



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

City Council

Regular Meeting Agenda

Thursday, August 25, 2022

7:00 PM

City Council Chamber and Remote Participation

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1. OPENING CEREMONIES

- 1.1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
(ID # [22-1464](#))
- 1.2. Remembrances Remembrances.
(ID # [22-1465](#))
- 1.3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, June 23,
(ID # [22-1466](#)) 2022.

2. CITATIONS

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 3.1. Grant of Location Comcast applying for a Grant of Location to install 28 feet of
(ID # [22-1379](#)) conduit in Central St, from Utility Pole 56/2 located at the
intersection of Cypress St and Central St to a point of pickup at
7 Central St.

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- 3.2. Grant of Location (ID # [22-1377](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 65 feet of conduit in Broadway, from Manhole 2642 located at the intersection of Broadway and Walker St to a point of pickup at 872 Broadway.
- 3.3. Grant of Location (ID # [22-1378](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 20 feet of conduit in Warwick St, from Utility Pole 357/1 to a point of pickup at the rear of 171 Cedar St.
- 3.4. Grant of Location (ID # [22-1380](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 160 feet of conduit in the intersection of Somerville Ave and Central St, from Manhole 8637 to a point of pickup at 7 Central St.
- 3.5. Grant of Location (ID # [22-1381](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 11 feet of conduit in Hardan Rd, from Utility Pole 503/2 to a point of pickup at 10 Hardan Rd.
- 3.6. Grant of Location (ID # [22-1382](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 11 feet of conduit in the intersection of Jay St and Howard St, from Utility Pole 183/1 to a point of pickup at 38 Jay St.
- 3.7. Grant of Location (ID # [22-1383](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 28 feet of conduit in Pennsylvania Ave, from Manhole 4698 to a point of pickup at 12 Pennsylvania Ave.
- 3.8. Grant of Location (ID # [22-1384](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 5 feet of conduit in South St, from Utility Pole 316/3 to a point of pickup at 26 South St.
- 3.9. Grant of Location (ID # [22-1385](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 12 feet of conduit in Woodbine St, from Utility Pole 632/3 to a point of pickup at 19 Woodbine St.
- 3.10. Grant of Location (ID # [22-1386](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install a total of 416 feet of conduit in Middlesex Ave as follows: Starting from proposed Manhole 31554, connecting Manhole 20357 and 20356 to two points of pickup at 5 Middlesex Ave.
- 3.11. Grant of Location (ID # [22-1387](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 8 feet of conduit in Aldersey St, from Utility Pole 4/2 to a point of pickup at 9 Aldersey St.
- 3.12. Grant of Location (ID # [22-1388](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install a total of 1,352 feet of conduit at the intersection of Foley St and Middlesex Ave, in Kensington Ave, to McGrath Hwy and for future use on Middlesex Ave, and to a point of pickup at 845 McGrath Hwy.

- 3.13. Grant of Location (ID # [22-1389](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install two proposed manholes and a total of 327 feet of conduit in the intersection of Assembly Square Dr and Mystic Ave to the Somerville/Charlestown line.
- 3.14. Withdrawn (ID # [22-1390](#)) Withdrawn.
- 3.15. Grant of Location (ID # [22-1391](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 75 feet of conduit in the intersection of Oxford St and Beacon St, from Utility Pole 48/33 to a point of pickup at 372 Beacon St.

4. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

- 4.1. Ordinance (ID # [22-1461](#)) By Judy Pineda Neufeld and Willie Burnley Jr. and Lance Davis and Ben Ewen-Campen and Beatriz Gomez Mouakad and Charlotte Kelly and Matthew McLaughlin and Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott and Kristen Strezo and Jake Wilson That Chapter 2, Article VI, Section 2-319 of the Code of Ordinances, regarding bereavement leave, be amended as attached.
- 4.2. Order (ID # [22-1459](#)) By Judy Pineda Neufeld That the City Solicitor update this Council on the 8/11/22 Civil Service Commission decision Fairchild, Matthew v. City of Somerville, and the impact on the confirmations process.
- 4.3. Order (ID # [22-1460](#)) By Judy Pineda Neufeld and Charlotte Kelly and Jake Wilson and Beatriz Gomez Mouakad That the Director of Parking consider placing new resident educational literature regarding parking permits on cars in residential areas instead of ticketing during the first five days of September.
- 4.4. Resolution (ID # [22-1457](#)) By Judy Pineda Neufeld and Kristen Strezo That the Administration update this Council on the dedicated summer teen spaces, including how they were marketed to teens and usage of the three sites throughout the summer.
- 4.5. Resolution (ID # [22-1458](#)) By Judy Pineda Neufeld That the Administration update this Council on the timeline and process for identifying a permanent Teen Center.

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- 4.6. Order
(ID # [22-1408](#))
By Kristen Strezo and Willie Burnley Jr. and Ben Ewen-Campen
That the Housing and Community Development Committee discuss the Democracy Collaborative's report on Advancing Community Wealth Building in the City of Somerville.
- 4.7. Order
(ID # [22-1409](#))
By Kristen Strezo and Judy Pineda Neufeld and Charlotte Kelly and Lance Davis
That the Director of Health and Human Services provide free menstrual products in all restrooms in City buildings.
- 4.8. Order
(ID # [22-1410](#))
By Kristen Strezo and Matthew McLaughlin and Charlotte Kelly and Jake Wilson
That the Director of Health and Human Services increase rat control efforts from Wigglesworth Street to Dana Street.
- 4.9. Order
(ID # [22-1411](#))
By Kristen Strezo and Jesse Clingan and Charlotte Kelly and Jake Wilson
That the Director of Health and Human Services immediately increase rat control measures in the areas of Fellsway West to Temple Street and Broadway to Jaques Street.
- 4.10. Resolution
(ID # [22-1423](#))
By Kristen Strezo
That the Administration create a housing task force to address an immediate pathway to low-income home ownership.
- 4.11. Resolution
(ID # [22-1424](#))
By Kristen Strezo
That the Administration use American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to expand the SomerVIP program.
- 4.12. Resolution
(ID # [22-1425](#))
By Kristen Strezo
That the Administration compile a report focusing on aging in community in Somerville, with the data outlined below.
- 4.13. Resolution
(ID # [22-1426](#))
By Kristen Strezo and Matthew McLaughlin and Jake Wilson
That the Traffic Commission approve the installation of speed bumps on Wigglesworth Street.
- 4.14. Home Rule
Petition
(ID # [22-1476](#))
By Ben Ewen-Campen and Lance Davis and Willie Burnley Jr. and Jesse Clingan and Beatriz Gomez Mouakad and Charlotte Kelly and Matthew McLaughlin and Judy Pineda Neufeld and Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott and Kristen Strezo and Jake Wilson
Proposing a Home Rule Petition, with the Mayor's support, to authorize the City of Somerville to establish a net zero emissions standard for new constructed buildings and major renovation projects.
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- 4.15. Order
(ID # [22-1412](#)) By Ben Ewen-Campen
That the Director of Mobility provide this Council with an updated schedule for the redesign of Highland Avenue.
- 4.16. Order
(ID # [22-1413](#)) By Ben Ewen-Campen
That the Director of Parking consider a "local preference" parking permit policy for the post-reconstruction resident parking spaces on Highland Avenue.
- 4.17. Resolution
(ID # [22-1427](#)) By Ben Ewen-Campen and Willie Burnley Jr. and Lance Davis and Beatriz Gomez Mouakad and Charlotte Kelly and Matthew McLaughlin and Judy Pineda Neufeld and Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott and Kristen Strezo and Jake Wilson
That this City Council supports Senate Bill S.1323 "An act to update the Public Shade Tree law", which would increase the penalty for the illegal removal of public shade trees from the current maximum of \$500, to the actual replacement value of the trees.
- 4.18. Communication
(ID # [22-1428](#)) By Ben Ewen-Campen
Conveying recommendations for an effective body worn camera Use Policy in Somerville.
- 4.19. Order
(ID # [22-1414](#)) By Beatriz Gomez Mouakad and Kristen Strezo and Matthew McLaughlin and Lance Davis
That the Director of Planning and the Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry report on how land is being set aside to meet Somervision 2040's goal of 105 new acres.
- 4.20. Order
(ID # [22-1415](#)) By Beatriz Gomez Mouakad and Lance Davis
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management present the Brown School final report and explain how the findings will be integrated into future school building feasibility studies.
- 4.21. Order
(ID # [22-1416](#)) By Beatriz Gomez Mouakad
That the Commissioner of Public Works report on all major repairs made to school buildings during the summer.
- 4.22. Order
(ID # [22-1417](#)) By Beatriz Gomez Mouakad
That the Commissioner of Public Works provide quarterly reports to the School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee on any major repairs and 311 work orders in school buildings.

