for facilities on a new pole at 10 Hathorn Street.
- 3.2. Grant of Location (ID # [25-1210](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install approximately 166 feet of conduit in Broadway and Mount Vernon Street, from Manhole 1784 to a point of pickup at 44 Broadway.
- 3.3. Grant of Location (ID # [25-1214](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install one new Manhole and approximately 76 feet of conduit in Gibbens Street, from Utility Pole 383/1 through new Manhole 32650 to a point of pickup at 156 Highland Avenue.
- 3.4. Grant of Location (ID # [25-1209](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install one new Manhole and approximately 30 feet of conduit in Warren Street, from the new Manhole 32350 to a point of pickup at 8 Medford Street.
- 3.5. Grant of Location (ID # [25-1211](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install approximately 40 feet of conduit in Moreland Street, from Utility Pole 236/9 to a point of pickup at 77 Moreland Street.
- 3.6. Grant of Location (ID # [25-1212](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install approximately 5 feet of conduit in Prospect Street, from Manhole 23059 to a point of pickup at 86 Prospect Street.
- 3.7. Grant of Location (ID # [25-1213](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install approximately 17 feet of conduit in Prospect Street, from Manhole 23058 to an approximate point of pickup near 110 Prospect Street.

4. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

- 4.1. Resolution (ID # [25-1230](#)) By Councilor Clingan
In support of Teamsters Local 25 in their labor dispute with Republic Services.
- 4.2. Resolution (ID # [25-1231](#)) By Councilor Davis
That the Administration submit to the City Council and School Committee, the city's contingency plan in the event of an emergency school closure during the 2025-2026 school year.

- 4.3. Communication By Councilor Mbah
(ID # [25-1233](#)) Conveying a report of the Job Creation and Retention Trust Fund.
- 4.4. Communication By Councilor Mbah
(ID # [25-1234](#)) Conveying a report of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 5.1. Officer's Communication Director of Economic Development requesting that this
(ID # [25-1168](#)) Council convene in Executive Session to discuss strategy regarding the disposition of 90 Washington Street.

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

6.A. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 6.A.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on July 8,
(ID # [25-1226](#)) 2025.
- 6.A.2. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$38,500
(ID # [25-0848](#)) grant with no new match required, from the Boston Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for Special Response Team equipment.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be withdrawn.
- 6.A.3. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to execute the Fourth Amendment
(ID # [25-0978](#)) to the lease agreement with Dana Family Series, LLC, for the Grove Street parking lot, through June 30, 2026.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- 6.A.4. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a time-only extension for the
(ID # [25-1001](#)) contract with Franklin Cummings Institute, to December 31, 2026.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- 6.A.5. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to enter into a contract of up to ten
(ID # [25-1068](#)) years for the services of an operator for the Greater Boston Bike Share program (Bluebikes).
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- 6.A.6. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization to dispose of bicycles
(ID # [25-1086](#)) previously abandoned in the City of Somerville to a charitable organization.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.

- 6.A.7. Mayor's Request
(ID # [25-1160](#)) Requesting approval of the final Urban Center Housing Tax Increment Financing (UCH-TIF) Agreement for the 299 Broadway project.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- 6.A.8. Mayor's Request
(ID # [25-1163](#)) Requesting approval of a Public Access and Maintenance Access Easement for 299 Broadway Property Owner LLC.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be withdrawn.
- 6.A.9. Mayor's Request
(ID # [25-1164](#)) Requesting approval of a Maintenance Access Easement and Landscape Management and Maintenance Plan for 299 Broadway Property Owner LLC for the future Sewall Park at the 299 Broadway development.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be withdrawn.

6.B. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- 6.B.1. Committee Report
(ID # [25-1222](#)) Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on June 30, 2025.
- 6.B.2. Order
(ID # [25-0133](#)) By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Housing Stability update this Council on recent changes to condominium conversion and tenant protection laws as a result of the 2024 Housing Bond Bill and how Somerville may strengthen its protections.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.
- 6.B.3. Order
(ID # [25-0134](#)) By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Housing Stability update this Council on efforts to raise awareness for eviction sealing assistance in light of recent state legislation enabling the sealing of evictions.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.
- 6.B.4. Order
(ID # [25-0247](#)) By Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Mbah, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Sait, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson
That the Director of Economic Development report on the economic impact to small businesses in Somerville as a result of recent federal immigration policy changes.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.

- 6.B.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1005](#)) Requesting approval of the 2025-2026 Housing and Urban Development One Year Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant, Home Investment Partnership, and Emergency Solutions Grant Programs.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.

