



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

City Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 9, 2026

7:00 PM

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1. OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis.

The City Council entered recess at 7:21 PM and returned at 7:28 PM.

The City Council entered Executive Session at 8:00 PM and returned at 8:26 PM.

The City Council entered Executive Session at 8:58 PM and returned at 10:28 PM.

- 1.1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
(ID # [26-0629](#))

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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 # [26-0630](#))

RESULT: **APPROVED**

- 1.3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 12, 2026.
(ID # [26-0631](#))

RESULT: **APPROVED**

2. CITATIONS

- 2.1. Citation By Councilor Clingan
(ID # [26-0612](#)) Commending Teresa M. Pero on the auspicious occasion of her 100th birthday.

Councilor Clingan spoke about Mrs. Pero's life and dedication to her family and community. The Citation was accepted by her granddaughter, Emily.

RESULT: APPROVED

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 3.1. Grant of Location Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 318 feet of conduit in
(ID # [26-0525](#)) Kent Street and Somerville Avenue, from existing Manhole 14831 to point of pickup at 22 Kent Street, and additional conduit from Manhole 14831 to an existing Manhole 8634.

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. Councilor Scott asked that this item be referred to the Committee on Licenses and Permits, as he would like to address a leaning utility pole which is located on Kent Street.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

- 3.2. Grant of Location Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 184 feet of conduit in
(ID # [26-0527](#)) Broadway, from existing Manhole 1969 to a point of pickup at 382 Broadway.

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

- 3.3. Grant of Location Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 25 feet of conduit in
(ID # [26-0526](#)) Everett Street, from Utility Pole 118/0 to a point of pickup at 24 Webster Avenue.

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

4. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

- 4.1. Resolution By Councilor Sait
(ID # [26-0521](#)) That the Commissioner of Public Works address the radiator dysfunction in one of the Kennedy School classrooms.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: School Building Facilities and Maintenance Committee

- 4.2. Resolution By Councilor Sait, Councilor Mbah, Councilor Link, Councilor Clingan,
(ID # [26-0508](#)) Councilor Hardt, Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Strezo
In support of the Plant Based Treaty.

Councilor Sait explained the purpose of the Resolution and sponsored Veronika Potter, Brandon Luo and Rosa Diaz Rivera to speak on the matter. Ms. Potter explained that the Plant Based Treaty addresses the environmental impacts of our food system. Mr. Luo stated that the leading contributor to emissions in Somerville is food, with meat and dairy as the largest sources. Ms. Diaz Rivera commented that Somerville would be the second city in Massachusetts to endorse the Plant Based Treaty as a practical solution to climate change. Councilor Hardt stated that animal agriculture in the United States has become more concentrated and industrialized, with the goal and effect of producing profits for some of the largest multi-national corporations in the world. Councilor Mbah commented that this Resolution is about equity, health and community.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 4.3. Ordinance By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Link, Councilor Hardt, Councilor
(ID # [26-0522](#)) Scott and Councilor Clingan
Proposing an amendment to Section 2-6 of the Code of Ordinances, the Welcoming Communities Ordinance, to further enhance civil rights protections in Somerville.

Councilor Ewen-Campen stated that people in Somerville are living through an unprecedented time of federal assault on our constitutional rights. The proposed amendment would strengthen the city's position of not cooperating with any agency that would seek to penalize someone for participating in constitutionally protected activities. He sponsored Gideon Epstein, counsel with the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), to address the Council. Mr. Epstein explained that the proposed amendment closes critical gaps in the present ordinance and provides residents the opportunity to seek injunctive or declaratory relief for violations.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