- 4.23. Order
(ID # [22-1418](#)) By Beatriz Gomez Mouakad and Matthew McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works report on planned repairs for the East Somerville Community School facade failures.
- 4.24. Order
(ID # [22-1419](#)) By Beatriz Gomez Mouakad and Judy Pineda Neufeld and Kristen Strezo
That the Director of Housing include in the inclusionary preference, a priority for families with children enrolled in Somerville Public Schools.
- 4.25. Order
(ID # [22-1443](#)) By Beatriz Gomez Mouakad
That the Director of Housing report on the percentage of inclusionary units that are occupied by those applicants with a Somerville Live/Work preference.
- 4.26. Order
(ID # [22-1444](#)) By Beatriz Gomez Mouakad
That the Director of Housing report on expansion of outreach to residents who qualify for a Somerville Live/Work preference and to non-English speaking residents.
- 4.27. Order
(ID # [22-1445](#)) By Beatriz Gomez Mouakad and Jake Wilson
That the Director of Inspectional Services report on the status of the enforcement of Section 11-111 of the Code of Ordinances, regarding Registration and maintenance of vacant property.
- 4.28. Order
(ID # [22-1446](#)) By Willie Burnley Jr. and Jake Wilson and Charlotte Kelly and Ben Ewen-Campen
That the Director of Human Resources provide a preliminary report on staff feedback regarding the Commonwealth's Paid Family and Medical Leave policy.
- 4.29. Resolution
(ID # [22-1447](#)) By Willie Burnley Jr. and Ben Ewen-Campen
That the relevant committee hold a hearing regarding the adoption of the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 175M: Family and Medical Leave.
- 4.30. Order
(ID # [22-1448](#)) By Willie Burnley Jr. and Ben Ewen-Campen
That the City hereby adopt the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 175M: Family and Medical Leave.

- 4.31. Order (ID # [22-1449](#)) By Willie Burnley Jr. and Jake Wilson
That the City Solicitor and the Director of Parking provide this Council with an opinion on whether the adoption of Chapter 90, Section 20A of the Massachusetts General Laws would allow the City to mail tickets for traffic violations, including those identified through 311 reports.
- 4.32. Order (ID # [22-1452](#)) By Willie Burnley Jr.
That the City hereby rescinds its adoption of the provisions of Chapter 90, Section 20A½ of the Massachusetts General Laws.
- 4.33. Order (ID # [22-1453](#)) By Willie Burnley Jr.
That the City hereby adopts the provisions of Chapter 90, Section 20A of the Massachusetts General Laws.
- 4.34. Order (ID # [22-1450](#)) By Willie Burnley Jr.
That the Director of Communications publicize proposed changes to bus routes in multiple languages, and provide flyers that are available physically and electronically.
- 4.35. Order (ID # [22-1454](#)) By Willie Burnley Jr. and Jake Wilson and Charlotte Kelly
That the Director of Mobility provide this Council with a timeline for a final Bicycle Network Vision Plan.
- 4.36. Order (ID # [22-1455](#)) By Willie Burnley Jr.
That the Director of Mobility report on the feasibility of installing quick-build protected bike lanes on Broadway, and ways that the City plans to enhance safety for cyclists.
- 4.37. Order (ID # [22-1456](#)) By Willie Burnley Jr.
That the Director of Mobility provide an update on the timeline for the Community Path extension.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 5.1. Citation (ID # [22-1292](#)) By Matthew McLaughlin
Commending Mary Skipper on her selection as Superintendent of Boston Public Schools.
- 5.2. Order (ID # [22-1372](#)) By Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott
That this Council meet in Executive Session pursuant to MGL c30A s21(a)(1), to review protected personnel information or to discuss matters related to individual candidates, regarding Item #214034, confirmation of the promotion of Timothy Van Nostrand to the position of Police Sergeant.

