

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

September 9, 2021, 7:00 PM
Meeting by Remote Participation

NOTICE

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting of the City Council will be conducted via remote participation. We will post an audio recording, audio-video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of these proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting on the City of Somerville website and local cable access government channels.

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<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5418611422373091596>.

OPENING CEREMONIES

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 (ID # 27281)

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 (ID # 27282)

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting,
 (ID # 27283)

CITATIONS

4. Citation By City Councilor McLaughlin, and the Mayor
 (ID # 27287) Commending Mary Alice Lally on 50 years of
 employment with the City.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. Grant of Submitted by Comcast to install 275 feet of conduit in
 Location Pearl Street, starting from a Comcast Manhole, 100 feet
 (ID # 27242) to a proposed sidewalk vault, then 5 feet to a point near
 85 Pearl Street, 20 feet to 81 Pearl Street, and 75 feet to
 another proposed sidewalk vault, then 10 feet to a point
 near 77 Pearl Street and a final point of pickup at 75
 Pearl Street.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

6. Withdrawn Withdrawn.
 (ID # 27275)

7. Resolution (ID # 27274) By City Councilor Strezo
That the Administration consider a foreclosure moratorium for Somerville homeowners and owner-occupied small landlords.
8. Resolution (ID # 27273) By City Councilor Strezo
That the Somerville Housing Authority establish free WiFi hotspots in all of its residential properties, either in communal areas, resident lounges or outdoor areas and patios.
9. Order (ID # 27272) By City Councilor Strezo, Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace all the open garbage cans in city parks and on the Community Path with closed rat-proof garbage cans.
10. Resolution (ID # 27276) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Administration create a paid "Teen Invasive Plant Removal Program" similar to the "Teen Snow Shoveling Program" to train young people to remove harmful invasive plants and connect them with residents desiring such help.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

11. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 27277) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on August 31, 2021.
- B. Mayor's Request 210576 Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Kyle Lentini to the position of Reserve Police Officer.
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- C. Mayor's Request 210578 Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Richard Lavey III to the position of Reserve Police Officer.
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- D. Mayor's Request 212136 Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Michael R. Perrone to the position of Police Lieutenant.
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- E. Mayor's Request 212137 Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Marc T. DiFava to the position of Police Sergeant.
RECOMMENDED: Approved.

12. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on Report
(ID # 27278) September 1, 2021.

- B. Mayor's Request 212050 Requesting an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to repeal Section 10.5 - Outdoor Café Seating.
RECOMMENDED: Approved.

- C. Mayor's Request 212052 Requesting adoption of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Section 2.1 - Glossary and the provisions of multiple permitted building components.
RECOMMENDED: Approved as Amended.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 13. Mayor's Request (ID # 27254) Requesting acceptance of a Preservation Restriction for 277 Broadway.

- 14. Mayor's Request (ID # 27235) Requesting approval to re-purpose \$119,815 in the Covid-19 Stabilization Fund to support the 2021 LCC grant program.

- 15. Mayor's Request (ID # 26232) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$3,600 using available funds in the Department of Infrastructure and Asset Management Ordinary Maintenance Account for FY21 Mystic River Stormwater Education Collaborative membership.

- 16. Mayor's Request (ID # 27256) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$368 using available funds in the Human Resources Department Advertising Account for a June 2021 job advertisement.

- 17. Mayor's Request (ID # 27255) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$82.68 using available funds in the Human Resources Department Professional & Technical Services Account for April 2021 confidential shredding services.

- 18. Mayor's Request (ID # 27257) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$58 using available funds in the Human Resources Department Wellness Program Account for a June 2021 employee wellness program invoice.

- 19. Mayor's Request (ID # 27241) Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a grant of \$300,000 per year for 2 years (FY22 and FY23), with no new match required, from Mass DPH to the Health and Human Services Department for Contact Tracing.