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- 4.4. 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:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee
- 4.5. Resolution
(ID # [26-0615](#))
- By Councilor Link and Councilor Davis
That the Director of Mobility evaluate and implement appropriate traffic calming measures on Herbert Street, between the city parking lot and Davis Square Plaza, with particular attention to enhancing pedestrian safety during the Somerville Farmers Market.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- 4.6. Resolution
(ID # [26-0613](#))
- By Councilor Link, Councilor Mbah, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Wheeler, Councilor Hardt, Councilor Davis, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Sait and Councilor Scott
In support of House Bill H.4015 and Senate Bill S.475, an Act promoting housing stability for older adults across the Commonwealth.
- Councilor Link explained that this legislation would provide temporary rental assistance to lower income adults in a more humane and cost-effective manner.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- 4.7. Withdrawn
(ID # [26-0625](#))
- Withdrawn.
- RESULT:** WITHDRAWN
- 4.8. Resolution
(ID # [26-0626](#))
- By Councilor Clingan
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management appear before this Council to discuss the decision to implement a tiered residential base rate structure that differentiates between properties served by 5/8-inch pipes and those served by 1-inch pipes.
- Councilor Clingan moved to waive the reading of this item and approve it, with a copy sent to the Committee on Sustainability and Infrastructure.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Sustainability and Infrastructure Committee
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- 4.9. Resolution (ID # [26-0628](#)) By Councilor Hardt and Councilor Scott
That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management appear before this Council to discuss the process of monitoring progress on addressing double poles and abandoned wires, with the goal of eliminating the potential hazards, tree damage, and nuisances associated with both.
- This item was discussed with item #26-0627.
Councilor Hardt stated that the double pole issue needs to be addressed systematically, and this resolution is an attempt to do so. Councilor Scott noted that a part of this effort is bringing the external parties to the table to ensure that they are doing the things required by state law. Councilor Hardt noted that councilors now have access to the utility pole information database, NJUNS.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Sustainability and Infrastructure Committee
- 4.10. Resolution (ID # [26-0627](#)) By Councilor Hardt and Councilor Scott
That representatives from Eversource, National Grid, Comcast, Xfinity, Astound, and Verizon appear before this Council to discuss plans for addressing double poles and abandoned wires, with the goal of eliminating the potential hazards, tree damage, and nuisances associated with both.
- This item was discussed with item #26-0628.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Sustainability and Infrastructure Committee
5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
- 6.A. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE
- 6.A.1. Committee Report (ID # [26-0520](#)) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on March 30, 2026.
- Councilor Mbah summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that all appointments and promotions before the committee that evening were recommended for approval.
The two members of the Police Department receiving promotions came forward and the City Clerk administered the oath of office.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
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- 6.A.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0024](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of James Plotkin as Municipal Hearing Officer.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.A.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0321](#)) Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Courtney Reece to the position of Police Sergeant.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.A.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0322](#)) Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Ashley Catatao to the position of Police Sergeant.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.A.5. Order (ID # [26-0340](#)) By Councilor Davis
That this City Council appoints Jessica Smith to the Public Financing of Campaigns Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.A.6. Order (ID # [26-0341](#)) By Councilor Davis
That this City Council appoints James Leo Bedard to the Ranked Choice Voting Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.A.7. Order (ID # [26-0342](#)) By Councilor Davis
That this City Council appoints Crystal Huff to the Ranked Choice Voting Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED

6.B. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 6.B.1. Committee Report (ID # [26-0610](#)) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on April 7, 2026.

Councilor Wheeler summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that recommended for approval were the acceptance and expenditure of three grants, an amendment to the Somerville Community Land Trust and the acceptance of a gifted lighting and pump support unit for the Axillary Fire Department.

RESULT: APPROVED

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- 6.B.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0301](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$47,580 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health to the Police Department for overtime and backfill for Crisis Intervention Training certification and recertification.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 6.B.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0372](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$103,514 grant with no new match required, from Eversource Energy to the Engineering Division for permanent resurfacing and restoration of various streets.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 6.B.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0382](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$100,000 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue to the Communications and Community Engagement Department for Phase 1 of a website redesign.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 6.B.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0385](#)) Requesting approval to accept a gift with an approximate value of \$15,000 from the Town of Medway, Massachusetts to the Fire Department for use by the Auxiliary Fire Department as a lighting and pump support unit.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 6.B.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0388](#)) Requesting approval to amend the Community Preservation Act Fund FY 2025 grant of \$365,000 to the Somerville Community Land Trust to change the grant conditions.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 6.C. LAND USE COMMITTEE
- 6.C.1. Committee Report (ID # [26-0606](#)) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on April 2, 2026.
- Councilor Ewen-Campen summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that the sole item on the agenda was about the affordable housing overlay. This item remains in committee for future discussion.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 6.D. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE
- 6.D.1. Committee Report (ID # [26-0611](#)) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on April 8, 2026.
- Councilor Hardt summarized the actions taken by the committee and
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reported that one license was recommended for approval.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

6.D.2. License
(ID # [26-0461](#))

New Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Xeluxe AutoGroup, 20 Cummings Street, 0 vehicles inside, 45 vehicles outside, Mon-Fri: 8AM-6PM, Sat: 8AM-2PM, Sun: closed.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

7.1. Mayor's Request
(ID # [26-0575](#))

Requesting that this Council convene in Executive Session to receive an update on collective bargaining negotiations.

