



# **City of Somerville, Massachusetts**

## **City Council**

### **Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, December 11, 2025

7:00 PM

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## 1. OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis.

The City Council entered recess at 7:25 PM and returned at 7:29 PM.

The City Council entered recess at 7:42 PM and returned at 7:56 PM.

The City Council entered recess at 8:12 PM and returned at 8:15 PM.

The City Council entered recess at 9:33 PM and returned at 9:41 PM.

### 1.1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

**Present:** Ward Seven City Councilor Emily Hardt  
City Councilor At Large Jake Wilson  
Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen  
Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott  
Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin  
City Councilor At Large Willie Burnley Jr.  
Ward Five City Councilor Naima Sait  
City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo  
Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan  
City Councilor At Large Wilfred N. Mbah  
Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis

## 1.2. Remembrances Remembrances.

Councilor Strezo and Councilor Clingan requested a moment of silence for Carmella Collins, mother of Ward 4 resident Farriss Collins. Councilor Clingan requested a moment of silence for Kevin Wells, uncle of Clark Wells.

## RESULT: APPROVED

1.3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 13, 2025.  
(ID # [25-1848](#))

## RESULT: APPROVED

## 2. CITATIONS

2.1. Citation  
(ID # [25-1784](#))

By Councilor Davis  
Commending Kevin Ryan for his lifesaving actions on October 15, 2025.

Public Works Commissioner Jill Lathan spoke on the efforts Mr. Ryan took to take care of the residents of the city and the great honor it is to have him as a part of the Public Works Department. Mayor Ballantyne also shared gratitude for these actions.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

2.2. Citation  
(ID # [25-1785](#))

By Councilor Davis  
Commending Kelly Gates for her lifesaving actions on November 5, 2025.

Library Director Cathy Piantigini spoke on the actions of Ms. Gates. Mayor Ballantyne accepted the citation on behalf of Ms. Gates.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

2.3. Citation  
(ID # [25-1841](#))

By Councilor Strezo  
Commending the Somerville Special Education Parent Advisory Council for their commitment to students.

Councilor Strezo spoke to the work that Somerville Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SSEPAC) has done to assist vulnerable students in the classroom and the work to address the gaps present in the school system. Councilor Strezo sponsored five individuals who are involved with SSEPAC to speak. The group also acknowledged Samantha Steiner, who was unable to attend. The speakers discussed SSEPAC's dedication to families and creating spaces for students within the classroom and shared some of the inclusive actions and steps being taken to address disparities to support students with disabilities.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

2.4. Citation  
(ID # [25-1786](#))

By Councilor Mbah  
Commending Councilor Lance L. Davis for his distinguished service as President of this Council in 2025.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

2.5. Citation  
(ID # [25-1787](#))

By Councilor Davis  
Commending Councilor Wilfred N. Mbah for his distinguished service as Vice President of this Council in 2025.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

2.6. Citation  
(ID # [25-1789](#))

By Councilor Davis

Commending outgoing Councilor Willie Burnley, Jr. for his outstanding service to the people of Somerville as City Councilor at Large from 2022 to 2025.

Councilor Davis read the citation into the record and thanked Councilor Burnley for his time on the council. Councilors thanked Councilor Burnley for his advocacy, courage, commitment to public service, equity, and the many accomplishments he had during his tenure.

Councilor Burnley commented on the unique struggles that come with being in public service and shared appreciation for all the councilors and their work.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

2.7. Citation  
(ID # [25-1788](#))

By Councilor Davis

Commending outgoing Councilor Jake Wilson for his outstanding service to the people of Somerville as City Councilor at Large from 2022 to 2025.

Councilor Davis read the citation into the record and commented on Councilor Wilson's ability to change the structure of the Finance Committee during his first term and improve the members' ability to do their work, specifically during budget season.

Councilors thanked Councilor Wilson for his character, leadership, generosity, thoughtfulness, and continued service to the community.