- 20. Mayor's Request (ID # 27258) Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a grant of \$122,627 per year for 2 years (FY22 & FY23) with no new match required, from Mass General Brigham/CHA to the Health and Human Services Department for recruitment and training of Community Health Workers.
- 21. Mayor's Request (ID # 27240) Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$122,627 grant over 2 years (FY22/23) with no new match required, from Mass General Brigham/CHA Determination of Need funds, to the Health & Human Services Department SomerPromise Division for Behavioral Health support and training to early childhood care and education systems.
- 22. Mayor's Request (ID # 27236) Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$45,200 grant with no new match required, from the Mass Cultural Council to the Arts Council for support of the 2022 Local Cultural Council re-grant program.
- 23. Mayor's Request (ID # 27239) Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$45,162.23 grant with no new match required, from Commonwealth Children's Fund to the Health & Human Services SomerPromise Division for the SomerBaby Program.
- 24. Mayor's Communication (ID # 27279) Conveying the Tufts University COVID-19 Preparedness Plan: Fall 2021.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

NEW BUSINESS

- 25. Public Communication (ID # 27284) 18 registered voters requesting the adoption of a Zoning Map amendment to change the zoning district of 51 McGrath Highway (MBL 115-B-1 and 115-B-4) from HR to MR5 and 35 McGrath Highway (MBL 115-B-5, 115-B-11, and 115-B-12) from MR5 to MR4.
- 26. License/Permit (ID # 27247) Public Event License, Spring Hill Block Party, Brastow Ave from 48 Brastow to Lowell St, Sept 11, 10AM-11:45PM (raindate Sept 18).
- 27. License/Permit (ID # 27246) Public Event License, Mural Repainting and Block Party, intersection of Marion St and Dimick St, Sept 18, 7AM-10PM (raindate Sept 19).
- 28. License/Permit (ID # 27253) Public Event License, Somerville Museum Block Party, Westwood Rd, Sept 18, 1PM-9PM (raindate Sept 19).

29. License/Permit (ID # 27248) Public Event License, Rogers Ave Block Party, Rogers Ave from Boston Ave to Kidder Ave, Sept 18, 3PM-9PM (raindate Sept 25).
30. License/Permit (ID # 27244) Public Event License, Arts Council Somerstreets, Highland Ave from Central St to Lowell St, Sept 19, 12PM-8PM.
31. License/Permit (ID # 27280) Public Event License, East Somerville Main Streets Foodie Crawl, sidewalks on Broadway from Garfield Avenue to Mt Pleasant St, Sept 21, 2PM-10:30PM (raindate Sept 22).
32. License/Permit (ID # 27259) Public Event License, Union Square Main Streets What the Fluff?, Union Sq Plaza, Sept 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 8AM-11PM.
33. License/Permit (ID # 27265) Public Event License, Squad-Driven East Coast Run Launch, Foley St from Grand Union Blvd to Assembly Row, Sept 24, 4AM-9:30AM.
34. License/Permit (ID # 27286) Public Event License, Somerville Community Corporation A Movie that Matters, Chuckie Harris Park, Sept 24, 5PM-9PM (raindate Sept 25).
35. License/Permit (ID # 27263) Public Event License, Berkeley St Block Party, Berkeley St from Hersey St to School St, Sept 26, 2PM-8PM (raindate Oct 3).
36. License/Permit (ID # 27264) Public Event License, Harrison Block Party, Harrison St from Ivaloo St to Kent St, Sept 26, 11AM-4PM (raindate Oct 3).
37. License/Permit (ID # 27260) Public Event License, Arts Council Porchfest, Citywide, Oct 2, 11AM-7PM (raindate Oct 3).
38. License/Permit (ID # 27289) Public Event License, Somerville Homeless Coalition 5K Road Race, Davis Sq area streets, Oct 2, 6AM-1PM.
39. License/Permit (ID # 27243) Public Event License, Organization New Acropolis USA Northeast Inc, Stoics on the Square, Statue Park, Oct 9, 9:30AM-1:30PM (raindate Oct 10).
40. License/Permit (ID # 27261) Public Event License, Arts Council and Wat's Da Wurd Evolution of Hip Hop, Union Sq Plaza, parking lot and Stone Park, Oct 16, 12PM-8PM (raindate Oct 17).