City Attorney Cindy Amara advised that this item is appropriate for Executive Session. The City Council entered Executive Session at 8:58 PM. The City Council returned to open session at 10:28 PM with 11 members present (Councilors Ewen-Campen, Link, Scott, Clingan, Strezo, Sait, Wheeler, Hardt, McLaughlin, Mbah, Davis). 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 # [26-0605](#))

Requesting that this Council convene in Executive Session to discuss the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property located at 122 Assembly Park Drive.

The City Attorney advised that this item is appropriate for Executive Session. The City Council entered Executive Session at 8:00 PM. The City Council returned to open session at 8:26 PM with 11 members present (Councilors Ewen-Campen, Link, Scott, Clingan, Strezo, Sait, Wheeler, Hardt, McLaughlin, Mbah, Davis). 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

- 7.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0602](#)) Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to authorize the appointment of special police officers.

Assistant City Attorney/Labor Counsel Matthew Sirigu explained that this would be another mechanism to appoint special police officers for the Somerville Housing Authority under the city's new charter. Legislative Liaison Yasmine Raddassi informed the Council that the Administration would like to have this item considered this evening but is amenable to having it tabled until the next City Council meeting. Councilor Scott stated that this was brought to his attention last week and that he has some concerns regarding the duration and length of service for these special police officers and also with the exceptions laid out in Massachusetts General Laws.

RESULT: **LAID ON THE TABLE**

- 7.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0623](#)) Requesting authorization to execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the acquisition of 122 Assembly Park Drive, Unit 45.

This item was discussed with item #26-0497.

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 # [26-0512](#)) Requesting approval of a five-year extension to the lease with BwB-Square LLC for Nibble Community Kitchen.

Councilor Wheeler moved to waive the readings of items 7.5 through 7.6 and 7.8 through 7.21 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0515](#)) Requesting authorization to borrow \$8,284,000 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for the recurring FY 2026 Water Main Rehabilitation program.

Councilor Wheeler moved to waive the readings of items 7.5 through 7.6 and 7.8 through 7.21 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0497](#)) Requesting authorization to borrow \$7,000,000 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for the purpose of procuring the fire station condominium unit at 122 Assembly Park Drive.

This item was discussed with item #26-0623.

Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development Thomas Galligani explained that the funds will be used to move forward with the acquisition of the commercial condominium unit that houses the Assembly Square fire station. Currently, the space for the station is leased by the city and Director Galligani explained that by acquiring this property, the city will save approximately \$1 million over the next 28 years. Councilor Scott inquired about the amount of real estate taxes that the city currently pays under the lease agreement and what those payments will be when the property is acquired by the city. Director of Finance, Ed Bean, advised Councilor Scott that he can follow up with the Chief Assessor to address this accurately. Director Galligani noted that the city would have to pay yearly condo fees of approximately \$6,400 per year. He also explained that at the present time, a purchase and sale agreement has not been finalized, however, City Attorney Cindy Amara explained that the purchase and sale agreement must comply with the terms of the offer that was accepted. Councilor Scott requested that a copy of the accepted offer be provided to him this evening for review.

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 # [26-0516](#)) Requesting authorization to borrow \$2,000,000 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for the annual FY 2026 Sewer System Rehabilitation - McGrath Corridor.

Councilor Wheeler moved to waive the readings of items 7.5 through 7.6 and 7.8 through 7.21 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.9. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to reduce the borrowing authorization for the Kennedy
(ID # [26-0519](#)) Schoolyard Renovation Project from \$2,000,000 to \$1,600,000.
- Councilor Wheeler moved to waive the readings of items 7.5 through 7.6 and 7.8 through 7.21 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.10. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to appropriate of \$46,500 from the Street Tree
(ID # [26-0513](#)) Stabilization Fund for FY 2026 Ash Tree treatments.
- Councilor Wheeler moved to waive the readings of items 7.5 through 7.6 and 7.8 through 7.21 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.11. Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of \$400,000 from the Community Preservation
(ID # [26-0518](#)) Act Fund for improvements to the Kennedy Schoolyard.
- Councilor Wheeler moved to waive the readings of items 7.5 through 7.6 and 7.8 through 7.21 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.12. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a transfer of \$325,000 from the Police Department
(ID # [26-0510](#)) Salaries Account to the Police Department Medical and Dental Services
Account for medical procedures for current and retired employees injured in
the line of duty.

