



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting

Monday - October 26, 2020, 6:00 PM
Virtual

AGENDA

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. C. 30A, s. 18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, as well as Mayor Curtatone's Declaration of Emergency, dated March 15, 2020, this meeting of a City Council Committee will be conducted via remote participation.

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- 1. Approval of the October 5, 2020 Minutes**
- 2. 208692: Discuss** (McLaughlin, Clingan, Ballantyne, Hirsch) – That the Director of Health and Human Services provide the City Council with a copy of the Safe Injection Site Task Force recommendations.
- 3. 209666: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Director of Somerville Cares About Prevention update this Council's Committee on Public Health and Public Safety on their priorities for the year.
- 4. 209667: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Directors of Health and Human Services and Somerville Cares About Prevention appear before this Council's Committee on Public Health and Public Safety to discuss their roles regarding recreational marijuana applications.
- 5. 210211: Discuss** (Clingan, Scott) – That the Director of Health and Human Services work with all community partners in contact with parents to make sure those parents identify

someone to care for their children should they need to be hospitalized, and make that information is accessible, with contact information, in case it is needed.

6. **210246: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Scott, Strezo, Mbah, Ballantyne, Niedergang, Rossetti) – That the Director of Health and Human Services work with City Council to create and fund an unarmed agency that responds to mental health emergencies, addiction and substance-abuse emergencies, and other non-violent crises.
7. **210433: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis) – That the Director of Health and Human Services report to this Council the feasibility of using weekly pooled Covid-19 testing and/or relatively affordable "test strips" for school children, public employees, and workers at public-facing businesses.
8. **210687: Discuss** (Davis, Strezo, Ballantyne, Scott) – That the Director of Health and Human Services advise this Council what services are available to our neighbors experiencing homelessness, mental illness, and addiction, and where additional funding could improve those services or enable new services.
9. **23625 : Scott - propose process to create Som Community Safety Coalition**
Items to place on file
10. **209664: Discuss** (McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Rossetti, Niedergang, Hirsch, White Jr.) – That the Director of Health and Human Services discuss using city policies to address pollution mitigation for new developments along high transit roads and highways.
11. **210208: Discuss** (Clingan, Ballantyne) – That the Director of Parks and Recreation report to this Council's Public Health and Public Safety Committee the plan to re-open the Dilboy Pool on July 1.
12. **210209: Discuss** (Clingan, Ballantyne) – That the Director of Parks and Recreation report to this Council's Public Health and Public Safety Committee with the plan for re-opening the department's Summer Camp.
13. **210282: Discuss** Director of Parks and Recreation responding to #210208 and #210209 on plans to re-open Dilboy Pool and Summer Camps.
14. **210182: Discuss** (Strezo) – That the Postmaster provide any contingency plans to be implemented in the event of a forced shut-down or suspension of service due to a lack of funding or the COVID-19 pandemic.
15. **210356: Discuss** US Postal Service Manager of Governmental Relations responding to

#210182 re: Postal Service operations during the pandemic.