



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Public Health and Public Safety Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

6:00 PM

Virtual

The meeting took place virtually via Zoom and was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chair McLaughlin and adjourned at 9:24 PM on a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Councilors Sait, Davis and McLaughlin), none against and none absent.

Others present:

Lieutenant Mike Perrone – SPD, Lieutenant Tim Mitsakis – SPD, Director Gregory Jenkins – Arts Council, Director Karin Carroll – Health and Human Services, Director of Homeless Services Hannah O’Halloran – Somerville Homeless Coalition, Director Nicholas Antanavica – ISD, Director Matthew Mitchell – Prevention 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 March 20, 2024. [24-0407](#)

Accepted

Aye: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis and Ward Five City Councilor Sait

2. That the Director of Health and Human Services provide monthly updates to this Council’s Committee on Public Health and Public Safety regarding ongoing efforts to address homelessness. [24-0062](#)

Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Davis

Kept in committee

3. That the Director of Inspectional Services update the Ward 1 Councilor on enforcement of the Dark Skies Ordinance. [24-0469](#)

Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Wilson

Recommended to be marked work completed

4. That the Director of Inspectional Services update the Ward 1 City Councilor on the status of any permits issued to contractors associated with 16 Bonair Street. [24-0430](#)

Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Strezo

Recommended to be marked work completed

5. That the Director of Inspectional Services update the Ward 1 City Councilor on the recent collapse of a house at 16 Bonair Street. [24-0429](#)

Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin

Recommended to be marked work completed

6. That the Director of Inspectional Services appear before the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety to discuss the department's methods of reporting, inputting and organizing fines within their databases. [24-0389](#)

Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin

Recommended to be marked work completed

7. That the Director of Inspectional Services appears before the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety to discuss implementation of the Vacant Properties Ordinance, and provide the Ward 1 Councilor with a list of registered properties, the dates they were registered and any fees and fines associated with the properties. [24-0388](#)

Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Scott, Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Sait

Recommended to be marked work completed

8. That the Director of Inspectional Services address trash and other violations by the Rent-A-Center on Broadway. [24-0097](#)

Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin

Recommended to be marked work completed

9. That the Director of Inspectional Services inspect 112 Broadway, 176-182 Broadway, and 24-28 Broadway for violations and report the findings to the Ward 1 City Councilor. [24-0096](#)

Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin

Recommended to be marked work completed

10. That the Director of Inspectional Services update the Ward 1 Councilor [24-0093](#)

regarding any fines associated with 24-28 Broadway, the former Taco Loco site, due to repeated cleanliness and business violations within the last two years.

Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin

Recommended to be marked work completed

11. That the Director of Inspectional Services update the Ward 1 Councilor regarding any fines associated with 24-28 Broadway, the former Taco Loco site, due to repeated cleanliness and business violations within the last two years. [24-0387](#)

Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin

Recommended to be marked work completed

12. That the Director of Inspectional Services inspect 112 Broadway, 176-182 Broadway, and 24-28 Broadway for violations and report the findings to the Ward 1 City Councilor. [24-0384](#)

Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin

Recommended to be marked work completed

13. That the Director of Inspectional Services update the Ward 1 Councilor regarding any fines associated with 112 Broadway, formerly the East End Grill, for any violations within the last ten years. [24-0094](#)

Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin

Recommended to be marked work completed

14. That the Director of Inspectional Services update the Ward 1 Councilor regarding any fines associated with 112 Broadway, formerly the East End Grill, for any violations within the last ten years. [24-0386](#)

Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin

Recommended to be marked work completed

15. That the Director of Inspectional Services update the Ward 1 Councilor regarding any fines associated with 176-182 Broadway, formerly Patsy's Pastries, in the last ten years. [24-0095](#)

Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin

Recommended to be marked work completed

16. That the Director of Inspectional Services update the Ward 1 Councilor regarding any fines associated with 176-182 Broadway, formerly Patsy's Pastries, in the last ten years. [24-0385](#)

Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin

Recommended to be marked work completed

17. That the Administration update this Council on plans for the \$244,891.15 received as part of the Massachusetts Municipal Opioid Abatement Payments. [24-0371](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Burnley Jr.

Recommended to be marked work completed

18. That the Executive Director of the Arts Council appear before the Housing and Community Development Committee to present a Porchfest safety plan that addresses pedestrian safety concerns, promotion of street closures, intersection crossing safety and the prevention of aggressive and dangerous driver behavior during the active event hours. [24-0417](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo

Recommended to be marked work completed

Referenced Documents:

- PHPS - 2024-04-17 ISD PHPS Memo
- PHPS - 2024-04-17 PorchFest Safety For PHPS (with 24-0417)