Councilor Wheeler moved to waive the readings of items 7.5 through 7.6 and 7.8 through 7.21 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.13. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a transfer of \$228,000 from the Community
(ID # [26-0517](#)) Preservation Act (CPA) Undesignated Fund Balance to the CPA Open
Space Reserve.

Councilor Wheeler moved to waive the readings of items 7.5 through 7.6

and 7.8 through 7.21 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.14. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0511](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$35,000 from the Police Department Salaries Account to the Police Department Animal Control Salaries Account for an expected deficit.

Councilor Wheeler moved to waive the readings of items 7.5 through 7.6 and 7.8 through 7.21 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.15. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0603](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$31,800 from the Communications and Community Engagement Salaries Account to the Communications and Community Engagement Professional and Technical Services and Printing and Stationary Accounts for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and program signage.

Councilor Wheeler moved to waive the readings of items 7.5 through 7.6 and 7.8 through 7.21 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.16. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0509](#)) Requesting the approval of a time-only contract extension until 5/31/2029 for the Mystic River Watershed Association for the Community Preservation Act FY 2023 grant for design of the Blessing of the Bay Linear Park improvements.

Councilor Wheeler moved to waive the readings of items 7.5 through 7.6 and 7.8 through 7.21 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.17. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0601](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$125,000 grant that requires a match, from the Department of Energy Resources to the Office of Sustainability and Environment for light retrofitting at Dilboy Field.

Councilor Wheeler moved to waive the readings of items 7.5 through 7.6 and 7.8 through 7.21 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.18. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0524](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$48,866.25 grant with no new match required, from the Urban Areas Security Initiative to the Fire Department for the purchase of a vehicle for the Fire Department Auxiliary. Councilor Wheeler moved to waive the readings of items 7.5 through 7.6 and 7.8 through 7.21 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.19. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0523](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$30,380 grant with no new match required, from the Department of Fire Services to the Fire Department for firefighter safety equipment. Councilor Wheeler moved to waive the readings of items 7.5 through 7.6 and 7.8 through 7.21 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.20. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0506](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$30,000 gift from the Carnegie Corporation of New York to the Public Library for library operations. Councilor Wheeler moved to waive the readings of items 7.5 through 7.6 and 7.8 through 7.21 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.21. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0507](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$300 gift from James and Linda Hyson to the Public Library for materials for the West Branch Library. Councilor Wheeler moved to waive the readings of items 7.5 through 7.6 and 7.8 through 7.21 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.22. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0514](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Aidan Slattery to the position of Police Officer.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- 7.23. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0380](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Logan Brill to the Conservation Commission.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

- 7.24. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0381](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Valerie Locker to the Conservation Commission.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 8.1. Officer's Communication (ID # [26-0568](#)) Retirement Board notifying this City Council of a vote at the May 21, 2026 meeting regarding a 2026 Cost of Living Adjustment for eligible retirees.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

- 8.2. Officer's Communication (ID # [26-0604](#)) City Clerk conveying Block Party Licenses issued.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1. License (ID # [26-0529](#)) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Anderson Construction & Excavation Inc.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

- 9.2. License (ID # [26-0528](#)) Renewing Drainlayer's License, A.R. Belli, Inc.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

- 9.3. License (ID # [26-0530](#)) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Baystate Engineering Corp.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.4. License
(ID # [26-0531](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Borges Sewer & Drain LLC.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.5. License
(ID # [26-0532](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Caruso Corp.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.6. License
(ID # [26-0533](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Commonwealth Construction & Utilities, Inc.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.7. License
(ID # [26-0534](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Edward Ahern.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.8. License
(ID # [26-0535](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Hydra Tech, Inc.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.9. License
(ID # [26-0536](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Jason Anthony Corp.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.10. License
(ID # [26-0537](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, JRG Masonry & Construction Inc.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.11. License
(ID # [26-0538](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, K.B. Aruda Construction Inc.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.12. License
(ID # [26-0539](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Keash Excavating Inc.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.13. License
(ID # [26-0540](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, LaMountain Brothers Inc.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.14. License
(ID # [26-0541](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, McCourt Construction.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.15. License
(ID # [26-0542](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Meninno Construction Co., Inc.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.16. License
(ID # [26-0543](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Minkin Construction.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.17. License
(ID # [26-0544](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Raffaele Construction Corp.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.18. License
(ID # [26-0545](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, RJV Construction Corporation.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.19. License
(ID # [26-0546](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, TRI Construction Co., Inc.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.20. License
(ID # [26-0547](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, United Civil Inc.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.21. License
(ID # [26-0548](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Vinny Mofford Excavation LLC.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.22. License
(ID # [26-0549](#))

