

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 10, 2022, 7:00 PM
 Meeting by Remote Participation

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OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Willie Burnley Jr.	City Councilor At Large	Present	
Charlotte Kelly	City Councilor At Large	Present	
Jake Wilson	City Councilor At Large	Present	
Beatriz GomezMouakad	Ward Five City Councilor	Present	
Judy PinedaNeufeld	Ward Seven City Councilor	Present	
Kristen Strezo	City Councilor at Large	Present	
Matthew McLaughlin	Ward One City Councilor	Present	
Jefferson Thomas ("J.T.") Scott	Ward Two City Councilor	Present	
Ben Ewen-Campen	Ward Three City Councilor	Present	
Jesse Clingan	Ward Four City Councilor	Present	
Lance L. Davis	Ward Six City Councilor	Present	

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 213023
 (ID:28047) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 213024
 (ID:28048) **RESULT: APPROVED**

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, January 13, 2022.
 213025
 (ID:28049) **RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
 AYES: Burnley Jr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad,
 PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-
 Campen, Clingan, Davis

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

4. Order By City Councilor McLaughlin
213026 That Rule 25 of the Rules of this Council is hereby amended to change the
(ID:28050) name of the Committee on Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable
Populations to the Committee on Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and
Vulnerable Populations.

President McLaughlin explained that recommends adding Seniors to the Equity Committee as a way of consolidating committees, noting that over the past several years, the Council has not put forth any policy issues regarding the city’s senior population. Councilor Strezo commented that there was never a lack of needs, rather, it was that the community was not aware of the needs of seniors. Councilor Gomez Mouakad feels that this is an important issue. Councilor Ewen-Campen wants to earn the trust of the people who signed the petition (item #213099), and he supports the method put forth by President McLaughlin.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad,
PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-
Campen, Clingan, Davis

5. Order By City Councilor McLaughlin, BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson
213027 That the Director of Constituent Services provide this Council with a
(ID:28027) breakdown of 311 calls, by ward, during the past year.

President McLaughlin explained that there is a belief that East Somerville is not being taken care of as well as other parts of the city and he would like to see a record of the 311 calls to determine if East Somerville residents aren’t calling 311 or if the calls are being ignored.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad,
PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-
Campen, Clingan, Davis

6. Resolution 213028 (ID:28028) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Scott
That the Chair of the Licensing Commission update this Council on the status of all recreational marijuana applicants already approved by the Marijuana Advisory Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

7. Order 213029 (ID:28030) By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works update this Council on the status of broken play equipment at Chuckie Harris Park.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis

8. Communication 213030 (ID:28029) By City Councilor McLaughlin
Updating this Council on the Charter Review process.

President McLaughlin asked councilors to review the information and to communicate any questions or concerns through the Clerks.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis

9. Resolution 213031 (ID:28014) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Kelly, BurnleyJr.
That the FY 2023 Budget establish and fund an affordable housing acquisition fund for development opportunities.

Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Finance Committee.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

10. Resolution 213032 (ID:28015) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, BurnleyJr., Kelly, Strezo That the FY 2023 Budget establish a modernized mortgage assistance program to support first-time and first-generation homebuyers.

Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

11. Resolution 213033 (ID:28016) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Kelly, BurnleyJr. That the FY 2023 Budget include meaningful investment towards establishing non-police first responder programs for non-criminal emergencies.

Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

12. Resolution 213034 (ID:28017) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Kelly, BurnleyJr. That the FY 2023 Budget include meaningful investment towards establishing a community engagement center and meeting center that is not part of a police station.

Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

13. Resolution 213035 (ID:28018) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Davis, Kelly That the FY 2023 Budget include a citywide residential composting program.

Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

14. Resolution 213036 (ID:28019) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, BurnleyJr., Kelly That the FY 2023 Budget include funding for a historical Disparity Study in Purchasing and goals for purchasing from local women and minority owned businesses.

Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

15. Resolution 213037 (ID:28020) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Kelly That the FY 2023 Budget include an investment in finding physical storage space and programmatic support for a program to teach youth and other residents to fix donated bicycles.

Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

16. Resolution 213038 (ID:28021) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Kelly That the FY 2023 Budget continue the recent trend of significantly increasing capacity to implement street safety redesigns.

Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

17. Order 213039 (ID:28023) By City Councilor Scott, GomezMouakad, Kelly, Wilson, BurnleyJr. That the Director of Mobility replace the HAWK signal at Buckingham and Beacon Streets with a standard RYG stoplight signal.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

18. Order 213040 (ID:28024) By City Councilor Scott That the Director of Mobility and the Director of Engineering provide a written timeline regarding the upcoming MassDOT replacement of the Webster Street rail bridge and explain what public input process will be followed locally.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

19. Order 213041 (ID:28025) By City Councilor Scott That the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development ensure that Planning Board meeting minutes are posted publicly for review.

Councilor Scott commented that the last minutes posted by the Planning Board are from April 2021. Councilor Burnley would like to see Planning Board meetings available on the city’s website.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis

20. Order 213042 (ID:28026) By City Councilor Scott, Wilson, Kelly That the Director of Mobility install a speed hump at the base of Somerville Avenue Extension where it intersects with Linwood and Fitchburg Streets.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

21. Order 213043 (ID:28039) By City Councilor Clingan, GomezMouakad, Kelly, Scott, BurnleyJr. That the ADA Coordinator provide a copy of all 311 ADA related requests as well as any documented ADA violations by the city and their remedies.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis

22. Order 213044 (ID:28041) By City Councilor Clingan, GomezMouakad, Ewen-Campen, Kelly, Wilson, Scott, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, Davis, McLaughlin, BurnleyJr. That the Commissioner of Public Works develop a system for clearing all pedestrian sidewalk ramps.

Councilor Clingan wants to identify, and possibly number, each sidewalk cutout in the city in order to develop a plan for clearing them of snow to keep those walkways accessible.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis

23. Resolution 213045 (ID:28040) By City Councilor Clingan, Scott, Kelly, BurnleyJr., Ewen-Campen, Wilson, PinedaNeufeld That the Mayor consider implementing a residency exemption for members of commissions who are required by law to remain on their respective commission until a replacement has been appointed.

Councilor Clingan noted that many commissions have been having difficulty reaching meeting quorums and he thinks that by implementing this waiver until a replacement is seated would help to alleviate this problem. President McLaughlin noted that the Mayor may extend a member's service until a replacement is appointed, as was done when the Council previously did not approve several appointments.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

24. Order 213046 (ID:28006) By City Councilor GomezMouakad, Kelly That the Director of Mobility implement traffic calming measures on Cedar Street.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

25. Order 213047 (ID:28007) By City Councilor GomezMouakad That the Commissioner of Public Works, the Director of Procurement and Contracting Services, and the Director of Mobility report on the enforcement of and status of annual reporting on the city's Ordinance to Safeguard Vulnerable Road Users.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad noted that this item had been previously submitted by Councilor Davis and Councilor Davis noted that an exact order is already in committee.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis

26. Order 213048 (ID:28008) By City Councilor GomezMouakad, Ewen-Campen, Kelly, Wilson, Scott, Clingan, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, Davis, McLaughlin, BurnleyJr. That the Director of Housing report on measures and strategies being implemented to address the racial inequities in homeownership.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad noted the inequities in mortgage lending and explained that diverse homeownership makes the city stronger. Councilor Burnley stated that racial discrimination in housing still exists in the country and in Somerville.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

27. Order 213049 (ID:28009) By City Councilor GomezMouakad, Kelly That the Director of Housing provide the data requested within for inclusionary homes built after 2016, to better understand how the program is addressing housing needs.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad said that inclusionary housing is not meeting the needs of lower income people and she would like to know how housing needs are addressed by the city.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

28. Order 213050 (ID:28010) By City Councilor GomezMouakad, Scott
That the Director of Housing and the Director of the Office of Sustainability and Environment work with the Somerville Community Corporation to explore funding and rebates available for weatherization and other sustainability measures.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad said that affordable housing units should be as energy efficient as possible, noting that many existing units could be improved. She noted that a 1901 gas line was recently replaced, pointing out the need to upgrade. Councilor Burnley stated that the city has not done some of the things that it has been credited with doing.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis
FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

29. Order 213051 (ID:28011) By City Councilor GomezMouakad, Scott
That the Director of Economic Development report on the city’s role in the relocation of the Somerville YMCA and its participation in programming to help address the need for a community center.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad spoke about the need for a community center. Councilor Kelly also spoke about the need for a public community center that could provide services to those in need of them. Councilor Clingan commented that his understanding is that the YMCA is looking to do a property swap.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis

30. Order 213052 (ID:28012) By City Councilor GomezMouakad, Clingan, Davis
That the Commissioner of Public Works report on the possibility of including sidewalk curb cut snow clearance when in close proximity to stormwater drains scheduled for clearing following a snowstorm.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

31. Order 213053 (ID:28013) By City Councilor GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Kelly, BurnleyJr., Strezo, Wilson
That the Director of Health and Human Services, in collaboration with SomerViva, provide a plan for preventive medicine clinics for immigrant communities.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad spoke about the lack of access to health care for the immigrant community in the city and Councilor Pineda Neufeld spoke about overcoming some of the information and fear about health care.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis
FOLLOWUP: Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations

32. Order 213054 (ID:28005) By City Councilor GomezMouakad, Wilson
That the Director of Mobility review the attached draft Act Relative to the Operation and Regulation of Electric Bicycles in the City of Salem and consider supporting similar legislation.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad noted that this could provide better access for some people.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

33. Order 213055 (ID:28031) By City Councilor PinedaNeufeld
That the Chief of Police and the Chief Fire Engineer appear to discuss the appointment process for new hires and promotions.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

34. Order 213056 (ID:28032) By City Councilor PinedaNeufeld, Kelly
That the Director of Housing Stability appear to discuss how to prevent evictions, support residents facing eviction, and the ability to extend the eviction moratorium.
- Councilor Pineda Neufeld expressed concern about what will happen once the moratorium expires.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee
35. Order 213057 (ID:28033) By City Councilor Wilson
That the Commissioner of Public Works update this Council on snow removal operations during and following the weather event of January 29, 2022.
- Councilor Wilson would like to get the DPW Commissioner’s perspective about what did and did not work during the recent snow storm.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
36. Order 213058 (ID:28034) By City Councilor Wilson, Scott
That the Director of Economic Development and Director of Planning, Preservation & Zoning update this Council on the search for a new site for the YMCA.
- Councilor Wilson stated the importance of the YMCA to the city. Councilor Ewen-Campen noted that the present YMCA also serves as a residence for low-income people, and he would like the new facility to also be a place that people can call home.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis

37. Order 213059 (ID:28035) By City Councilor Wilson, BurnleyJr., Davis
That the Commissioner of Public Works update this Council on plans to address unsafe conditions at the Brown schoolyard.
- President McLaughlin stated that the School Committee asked the Mayor to address this issue.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis
38. Order 213060 (ID:28036) By City Councilor Wilson
That the Director of Mobility update this Council on future plans for pedestrian "beg" buttons, which were disabled in favor of automatic signaling during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee
39. Order 213061 (ID:27992) By City Councilor Strezo
That the Director of Health and Human Services discuss an updated long-term plan for aging in place for residents 65 and over.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis
FOLLOWUP: Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations
40. Order 213062 (ID:27993) By City Councilor Strezo
That this City Council work with the Administration to explore an internship program for high school students.
- Councilor Strezo envisions this to be paid internships and an aid to job placement.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis
FOLLOWUP: Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations

41. Order 213063 (ID:27994) By City Councilor Strezo
That this City Council work with the Administration and School District on a year-round expansion of a summer jobs internship program with a focus on addressing Out of School Time.
- Councilor Strezo moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Equity Committee.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis
FOLLOWUP: Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations
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42. Resolution 213064 (ID:27995) By City Councilor Strezo, PinedaNeufeld
That the Executive Director of the Housing Authority discuss the possibility of providing wireless internet in communal areas.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee
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43. Resolution 213065 (ID:27996) By City Councilor Strezo
That the Executive Director of the Housing Authority discuss the establishment of an on-site resident food pantry within each Housing Authority property to address the food insecurity needs of residents.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee
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44. Order 213066 (ID:27997) By City Councilor Strezo
That the Director of Health and Human Services discuss the recruitment and retention of Teen Snow Shoveling Program participants.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