6.C. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- 6.C.1. Committee Report (ID # [25-1223](#)) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on July 1, 2025.
- 6.C.2. Order (ID # [24-1740](#)) By Councilor Scott, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Sait, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Davis and Councilor Clingan
That the Director of Housing assist this Council in drafting changes to the Condominium Conversion Ordinance to enable the Condominium Review Board to fulfill its intended function and prevent circumvention of tenant's rights.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.
- 6.C.3. Public Communication (ID # [25-0077](#)) Chris Dwan submitting comments re: Urban Forestry Committee recommendations.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.
- 6.C.4. Order (ID # [25-0154](#)) By Councilor Burnley Jr.
That the Director of Economic Development present to this Council a plan to ensure compliance with Section 8-18 of the Code of Ordinances.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.
- 6.C.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1044](#)) Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Sections 7-64 and 7-65 of the Code of Ordinances to reduce displacement of tenants and update relocation payments.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.

7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 7.1. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1237](#)) Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Sections 7-64, 7-65 and 7-68 of the Code of Ordinances to reduce displacement of tenants and update relocation payments.
- 7.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1238](#)) Requesting approval of a Maintenance Agreement and Landscape Management and Maintenance Plan for the future Sewall Park at the 299 Broadway development.

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| 7.3. | Mayor's Request (ID # 25-1227) | Requesting approval to appropriate \$1,500,000 from the Salary & Wage Stabilization Fund to the School Department to fund collective bargaining agreements. |
| 7.4. | Mayor's Request (ID # 25-1245) | Requesting the appropriation of \$1,045,000 from the Participatory Budgeting Stabilization Fund for the purpose of implementing the winning projects from the second Participatory Budgeting cycle. |
| 7.5. | Mayor's Request (ID # 25-1221) | Requesting approval to appropriate \$800,000 from the Facility Construction and Renovation Stabilization Fund for renovations to the Cummings School for the Warming Center Project. |
| 7.6. | Mayor's Request (ID # 25-1207) | Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$3,000,000 grant with no new match required, from the MassWorks Infrastructure Program to the Department of Infrastructure & Asset Management for the Inner Belt & Brickbottom Pedestrian Crossing and associated project area. |
| 7.7. | Mayor's Request (ID # 25-1241) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Dayquan Goodnow to the position of Police Officer. |
| 7.8. | Mayor's Request (ID # 25-1242) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Andrew Pasqualino to the position of Police Officer. |
| 7.9. | Mayor's Request (ID # 25-1243) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Benjy Antoine to the position of Police Officer. |
| 7.10. | Mayor's Request (ID # 25-1244) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Victor Souza to the position of Police Officer. |
| 7.11. | Mayor's Request (ID # 25-1239) | Requesting that this City Council schedule a joint public hearing with the Somerville Redevelopment Authority regarding updating the 90 Washington Street Demonstration Project Plan. |
| 7.12. | Withdrawn (ID # 25-1043) | Withdrawn. |
| 7.13. | Withdrawn (ID # 25-1228) | Withdrawn. |

8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

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| 8.1. | Officer's Communication (ID # 25-1232) | Chief of Police conveying a bi-annual report, pursuant to Section 2-6(g) of the Code of Ordinances. |
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- 8.2. Officer's Communication (ID # [25-1240](#)) City Clerk conveying Block Party Licenses issued.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1. License (ID # [25-1215](#)) New Drainlayer's License, WES Construction Corp.
- 9.2. License (ID # [25-1216](#)) New Hawker Peddler License, Wander Cat Cola.
- 9.3. Public Event (ID # [25-1217](#)) Portuguese-American Civic League applying for a Public Event License for Annual Holy Spirit Procession on July 11 from 7pm to 8:30pm.
- 9.4. Public Event (ID # [25-1218](#)) Chuck Lechien Jr. applying for a Public Event License for HONK! Community Concert on July 19 from 12pm to 5:30pm.
- 9.5. Public Event (ID # [25-1220](#)) Kids Like You and Me applying for a Public Event License for Underground Pop Arts and Performance Showcase on July 19 from 1pm to 7pm (raindate July 20).
- 9.6. Public Event (ID # [25-1219](#)) Office of Immigrant Affairs and India Association of Greater Boston applying for a Public Event License for India Flag Raising and United States Flag Honoring Ceremony on August 9 from 9am to 1pm (raindate August 10).
- 9.7. Public Communication (ID # [25-1235](#)) Courtney Foster submitting comments re: item #25-1170, in support of the Climate Superfund Bill.
- 9.8. Public Communication (ID # [25-1236](#)) Dan Casparriello submitting comments re: item #25-1044, amendments to Sections 7-64 and 7-65 of the Code of Ordinances to reduce displacement of tenants and update relocation payments.

