



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Public Health and Public Safety Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

6:00 PM

Virtual

The meeting took place remotely via Zoom and was called to order at 6:02 PM by Chair McLaughlin adjourned at 9:15 PM on a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Councilors Sait, Davis and McLaughlin), none against and none absent.

Others present:

Chief Charles Femino – SPD, Karin Carroll – Director of Health and Human Services, Kim Hutter – Legislative Liaison, Peter Forcellese – Legislative Clerk.

Roll Call

Present: Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis and Ward Five City Councilor Naima Sait

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Public Health and Public Safety Committee Meeting of June 5, 2024. [24-0888](#)

Accepted

2. That the Director of Health and Human Services update this Council on the establishment of an Overdose Prevention Center, including a timeline for implementation. [24-1209](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Burnley Jr.

Kept in committee

3. That the Administration update this City Council on efforts to open an Overdose Prevention Center. [24-1207](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Davis

Kept in committee

4. That the Administration update the Ward Six Councilor in writing on efforts to address open substance use in Seven Hills Park and other areas. [24-1206](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Davis

Kept in committee

5. That the Administration install or replace needle disposal receptacles in Seven Hills Park and other areas with secure, appropriately designed equipment. [24-1204](#)
Sponsors: Councilor Davis, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Burnley Jr.
Kept in committee
6. That the Administration greatly increase the trash and needle pickup in and around Davis Square, including Seven Hills Park and the Community Path. [24-1201](#)
Sponsors: Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Strezo
Kept in committee
7. That the Administration discuss with this Council, its policies and plans to address the widespread and open drug use in Davis Square. [24-1200](#)
Sponsors: Councilor Pineda Neufeld
Kept in committee
8. That the Administration discuss with this Council, the programs and services being offered to the un-housed population in Davis Square. [24-1199](#)
Sponsors: Councilor Pineda Neufeld
Kept in committee
9. That the Director of Inspectional Services (ISD) provide the Ward 1 City Councilor with a list of all ISD tickets issued in Ward 1 on May 6, 2024. [24-0924](#)
Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin
Recommended to be marked work completed
10. That the Director of Inspectional Services inspect the Home Depot, Circuit City, and surrounding area for code violations and report back to the Ward 1 City Councilor. [24-0921](#)
Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin
Recommended to be marked work completed
11. That the Director of Inspectional Services provide the Ward 1 City Councilor with any tickets and fines associated with the Home Depot, Circuit City, and the surrounding area in the past ten years. [24-0920](#)
Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin
Recommended to be marked work completed