- 5.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1258](#)) Mayor requesting confirmation of the promotion of Timothy Van Nostrand to the position of Police Sergeant.
- 5.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1320](#)) Requesting approval of Police Officer assignments at Polling Places on Election Day as required by the VOTES Act.

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 7.1. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1430](#)) Requesting ordainment of an amendment to the Somerville Zoning Ordinance Article 3, Residence Districts and Article 9, Use Provisions, to permit the adaptive reuse of commercial building types in the NR and UR zoning districts.
- 7.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1431](#)) Requesting ordainment of an amendment to the Somerville Zoning Ordinance Articles 4 (Mid Rise Districts), 5 (High Rise Districts), 6 (Commercial Districts), 8 (Overlay Districts), and 9 (Use Provisions) to permit additional uses for any ground story commercial space fronting a Pedestrian Street.
- 7.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1439](#)) Requesting authorization to borrow \$993,132 in a bond, and to authorization to appropriate the same amount for the General Fund portion of the Clarendon Hills Infrastructure Improvements project.
- 7.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1440](#)) Requesting authorization to borrow \$662,088 in a bond, and authorization to appropriate the same amount for the Sewer portion of the Clarendon Hills Infrastructure Improvements Project.
- 7.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-0477](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a National Park Service Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant of \$750,000, with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA), Division of Conservation Services (DCS) to the Public Space and Urban Forestry Division for the renovation of Conway Park.
- 7.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1421](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$295,463 grant with no new match required, from State E911 to the Police Department for E911 Telecommunicator personnel costs.
- 7.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1441](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$108,226.71 grant from Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) to the Health & Human Services for the Public Health Shared Services Grant.

- 7.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1422](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$104,951.96 grant with no new match required, from State E911 to the Police Department for E911 Training and Certification of 911 Telecommunicators.
- 7.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1420](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$24,500 grant with no new match required, from State E911 to the Police Department for E911 emergency medical dispatch services.
- 7.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-0432](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$357,881.73 using available funds in the Department Public Works Administrative, Highway, and Sanitation Accounts for the purposes of resolving outstanding invoices.
- 7.11. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1438](#)) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$29,820 using available funds in the Law Department Outside Legal Counsel Services Account for Legal Services.
- 7.12. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1437](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$371.24 using available funds in the Health and Human Service Professional and Technical Account for Service Labor Cost for Mobile Market Van.
- 7.13. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1433](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$207.69 using available funds in the Fire Department and Vehicle Repairs Account for the purchase of automotive parts.
- 7.14. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1434](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$60.06 using available funds in the Fire Department and Vehicle Repairs Account for supplies for the repair shop.
- 7.15. Mayor's Communication (ID # [22-1432](#)) Proclaiming that The City of Somerville recognizes the week of September 4 - 10, 2022 as National Suicide Prevention Week.
- 7.16. Mayor's Communication (ID # [22-1462](#)) Conveying an update regarding work completed during Summer, 2022 to Somerville Public Schools buildings.
- 7.17. Mayor's Communication (ID # [22-1463](#)) Conveying a joint Memorandum from the Mayor and Fire Chief with an update regarding the new Assembly Square Fire Station.

8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 8.1. Officer's Communication (ID # [22-1442](#)) Planning Board Chair conveying the Planning Board's recommendations for proposed amendments to the Somerville Zoning Ordinance, items #213430, #213601, #213705, #213807, and #213886.
- 9. NEW BUSINESS**
- 9.1. Public Communication (ID # [22-1407](#)) Boynton Yards LandCo LLC requesting approval of the attached Land Conveyance petition for Boynton Yards.
- 9.2. License (ID # [22-1401](#)) Renewing Garage License, Assembly Row 5B LLC, 455 Grand Union Blvd.
- 9.3. License (ID # [22-1402](#)) Renewing Garage License, Mass Inspection, 712 Mystic Ave.
- 9.4. License (ID # [22-1403](#)) New Sign/Awning License, La Cosecha, 85 Broadway, LED channel letters sign.
- 9.5. License (ID # [22-1404](#)) Transferring Taxi Medallion License, from Ormond Transportation Company Inc to Early Bird Transportation LLC Medallion #49.
- 9.6. License (ID # [22-1405](#)) Transferring Taxi Medallion License, from Ormond Transportation Company Inc to Renaissance Taxi Service LLC Medallion #50.
- 9.7. License (ID # [22-1406](#)) Transferring Taxi Medallion License, from Alewife Transportation Company Inc to Charlie's Family LLC Medallion #80.
- 9.8. Public Event (ID # [22-1392](#)) Jade Lu applying for a Public Event License for Thrift Store Prom on August 27 from 5pm to 10:30pm (raindate September 3).
- 9.9. Public Event (ID # [22-1451](#)) Arthur D. Healey School applying for a Public Event License for Welcome Back to School on August 29 from 4:30pm to 7:30pm (raindate September 15).
- 9.10. Public Event (ID # [22-1393](#)) Ryan Well applying for a Public Event License for Craft demo on August 29 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm (raindate September 5).
- 9.11. Public Event (ID # [22-1394](#)) City of Somerville applying for a Public Event License for Military Health and Wellness Day on September 10 from 9am to 3pm (raindate September 11).

- 9.12. Public Event (ID # [22-1400](#)) Society of S.S. Cosmas & Damian applying for a Public Event License for Procession for S.S. Cosmas & Damian on September 11 from 2:30pm to 6:30pm (raindate September 18).
- 9.13. Public Event (ID # [22-1395](#)) Alex Feldman applying for a Public Event License for Rogers Ave Block Party on September 17 from 4pm to 8:30pm (raindate September 18).
- 9.14. Public Event (ID # [22-1396](#)) East Somerville Main Streets applying for a Public Event License for Foodie Crawl on September 20 from 2pm to 10:30pm (raindate September 21).
- 9.15. Public Event (ID # [22-1397](#)) HONK! applying for a Public Event License for HONK! Festival on October 7 from 2pm-9:30pm, October 8 from 10am-10pm, and October 9 from 10am-2pm.
- 9.16. Public Event (ID # [22-1398](#)) Elisabeth Adams applying for a Public Event License for Berkeley St Block Party on October 15 from 2pm to 8pm (raindate October 16).
- 9.17. Public Event (ID # [22-1399](#)) Jim Adams applying for a Public Event License for Hudson St Block Party on October 22 from 2pm to 8pm (raindate October 23).

10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 10.1. Resolution (ID # [22-1467](#)) By Jake Wilson and Matthew McLaughlin and Jesse Clingan and Willie Burnley Jr. and Lance Davis and Ben Ewen-Campen and Beatriz Gomez Mouakad and Charlotte Kelly and Judy Pineda Neufeld and Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott and Kristen Strezo
That the Somerville City Council hereby designates August 31, 2022, as Overdose Awareness Day in the City of Somerville.
- 10.2. Order (ID # [22-1471](#)) By Willie Burnley Jr.
That the Mobility Department work to clearly mark all speed bumps in the city.
- 10.3. Resolution (ID # [22-1470](#)) By Willie Burnley Jr.
That the appropriate City Department provide work with the Fire Department and Local 76 to move the Highland Avenue station's kitchen to the second floor.
- 10.4. Order (ID # [22-1472](#)) By Lance Davis
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sprinkler/splash pad at Lexington Park as soon as possible.

- 10.5. License (ID # [22-1475](#)) New Drainlayer's License, High Quality Excavating Inc.
- 10.6. Small Wireless Facility (ID # [22-1474](#)) Extenet applying for a Small Wireless Facility License for facilities on an existing pole near 51 Beacon Street.
- 10.7. Public Event (ID # [22-1473](#)) Somerville Education Foundation applying for a Public Event License for Back to School Jam on August 31 from 11:30am to 1:30pm (raindate September 1).

11. LATE ITEMS

12. ADJOURNMENT