45. Resolution 213067 (ID:27998) By City Councilor Strezo, Kelly, PinedaNeufeld, BurnleyJr., Scott, GomezMouakad
That the Mayor create a Senior Liaison within the Executive Office to advocate on behalf of Somerville residents aged 65 and older.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis
FOLLOWUP: Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations

46. Order 213068 (ID:27999) By City Councilor Strezo
That the Director of the Council on Aging discuss a plan to allow seniors to be bussed to city events, including on evenings and weekends.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis
FOLLOWUP: Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations

47. Order 213069 (ID:28000) By City Councilor Strezo, Clingan
That the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development and the Director of Health and Human Services discuss a re-assessment to determine if Somerville is in compliance with its 2018 designation as an AARP Age-Friendly Community.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis
FOLLOWUP: Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations

48. Order 213070 (ID:28001) By City Councilor Strezo, Kelly
That the Director of Health and Human Services discuss implementing a year-round garden program to address Out of School Time.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis
FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

49. Order 213071 (ID:28022) By City Councilor Strezo That the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development provide an update on the status of work and finances of the Community Preservation Act grants of 2018 for the Brown School and West Somerville Neighborhood School playground designs and the continuing plans for the projects.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis
FOLLOWUP: School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee

50. Order 213072 (ID:28037) By City Councilor Kelly, Clingan, Wilson, BurnleyJr., PinedaNeufeld That the Director of Health and Human Services, the Director of Inspectional Services and the Environmental Health Coordinator update this Council on current rodent mitigation plans.

Councilor Kelly noted that the Rodent Issues Committee will be meeting next week.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis
FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

51. Order 213073 (ID:28038) By City Councilor Kelly That the Commissioner of Public Works update this Council on the replacement of trash bins due to rodent activity.

Councilor Kelly wants to look at the bigger picture of composing and recycling as it relates to the rat problem in the city.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis
FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

52. Order 213074 (ID:28042) By City Councilor Burnley Jr., Kelly
That the City Solicitor draft language to amend the Housing Stability Notification Act to proactively meet the needs of residents.

Councilor Burnley explained that the act was passed by the city in 2019 to give people being evicted notice of services available to them. He wants tenants to be given documentation of their rights at the time that they begin renting. Councilor Burnley has met with the city's Law Department and the Office of Housing Stability about what can be done, and the Law Department is working on some appropriate language.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Burnley Jr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

53. Order 213075 (ID:28043) By City Councilor Burnley Jr., Kelly
That the City Solicitor advise this Council on its ability to ban hostile architecture.

Councilor Burnley would like to move forward proactively as a city on this matter.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Burnley Jr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

54. Order 213076 (ID:28044) By City Councilor Burnley Jr., PinedaNeufeld, Davis, Wilson, Kelly, Scott, Ewen-Campen
That the Director of Mobility conduct an equity study of bus routes to determine targets for fare-free buses.

Councilor Burnley said that the move to make public transit fare-free is growing but there is a lot of confusion around the issue. The City of Boston has laid out 3 fare-free routes without performing an equity study, however, Councilor Burnley would like Somerville to have an equity study to determine the best routes for fare-free busses in the city.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Burnley Jr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

55. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report
213077
(ID:27972)

Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on February 2, 2022.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld presented the committee report and reviewed the appointments that were recommended for approval.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis

B. Mayor's Request
212899
(ID:27704)

Requesting the re-appointment of Alan Bishop as Constable.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis

C. Mayor's Request
212900
(ID:27705)

Requesting the re-appointment of Mary Battinelli as Constable.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis

D. Mayor's Request
212901
(ID:27706)

Requesting the re-appointment of Catello Battinelli II as Constable.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis

E. Mayor's Request
212902
(ID:27808)

Requesting the reappointment of Eleanor Rances to the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis

F. Order
212984
(ID:27948)

By City Councilor PinedaNeufeld
That the Director of Human Resources discuss the hiring and appointment processes.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

G. Mayor's Request 213001 (ID:27888) Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Stephanie Galaitsi to the Women's Commission.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis

H. Mayor's Request 213015 (ID:27963) Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Brian Postlewaite to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis

56. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. Committee
Report
213078
(ID:27974)

Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on February 8, 2022.