- 41. License/Permit (ID # 27262) Public Event License, Kingston St Block Party, Kingston St, Oct 16, 4PM-10PM (raindate Oct 17).
- 42. License/Permit (ID # 27252) Public Event License, East Somerville Main Streets Halloween Block Party, Chuckie Harris Park, Oct 30, 2PM-7PM (raindate Oct 31).
- 43. License/Permit (ID # 27245) Public Event License, Arts Council Somersteets, Somerville Ave from Park St to Warren Ave, Oct 31 12PM-8PM (raindate Nov 7).
- 44. License/Permit (ID # 27288) Renewing Drainlayer's License, J Derenzo.
- 45. Public Communication (ID # 27285) Christopher LaRoche submitting comments re: 211889 and 211890, zoning of 80 Webster Ave.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 46. Communication (ID # 27327) By City Councilor Rossetti
In her capacity as President, following the recusal of President McLaughlin, conveying the selection of Steven Flythe and Lori Segall as the President's appointees to the Police Chief Selection Committee.
- 47. Order (ID # 27292) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Director of Inspectional Services, the Chair of the Commission for Persons with Disabilities, and the Chair of the Licensing Commission appear before this Council to discuss permitting and enforcement of accessibility concerns related to outdoor dining.
- 48. Order (ID # 27293) By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of OSPCD and the Director of IAM provide updates on the 90 Washington Street Demonstration project, including community meetings, timelines, construction, tree removals, road changes, etc.
- 49. Mayor's Request (ID # 27249) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,910,000 in a bond for participation in the MWRA Lead Line Replacement Program.
- 50. Mayor's Request (ID # 27271) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$725,000 in a bond for Construction Manager at-Risk services for the pre-construction phase of the Public Safety Building .

51. Mayor's Request (ID # 27291) Requesting authorization to enter into and execute a service agreement with the Cambridge Health Alliance to operate a school based health center and an agreement to license surplus space for that purpose.

52. Mayor's Request (ID # 27238) Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$299,920 grant per year for 3 yrs (FY22,23,24), with no new match required from Mass DPH to the Health and Human Services Department for a Shared Services Excellence Grant in partnership with the Cities of Arlington and Medford.

53. Mayor's Communication (ID # 27318) Conveying the selection of Deha Ahmed and Kevin Dickinson as the Mayor's appointees to the Police Chief Selection Committee.

54. Officer's Communication (ID # 27320) Assistant City Solicitor Shapiro conveying opinions regarding 268A Ethics Disclosures and Special Municipal Employees.

55. Officer's Communication (ID # 27328) Directors of OSPCD, ISD, and Engineering responding to questions posed by the Land Use Committee regarding ADA compliance for outdoor seating.

56. License/Permit (ID # 27294) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 123 Packard Ave.

57. License/Permit (ID # 27295) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 75-85 Packard Ave.

58. License/Permit (ID # 27296) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 43 Latin Way.

59. License/Permit (ID # 27297) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 29 Latin Way.

60. License/Permit (ID # 27298) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 45 Talbot Ave.

61. License/Permit (ID # 27299) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 15 Whitfield Rd.

62. License/Permit (ID # 27300) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 21 Whitfield Rd.

63. License/Permit (ID # 27301) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 13-15 Talbot Ave.

64. License/Permit (ID # 27302) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 9-11 Sunset Rd.
65. License/Permit (ID # 27303) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 56-64 Professors Row.
66. License/Permit (ID # 27304) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 106 Professors Row.
67. License/Permit (ID # 27305) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 92 Professors Row.
68. License/Permit (ID # 27306) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 28 Professors Row.
69. License/Permit (ID # 27307) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 14 Professors Row.
70. License/Permit (ID # 27308) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 8 Professors Row.
71. License/Permit (ID # 27309) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 125 Powderhouse Blvd.
72. License/Permit (ID # 27310) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 98 Packard Ave.
73. License/Permit (ID # 27311) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 32 Dearborn Rd.
74. License/Permit (ID # 27312) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 12 Dearborn Rd.
75. License/Permit (ID # 27313) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 90-92-94 Curtis St.
76. License/Permit (ID # 27314) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 8 Whitfield Rd.
77. License/Permit (ID # 27315) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 176 Curtis St.
78. License/Permit (ID # 27316) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 136 Curtis St.
79. License/Permit (ID # 27317) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 40A-F Latin Way.

- 80. License/Permit (ID # 27319) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 13 Sawyer Ave.
- 81. License/Permit (ID # 27321) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 37 Sawyer Ave.
- 82. License/Permit (ID # 27322) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 45 Sawyer Ave.
- 83. License/Permit (ID # 27323) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 101 Talbot Ave.
- 84. License/Permit (ID # 27324) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 100 Talbot Ave.
- 85. License/Permit (ID # 27325) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 73 Powderhouse Blvd.
- 86. License/Permit (ID # 27326) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 39R Latin Way.

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT