



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

Regular Meeting Agenda

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Roll Call

1. Committee Minutes (ID # 23-1503) **Approval Review:** Approval of the Minutes of the Public Utilities and Public Works Committee Meeting of October 2, 2023.
2. Order (ID # [23-1596](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Commissioner of Public Works install a water fountain for people and dogs at Nunziato field.
3. Resolution (ID # [23-1437](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Administration report on capacity to allow parallel staffing and funding for the development of the 1895 Building, School Building Master Plan and the Fire Department Master Plan Building Study.

4. Resolution
(ID # [23-1436](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Administration collaborate with the School Department on determining the best and future use of the 1895 Building.

5. Order
(ID # [23-1435](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management report on ongoing deficiencies of City Hall and the City Hall Annex that could impair the future use of these buildings.

6. Order
(ID # [23-1434](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management report on recent damages to the City Hall clock tower and share any concerns regarding potential damage to the building structure.

7. Order
(ID # [23-1433](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Strezo
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management provide an update on the repairs of the Teele Square Fire Station, including a timeline for such repairs.

8. Order
(ID # [23-1432](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Davis
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management provide a report on the status of the Fire Department Master Planning Study, including projected timelines for the feasibility study, design, bidding and construction, and prioritization strategies.

9. Order
(ID # [23-1399](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Davis
That the Administration report to this Council on the ability to require further repairs on Highland Ave, and if none, an explanation on whether that complies with road engineering regulations.

10. Order
(ID # [23-1397](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Wilson and Councilor Pineda Neufeld
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management update this Council on the sewer separation work and any opportunities for prioritizing problematic areas of the city.
11. Order
(ID # [23-1355](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson
That the Director of Engineering re-pave Highland Avenue from Central Street to Walnut Street this year instead of waiting until 2024.
12. Order
(ID # [23-1187](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Burnley Jr.
That the Commissioner of Public Works appear before this Council to discuss what actions have and can be taken to ensure that trash and recycling barrels do not obstruct sidewalks after pick-up.
13. Order
(ID # [23-1184](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Gomez Mouakad
That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management report on recent air conditioning failures in City Hall and what repairs have been or will be completed to address those issues.
14. Order
(ID # [23-1183](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Gomez Mouakad
That the Director of Water and Sewer and the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management explain what maintenance will be required for the new Poplar Street Pump Station and Spring Hill Sewer Separation Project, and how these maintenance requirements will be staffed to ensure their proper upkeep.
15. Order
(ID # [23-0891](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the tree wells in front of 173 Broadway for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
16. Order
(ID # [23-0610](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Wilson
That the Commissioner of Public Works report on leaks and building system failures that have caused the shutdown of municipal buildings, excluding school buildings, in the last five years.