Councilor Wilson presented the committee report and summarized the actions taken by the committee. Councilor Wilson asked to sever item #212895 from the report and the item was severed. President McLaughlin explained that he does not have to be recused from this item. Councilor Burnley stated that this is a critical issue for the community, and he would like to think about how public safety could be reimaged, adding that this item does not support that thinking. Councilor Davis reflected that numerous discussions were held about traffic safety and he believes that police will do their job, therefore he is opposed any quotas being associated with this grant. Councilor Kelly sponsored Chief Femino to speak and asked him if the data on page 5 of the grant application included warnings and Chief Femino said that the data included both fines and warnings, adding that traditionally, over the years, the position of the police is to educate motorists. Councilor Ewen-Campen stated that he has supported similar grants in the past, but his thinking has since changed. Councilor Wilson commented on the numerous requests for traffic enforcement but said that data is clear on the inequity of who is being stopped. Chief Femino stated that the 3-stop interaction per hour is not a police directive but is a grant requirement. He added that if the grant is accepted, he would put out a policy to be followed by officers. Councilor Wilson asked about sending warnings and tickets via mail rather than conducting traffic stops on state roadways and Chief Femino explained that in person traffic enforcement is effective. Councilor Gomez Mouakad asked if Chief Femino would be amenable to providing quarterly reports and the chief had no objection. Councilor Gomez Mouakad continued by saying that there is some fear from the Latino community among those who need to drive and don't have licenses. She asked what the policy is in that situation and Chief Femino stated that if a person without a license is stopped, it might warrant a warning, a summons, or some other action and is dealt with on a case-by-case basis. Councilor Gomez Mouakad sponsored RSJ Director Denise Molina Capers to speak. The Director said that combining policing and public safety requires taking several criteria into account through a community approach. Councilor Clingan said that he hears that Somerville is like the wild west because of a lack of enforcement and he asked what the grant entails and Chief Femino explained the different campaigns within the grant and said that stops are made based on infractions being observed by officers. Councilor Clingan asked how many of the 800 people pulled over last year were arrested and Chief Femino will provide the information. Councilor Kelly commented that thousands of people have spoken with her in favor of safer streets through street design, not by policing.

- A. Committee Report 213078 (ID:27974) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on February 8, 2022.
- Chief Femino stated that this grant has been accepted for the past ten years and explained that a monthly summary financial report is turned into the state and from what he has seen, there is more than enough activity to meet the requirements of the grant. Councilor Pineda Neufeld said that she has received numerous calls regarding safety when crossing streets in her ward. Councilor Scott said that this grant has a specific target and is disproportionate in its execution. Councilor Gomez Mouakad cited additional data, including arrests, on traffic stops. The item was not approved.
- President McLaughlin recused himself from item #212883.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis
- B. Mayor's Request 212883 (ID:27799) Requesting the appropriation of \$808,639 from the Salary and Wage Stabilization Fund to the Police Department Personal Services, Other Lump Sum Benefits Account to fund retroactive payments for a collective bargaining agreement between the City of Somerville and the Somerville Police Superior Officers Association.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]**
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis
RECUSED: McLaughlin
- C. Mayor's Request 212884 (ID:27798) Requesting the appropriation of \$174,882 from the Salary Contingency Account to the Police Department Personal Services Accounts to fund a collective bargaining agreement between the City of Somerville and the Somerville Police Superior Officers Association.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis
- D. Mayor's Request 212889 (ID:27806) Requesting approval to create the Assembly Square Off-Site Infrastructure Stabilization Fund and accept a payment to said Fund of \$687,260 from the Alta Xmbly Development project, for off site infrastructure to support and enhance the surrounding neighborhoods.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis

E. Mayor's Request 212890 (ID:27805) Requesting approval to create the Assembly Square Public Realm and Area Improvements Stabilization Fund and accept a payment to said Fund of \$549,808 from the Alta Xmbly Development project, to support and enhance the public realm in the surrounding neighborhoods.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis

F. Mayor's Request 212891 (ID:27804) Requesting approval to create the Assembly Square Transit Area Improvements Stabilization Fund and accept a payment to said Fund of \$103,089 from the Alta Xmbly Development project, for transit area improvements to support and enhance the surrounding neighborhoods.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis

G. Mayor's Request 212895 (ID:27662) Requesting acceptance, and approval to expend, a \$49,980 grant with no new match required, from MA Office of Public Safety and Security to the Police Department for traffic enforcement programs.