Renewing Flammables License, 74M Property Owner, LLC, 74 Middlesex Avenue.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.23. License
(ID # [26-0550](#))

Renewing Flammables License, Aris Auto Inc., 3 Craigie Street.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.24. License
(ID # [26-0551](#))

Renewing Flammables License, BBS Services, 45 Broadway.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.25. License
(ID # [26-0552](#))

Renewing Flammables License, Evocative, 50 Inner Belt Road.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.26. License
(ID # [26-0553](#))

Renewing Flammables License, Good Gas Somerville, 345 Medford Street.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.27. License
(ID # [26-0555](#))

Renewing Flammables License, Keolis Commuter Services, LLC, 23R Inner Belt Road.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.28. License
(ID # [26-0556](#))

Renewing Flammables License, Keolis Commuter Services, LLC, 70R Third Avenue.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.29. License
(ID # [26-0557](#))

Renewing Flammables License, Keolis Commuter Services, LLC, 132 Washington Street.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.30. License
(ID # [26-0554](#))

Renewing Flammables License, The Home Depot #2667, 75 Mystic Avenue.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.31. License
(ID # [26-0558](#))

Renewing Flammables License, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 259 McGrath Highway.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.32. License
(ID # [26-0559](#))

Renewing Flammables License, Metropolitan Pipe and Supply Company, 30 Inner Belt Road.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.33. License
(ID # [26-0560](#))

Renewing Flammables License, Mobile Mart Plus Inc., 379 Alewife Brook Parkway.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.34. License
(ID # [26-0561](#))

Renewing Flammables License, Sam's Gas & Service, 166 Boston Avenue.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.35. License
(ID # [26-0562](#))

Renewing Flammables License, Teele Square Auto, 1284 Broadway.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.36. License
(ID # [26-0563](#))

Renewing Flammables License, Trum Field Sunoco, 541 Broadway.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.37. License
(ID # [26-0564](#))

Renewing Flammables License, Union Gulf Service LLC, 231 Washington Street.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.38. License
(ID # [26-0579](#))

Renewing Garage License, 599 Somerville Ventures LLC, 599 Somerville Avenue.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.39. License
(ID # [26-0565](#))

Renewing Garage License, Arco Tire Auto Service Repair LLC, 18 Clarendon Avenue.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.40. License
(ID # [26-0566](#))

Renewing Garage License, Aris Auto Inc., 3 Craigie Street.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.41. License
(ID # [26-0567](#))

Renewing Garage License, Brazil Auto Repair Inc., 635 Somerville Avenue.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.42. License
(ID # [26-0580](#))

Renewing Garage License, Broadway Sunoco, 258 Broadway.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.43. License
(ID # [26-0569](#))

Renewing Garage License, Dino's Auto Center, 308 McGrath Highway.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.44. License
(ID # [26-0570](#))

Renewing Garage License, Drain Doctor Inc., 612 Broadway.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.45. License
(ID # [26-0571](#))

Renewing Garage License, K Professional Auto Detailing, 682 Mystic Avenue.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.46. License
(ID # [26-0572](#))

Renewing Garage License, MAC, 53 Russell Street.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.47. License
(ID # [26-0573](#))

Renewing Garage License, Mass General Brigham, 21 Third Avenue.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.48. License
(ID # [26-0574](#))

Renewing Garage License, Modern Floors, Inc., 22 Marshall Street.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.49. License
(ID # [26-0576](#))

Renewing Garage License, Ravelo's Auto Service, 63 Washington Street.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.50. License
(ID # [26-0577](#))

Renewing Garage License, Real Auto Shop, Inc., 463 McGrath Highway.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.51. License
(ID # [26-0578](#))

Renewing Garage License, Roman Auto Repair LLC, 45 Mystic Avenue.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.52. License
(ID # [26-0581](#))

Renewing Garage License, Teele Square Auto, 1284 Broadway.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.53. License
(ID # [26-0582](#))

Renewing Garage License, Webster Auto Body, 69 Webster Avenue.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.54. License
(ID # [26-0583](#))

Renewing Livery License, DRN Bus Transportation, 40A Memorial Road.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.55. License
(ID # [26-0584](#))

Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Day/Dover Parking LLC, 55 Day Street.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.56. License
(ID # [26-0585](#))

Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Nissenbaum Auto Parts Inc., 480 Columbia Street.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.57. License
(ID # [26-0586](#))