10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 10.1. Order (ID # [25-1251](#)) By Councilor Burnley Jr.
That the Director of Mobility address in writing, the steps the department will make to assess the feasibility and need to install a speed bump on Cherry Street between Highland Avenue and Summer Street.

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| 10.2. | Resolution (ID # 25-1249) | By Councilor Burnley Jr. Condemning Harvard's attack on its Graduate Student Union. |
| 10.3. | Resolution (ID # 25-1250) | By Councilor Burnley Jr. In support of certain public workers right to strike. |
| 10.4. | Communication (ID # 25-1252) | By Councilor Burnley Jr. Conveying information regarding the reconstitution of the Wage Theft Advisory Committee. |
| 10.5. | Mayor's Request (ID # 25-1254) | Requesting approval of a Public Access and Maintenance Access Easement for 299 Broadway Property Owner LLC. |
| 10.6. | Mayor's Request (ID # 25-1229) | Requesting approval to appropriate \$3,892,796 from the Salary & Wage Stabilization Fund to the Police Department, Other Lump Sum Payments account to fund retroactive payments in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement with the Somerville Police Employees Association. |
| 10.7. | Mayor's Communication (ID # 25-1268) | Conveying a communication to Republic Services urging expeditious resolution to contract negotiations. |
| 10.8. | Public Event (ID # 25-1260) | Portuguese-American Civic League applying for a Public Event License for The Annual Holy Spirit Feast on July 11-13 from 6pm to 12:30am. |
| 10.9. | Public Event (ID # 25-1269) | Department of Racial and Social Justice applying for a Public Event License for Disability Pride Flag Celebration on July 24 from 4pm to 6:30pm. |
| 10.10. | Public Event (ID # 25-1256) | Public Library applying for a Public Event License for Comixcon on July 26 from 9am to 5pm. |
| 10.11. | Public Event (ID # 25-1259) | Leila Skinner applying for a Public Event License for Community Gathering for Peace on July 26 from 11am to 8pm. |
| 10.12. | Public Event (ID # 25-1262) | Somerville Public Schools applying for a Public Event License for Get Ready for School Fair on August 20 from 2:30pm to 7pm. |
| 10.13. | Public Event (ID # 25-1261) | Health and Human Services Office of Prevention Services applying for a Public Event License for Overdose Awareness Day Event on August 28 from 5pm to 7:30pm. |
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| 10.14. Public Event (ID # 25-1258) | The Somerville Foundation applying for a Public Event License for Davis Square Community Event on September 4-5 from 2pm to 10pm (raindate September 7). |
| 10.15. Public Event (ID # 25-1255) | Arts Council applying for a Public Event License for Somerville Rock and Roll Yard Sale an ArtsUnion Event on September 7 from 8am to 7pm (raindate September 14). |
| 10.16. Public Event (ID # 25-1257) | Society of S.S. Cosmas & Damian of Somerville & Cambridge applying for a Public Event License for Procession for S.S. Cosmas & Damian on September 7 from 3pm to 6pm (raindate September 14). |
| 10.17. Public Communication (ID # 25-1263) | Margaret Sapir submitting comments re: ceasefire. |
| 10.18. Public Communication (ID # 25-1264) | The Somerville Chamber of Commerce submitting comments re: item #25-1044, amendments to Sections 7-64 and 7-65 of the Code of Ordinances to reduce displacement of tenants and update relocation payments. |
| 10.19. Public Communication (ID # 25-1265) | John M. (Jack) Connolly submitting comments re: item #25-1044, amendments to Sections 7-64 and 7-65 of the Code of Ordinances to reduce displacement of tenants and update relocation payments. |
| 10.20. Public Communication (ID # 25-1266) | Fernando Bento and Niranjana Gawli submitting comments re: item #25-1044, amendments to Sections 7-64 and 7-65 of the Code of Ordinances to reduce displacement of tenants and update relocation payments. |
| 10.21. Public Communication (ID # 25-1267) | John Angelone submitting comments re: Davis Square. |
| 10.22. Withdrawn (ID # 25-1174) | Withdrawn. |
| 10.23. Withdrawn (ID # 25-1175) | Withdrawn. |

11. ADJOURNMENT