RESULT: NOT APPROVED. [3 TO 8]
AYES: GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo
NAYS: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis

H. Mayor's Request 212896 (ID:27761) Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$25,600 grant with no new match required, from MEMA/FEMA's Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) for the purchase of 911 Center planning consultant services.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis

I. Mayor's Request 212897 (ID:27752) Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$15,000 grant with no new match required, from MA Department of Energy Resources to the Office of Sustainability and Environment for conducting a feasibility study regarding adding battery backup systems to municipal owned buildings.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis

J. Mayor's Request 212935 (ID:27807) Requesting approval to amend a contract with Design Consultants for an additional 2 years and \$53,146.25, for final work related to the Beacon St. Roadway construction project.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis

K. Mayor's Request 212998 (ID:27881) Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$74,400 grant with no new match required, from the MA Office of Public Safety for Police Department staffing.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis

L. Mayor's Request 212999 (ID:27887) Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$34,896.32 grant with no new match required, from the MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security to the Fire Department for the purchase of portable radios.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis

57. LAND USE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 213079 (ID:27971) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on February 1, 2022.

Councilor Ewen-Campen presented the committee report and summarized the actions taken by the committee.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis

B. Public Communication 212913 (ID:27728) Kechia Davis requesting the adoption of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Map to re-zone 1060 Broadway Unit C-001 from Powderhouse School (PS) to Commercial Industry (CI).

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

C. Order 212959 (ID:27922) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Land Use Committee review the process of amending zoning ordinances, for the benefit of new Councilors and the public.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

58. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 213080 (ID:27975) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on February 9, 2022.

Councilor Burnley presented the committee report and summarized the actions taken by the committee.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Burnley Jr., Kelly, Wilson, Gomez Mouakad, Pineda Neufeld, Strezio, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis

- B. License/Permit 213014 (ID:27959) New Garage License, Toucan Auto Center Inc, 619 Somerville Avenue, 39 vehicles inside, 1 vehicles outside for auto body work, spray painting, and charging money to store vehicles.

RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Burnley Jr., Kelly, Wilson, Gomez Mouakad, Pineda Neufeld, Strezio, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis

CONDITION: No new trash tickets before April 30th renewal; cars must not be parked on sidewalks.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

59. Mayor's Request 213081 (ID:27978) Requesting the appropriation of \$964,344 from the Unreserved Fund Balance/Free Cash Account to the Arthur Healey Schoolyard Renovation Account to remediate contaminated on-site soils.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

60. Mayor's Request 213082 (ID:27976) Requesting a transfer of \$23,612 from the Health and Human Services Salaries Account to the Inspectional Services Salaries Account to establish the position of Environmental Health Coordinator in the Inspectional Service Department.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

61. Officer's Communication 213083 (ID:27968) City Clerk requesting approval of her Public Official's Bond.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Burnley Jr., Kelly, Wilson, Gomez Mouakad, Pineda Neufeld, Strezio, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis

62. Officer's Communication 213084 (ID:27991) Director of Inspectional Services requesting to appear before this Council to provide updates and discuss the SMART pilot, Residential Rodent Programs, and Community Outreach.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis
FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

63. Officer's Communication 213085 (ID:27979) Director of Parking responding to Item #212958, providing an update on the status of the Parking Utilization Study.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

64. Officer's Communication 213086 (ID:27980) Chief of Police responding to Item #212860, providing an update on the staffing of crossing guards.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

65. Officer's Communication 213087 (ID:28002) Commissioner of Public Works conveying responses to five City Council orders, as outlined within.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis

NEW BUSINESS

66. Public Communication 213088 (ID:28045) Powderhouse Living, LLC requesting a Zoning Text Amendment to the Permitted Uses Table 7.2.7 of the Powderhouse School Special District.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