Renewing Second Hand Dealer License, Buffalo Exchange Ltd., 238 Elm Street.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.58. License
(ID # [26-0587](#))

Renewing Second Hand Dealer License, Nissenbaum Auto Parts Inc., 480 Columbia Street.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.59. License
(ID # [26-0588](#))

New Sign/Awning License, Showcase Laundromat, 715 Somerville Avenue, 1 Sign.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.60. License
(ID # [26-0589](#))

Renewing Taxi Medallion License, LaFoi Taxi Inc, Med. #20.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.61. License
(ID # [26-0591](#))

Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Michael H. Garvey, Med. #57.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.62. License
(ID # [26-0590](#))

Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Renaissance Taxi Service LLC, Med. #50.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.63. License
(ID # [26-0592](#))

Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Four Wheels Auto, 83 Albion Street.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.63 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED9.64. Withdrawn
(ID # [26-0596](#))

Withdrawn.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN9.65. Public Event
(ID # [26-0597](#))

Somerville Museum applying for a Public Event License for Somerville Patriots Day Colonial Fair 2026 on April 20 from 8am to 1pm.

RESULT: APPROVED9.66. Public Event
(ID # [26-0599](#))

Somerville Museum applying for a Public Event License for Trolley Tour: Revolutionary Line on April 25 from 8am to 6pm (raindate April 26).

RESULT: APPROVED9.67. Public Event
(ID # [26-0598](#))

Veterans Services Department applying for a Public Event License for Salute to Service Parade on May 16 from 8am to 4pm.

RESULT: APPROVED9.68. Public Event
(ID # [26-0600](#))

Bow Market applying for a Public Event License for Annual Curated Vintage Market on May 31 from 8am to 9pm (raindate June 7).

RESULT: APPROVED9.69. Public Event
(ID # [26-0594](#))

Arts Council applying for a Public Event License for Somerstreets: Carnival on June 7 from 11:30am to 8pm (raindate June 14).

RESULT: APPROVED9.70. Public Event
(ID # [26-0593](#))

Arts Council applying for a Public Event License for Big Gay Dance Party on June 27 from 2:30pm to 9:30pm (raindate June 28).

RESULT: APPROVED9.71. Public Event
(ID # [26-0595](#))

Arts Council applying for a Public Event License for Fireworks Celebration on June 30 from 2pm to 12am (raindate July 1).

RESULT: APPROVED9.72. Public
Communication
(ID # [26-0607](#))

Tamara Grasty and Emma Rybeck submitting comments re: item #26-0485, Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Crime Tracer.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

- 9.73. Public Communication (ID # [26-0608](#)) Five individuals, including two residents submitting comments re: item #26-0204, amending the Zoning Ordinances for affordable housing projects.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

- 9.74. Public Communication (ID # [26-0609](#)) Three individuals, including two residents submitting comments re: item #26-0234, amending the Zoning Ordinances for accessory dwelling units.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 10.1. Resolution (ID # [26-0642](#)) By Councilor Mbah
That the Director of Parks and Recreation and the Commissioner of Public Works coordinate with local stakeholders, including the Somerville Garden Club and other community volunteers, to evaluate the feasibility of transforming the currently unused lawn space located at the small white church across from the West Branch Library into a community gardening space.

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- 10.2. Public Event (ID # [26-0635](#)) Mutual Aid Medford and Somerville applying for a Public Event License for MAMAS Free Store on April 11 from 7am to 4pm (raindate April 25).

RESULT: APPROVED

- 10.3. Public Communication (ID # [26-0632](#)) Jenny Raposo and Danny Resendes submitting comments re: items #26-0327, #26-0328, #26-0329, #26-0330, amending the Zoning Ordinances regarding Zoning Board of Appeals Board Rules, affordable dwelling units, and Backyard Cottage.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

- 10.4. Public Communication (ID # [26-0633](#)) Chris Dwan submitting comments re: utility double poles.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Sustainability and Infrastructure Committee

- 10.5. Public Communication (ID # [26-0634](#)) 64 residents submitting comments re: parking on Oak, Houghton, Bolton, and Prospect Streets.

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

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

- 10.6. Public Communication (ID # [26-0636](#)) Alexandra Thorn and Daniel Wong submitting comments re: item #26-0378, grant for body-worn camera program.

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

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 10.7. Public Communication (ID # [26-0637](#)) Jake Grossman submitting comments re: item #26-0257, requesting a Zoning Map Amendment for 2 and 9 Union Square, 286, 290, and 298 Somerville Avenue.

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

FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 11:06 PM.