67. License/Permit 213089 (ID:27981) New Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Joy St Motors, 24 Joy St, 42 inside, 0 outside, Mon-Fri: 8AM-6PM, Sat: 8AM-2PM, Sun: closed.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Licenses and Permits Committee.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

68. License/Permit 213090 (ID:27984) New Garage License, DW Propco EF LLC, 250 Water Street, 374 inside, 12 outside for storing vehicles only, operating 24/7.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Licenses and Permits Committee.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

69. License/Permit 213091 (ID:27985) New Flammables License, DW Propco EF LLC, 250 Water Street, storing 1320 gallons.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Licenses and Permits Committee.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

70. License/Permit 213092 (ID:27982) Public Event License, East Somerville Main Streets Market, sidewalk in front of East Branch Public Library, Saturdays May 15-Nov 27, 8AM-2PM.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Licenses and Permits Committee.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

71. License/Permit 213093 (ID:27986) New Drainlayer's License, James T. Lynch Construction Co., Inc.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis

72. License/Permit 213094 (ID:27983) Small Wireless Facility License, Extenet attaching small wireless facilities on an existing pole near 12 Linden Street.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis

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| 73. License/Permit
213095
(ID:27987) | <p>Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Pearl St Auto Sales, 182 Pearl St.</p> <p>Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
 RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad,
 PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis</p> |
| 74. License/Permit
213096
(ID:27990) | <p>Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Gene Automotive, 56 Joy St.</p> <p>Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
 RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad,
 PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis</p> |
| 75. License/Permit
213097
(ID:27989) | <p>Renewing Garage License, Pearl St Auto Sales, 182 Pearl St.</p> <p>Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
 RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad,
 PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis</p> |
| 76. License/Permit
213098
(ID:27988) | <p>Renewing Flammables License, Pearl St Auto Sales, 182 Pearl St.</p> <p>Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
 RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad,
 PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis</p> |
| 77. Public
Communication
213099
(ID:28046) | <p>Residents submitting comments re: establishment of a special subcommittee to focus on the issues and concerns of older adults.</p> <p>Councilor Strezo sponsored Elaine Koury to speak. Ms. Koury read the petition and asked for the Council’s support, saying that the needs of seniors in the city are being ignored.
 RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
 AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad,
 PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis
 FOLLOWUP: Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations</p> |

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

78. Order By City Councilor McLaughlin
 213100 That the Commissioner of Public Works identify a permanent location for
 (ID:28053) disposal of snow.

President McLaughlin spoke about the need of finding a permanent long-term solution to this problem.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strez, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

79. Communication By City Councilor McLaughlin
 213101 In his capacity as President, conveying the creation of a Special Committee on
 (ID:28052) School Building Facilities and Maintenance.

President McLaughlin spoke about forming this committee to address building issues along with the School Committee. Councilor Clingan recommended Councilor Gomez Mouakad be appointed to this committee. Councilor Burnley inquired about the composition of the committee and the process for establishing special committees.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strez, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis

80. License/Permit Transferring Taxi Medallion License, Medallion #20 from Edelle Cab to LaFoi
 213102 Taxi Inc.
 (ID:28051)

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strez, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis

LATE ITEMS

81. Resolution By City Councilor Wilson
 213103 In his capacity as Chair of the Finance Committee, requesting that Honorable
 (ID:28055) Members of the City Council submit resolutions for their budget priorities for the next fiscal year, for the City Council meeting of February 24, such that they may be discussed at a Finance Committee of the Whole meeting in March.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strez, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis

82. Communication By City Councilor McLaughlin
213104 Conveying an opinion requested from the Deputy City Solicitor re:
(ID:28057) appointment of constables.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad,
PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-
Campen, Clingan, Davis

83. Resolution By City Councilor Scott
213105 That the Administration provide a mid-year appropriation to fund continued
(ID:28058) operation of the Senior Ride-Share Access program recently discontinued after
the lapsing of its MAPC funding.

Councilor Scott said that this program served hundreds of people in the city before the funds ran out. Councilor Strezo commented that a similar item is before the Housing and Community Development Committee, where discussions have been held. Councilor Strezo stated that the program will be renewed.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad,
PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-
Campen, Clingan, Davis
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:33 PM.