Councilor Wilson expressed his enjoyment in doing the work of a Councilor and shared specific thanks for each of his colleagues.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

2.8. Citation  
(ID # [25-1790](#))

By Councilor Davis

Commending outgoing Mayor Katjana Ballantyne for her outstanding service to the people of Somerville as Mayor from 2022 to 2025.

Councilor Davis thanked the Mayor for her many years of service as both Councilor and Mayor and the many initiatives she has worked for during her tenure. Councilors thanked Mayor Ballantyne for her investment in schools, commitment to an inclusive environment, partnership with the Council, commitment to women in government, equity, and work on street safety and to amplify the voices of community members.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

### 3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

**4. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

4.1. Order By Councilor Strezo  
(ID # [25-1782](#)) That the Director of Housing report to this Council the number of new housing units that have been approved for development, year-by-year, since the adoption of SomerVision 2040, and of those, how many are permanently affordable, and how the department defines affordability.

**RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

4.2. Communication By Councilor Mbah  
(ID # [25-1826](#)) Conveying a report of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

Councilor Mbah reported on the November 13, 2025 meeting of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. The trust approved requests related to land and reconstruction work being done within the city.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

4.3. Communication By Councilor Mbah  
(ID # [25-1827](#)) Conveying a report of the Job Creation and Retention Trust Fund.

Councilor Mbah reported on the October 27, 2025, meeting of the Job Creation and Retention Trust Fund. The trust held its annual meeting and reviewed its finances and the workforce training that has been provided since 2020.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

4.4. Order By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Scott and Councilor Mbah  
(ID # [25-1828](#)) That the Director of Mobility increase visibility at the intersection of School Street and the Community Path by permanently installing a convex mirror on the fence.

Councilor Ewen-Campen shared that constituents have been putting up a convex mirror to increase visibility and asked that a solution be reached where it is not repeatedly being taken down.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

4.5. Order (ID # [25-1829](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Sait and Councilor Strezo  
That the Director of Mobility install flashing WATCH FOR PEDESTRIANS signs on the Community Path where it intersects with the Gilman Square station entrance, Walnut Street, Medford Street, Sycamore Street, School Street, and Central Street.  
Councilor Ewen-Campen stated that he rides on the community path daily and there are still dangerous intersections. This is an effort to give other commuters another visual stimulus to increase safety, in addition to the work that has already been done.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

4.6. Order (ID # [25-1830](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen  
That the Commissioner of Public Works install padding around the base of the metal street lamp at the base of the grass hill between City Hall and Reavis Field, to avoid potential injuries from sledding.  
**Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to strike “, to avoid potential injuries from sledding.”. The motion was approved on a voice vote.**  
Councilor Ewen-Campen shared that the city does not sanction sledding on the hill, but it does occur each year and this action may prevent injuries this upcoming season.

**RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED**

4.7. Order (ID # [25-1834](#)) By Councilor Davis  
That this Council amend the Rules of the City Council related to committees.  
Councilor Davis presented the changes to the committees based on the potential for alignment of issues and streamlining staff attendance. He further explained the administrative burden of scheduling committee meetings and with this change there is hope committees will be able to accomplish a broader scope of work. Councilor McLaughlin spoke in support; Councilor Strezo commented on the need for equity to be centered in the work and the desire to share input on the naming conventions.  
**Councilor Strezo moved to amend the Rules to change the name of the Community and Equity Committee to the Housing, Community Development and Equity Committee. The motion was approved on a voice vote.**  
**Councilor Wilson moved for reconsideration of the item in hopes that it failed. Reconsideration failed and the item was approved on a voice vote.**

**RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED**

**AYE:** Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

## 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1. Order (ID # [25-1770](#)) By Councilor Strezo  
That this City Council discuss the safety of the Summer Street bike lane design around or near Putnam Street to Benton Road and how and if additional safety modifications can be made.

**RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE**

## 6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### 6.A. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

6.A.1. Committee Report (ID # [25-1799](#)) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on December 3, 2025.

Councilor Ewen-Campen presented the committee report and asked that the report be accepted as submitted. The seven members of the Fire Department receiving promotions came forward and the City Clerk administered the oath of office.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.A.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1629](#)) Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Steven Mauras to the position of Fire Deputy Chief.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.A.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1630](#)) Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Marc Ardolino to the position of Fire District Chief.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.A.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1631](#)) Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Jay McKenzie to the position of Fire Captain.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.A.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1632](#)) Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Michael Marino to the position of Fire Captain.

**RESULT: WITHDRAWN**

6.A.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1633](#)) Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Nicholas Halloran to the position of Fire Lieutenant.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.A.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1634](#)) Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Raymond Busi to the position of Fire Lieutenant.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.A.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1635](#)) Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Ronald Hampton to the position of Fire Lieutenant.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.A.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1726](#)) Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Andrew Patriquin to the position of Fire Captain.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

## 6.B. FINANCE COMMITTEE

6.B.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on December 9, 2025. (ID # [25-1832](#))

Councilor Wilson presented the committee report and asked that it be accepted as submitted.

**Councilor Wilson moved to suspend the rules and discharge two items, item #25-1745 and #25-1746. The motion was approved on a voice vote.**

Councilor Wilson noted that due to an administrative error, these items did not appear on the agenda for the Finance Committee meeting.

Councilor Wilson moved for approval of both items, and the motion was approved on a voice vote.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.B.2. Order (ID # [25-0254](#)) By Councilor Burnley Jr.  
That the Chief of Police present to this Council the financial implications of the Public Safety for All recommendations, specifically the costs to fund additional officers, acquire and utilize body cameras, and implement a co-response model.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.B.3. Order  
(ID # [25-0649](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr.  
That the Director of Intergovernmental Affairs coordinate with departments to assess which federal grants are likely to not be available in FY 2026 and discuss with this Council the potential impact on programs and services.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.B.4. Order  
(ID # [25-1445](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr.  
That the City Solicitor update this Council on the new Immigration and Customs Enforcement cooperation requirements attached to forthcoming Urban Area Security Initiative grants.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.B.5. Order  
(ID # [25-1446](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr.  
That the Chief of Police or the Metro Boston Homeland Security Region representative update this Council on the strategy for applying for Urban Area Security Initiative or any other federal grants that require Immigration and Customs Enforcement cooperation.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.B.6. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [25-1515](#))

Crystal Huff submitting comments re: items #25-1445 and #25-1446, Orders regarding Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and ShotSpotter.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.B.7. Resolution  
(ID # [25-1677](#))

By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Mbah, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Hardt, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Sait, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson

In support of the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority committing additional resources to stormwater management.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.B.8. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [25-1697](#))

Requesting approval of a transfer of \$150 from the Office of Immigrant Affairs Neighborhood Improvement Council Account to the Somerville Public Schools Food Services Account for the Latin American and Caribbean Heritage Celebration.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.B.9. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [25-1728](#))

Requesting approval of a utility easement for NStar Electric Company at 0 Windsor Place (Boynton Yards).

	<b>RESULT:</b> <u>APPROVED</u>
	<b>AYE:</b> Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis
6.B.10. Mayor's Request (ID # <a href="#">25-1732</a> )	Requesting approval to appropriate \$6,750 from the Medicinal Marijuana Stabilization Fund for additional duties related to the Out of School time activities for FY 2026.
	<b>RESULT:</b> <u>APPROVED</u>
	<b>AYE:</b> Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis
6.B.11. Mayor's Request (ID # <a href="#">25-1733</a> )	Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$147.86 using available funds in the Department of Health and Human Services Program Supplies and Materials Account for meeting snacks.
	<b>RESULT:</b> <u>APPROVED</u>
6.B.12. Mayor's Request (ID # <a href="#">25-1736</a> )	Requesting authorization to establish a consolidated Gift Account for the Veteran Services Department to accept donations for Veterans Holiday Season uses and veterans in need of financial assistance.
	<b>RESULT:</b> <u>APPROVED</u>
6.B.13. Mayor's Request (ID # <a href="#">25-1737</a> )	Requesting approval to accept a gift of real property located at 17 Inner Belt Road (9 New Washington Street) from Ralph C. DeVitto, Jr. and A Bram, Trustee, RCD Foundation.
	<b>RESULT:</b> <u>APPROVED</u>
	<b>AYE:</b> Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

6.B.14. Mayor's Request (ID # <a href="#">25-1740</a> )	Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$22,570 grant with no new match required, from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to the Police Department for mobile data terminals.
	<b>RESULT: <u>APPROVED</u></b>
6.B.15. Mayor's Request (ID # <a href="#">25-1741</a> )	Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$370 gift from the Tufts University Softball team to the Health and Human Services Mobile Farmers Market Revolving Fund for market needs.
	<b>RESULT: <u>APPROVED</u></b>
6.B.16. Mayor's Request (ID # <a href="#">25-1742</a> )	Requesting authorization to borrow \$3,057,826 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for the Fiscal Year 2026 Street Resurfacing Program.
	<b>RESULT: <u>APPROVED</u></b>
	<b>AYE:</b> Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis
6.B.17. Mayor's Request (ID # <a href="#">25-1743</a> )	Requesting approval to appropriate \$3,000,000 from the Street Reconstruction & Resurfacing Stabilization Fund for the FY 2026 Street Resurfacing Program.
	<b>RESULT: <u>APPROVED</u></b>
	<b>AYE:</b> Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis
6.B.18. Mayor's Request (ID # <a href="#">25-1744</a> )	Requesting the appropriation of \$10,643 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund to recompense the fund for unallowable expenses.
	<b>RESULT: <u>APPROVED</u></b>
6.B.19. Mayor's Request (ID # <a href="#">25-1747</a> )	Requesting the appropriation of \$205,000 from the Dilboy Field Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings to the Dilboy Field Enterprise Fund Electricity Account for delinquent electricity bills.
	<b>RESULT: <u>APPROVED</u></b>

6.B.20. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [25-1748](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$225,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Dilboy Field Enterprise Fund Electricity Account for delinquent electricity bills.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.C. LAND USE COMMITTEE

6.C.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on December 4, 2025.  
(ID # [25-1825](#))

Councilor McLaughlin presented the committee report and asked that it be accepted as submitted.

**Councilor Wilson moved to sever item #25-1539 (6.C.3.) from the committee report, The motion was approved on a voice vote.**

**Councilor Wilson noted that he intended to make an amendment to the item text.**

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.C.2. Order  
(ID # [25-0085](#)) By Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Davis and Councilor Wilson  
That the Director of Planning, Preservation and Zoning draft an amendment to the Zoning Ordinances for transit oriented height and density bonuses for additional affordable housing and other enumerated community benefits.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.C.3. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [25-1539](#)) 12 registered voters requesting a Zoning Map Amendment to change the zoning district of 363 Highland Avenue from Mid-Rise 4 (MR4) to Mid-Rise 5 (MR5) and from MR4 to Mid-Rise 6 (MR6), and 110 Willow Avenue MR4 to MR6.

Councilor Davis recused himself from discussion on this item as an abutter to the property, Councilor Mbah assumed the Chair.

Councilor Wilson expressed his intent to put forward an amendment to bring the item in alignment with the recommendations from the Planning Board.

**Councilor Wilson moved to amend by striking, “, and 110 Willow Avenue MR4 to MR6.”. The motion was approved on a voice vote.**

**RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED AS AMENDED**

**AYE:** Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

**RECUSED:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis

6.C.4. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [25-1552](#)) Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Tables 4.1.13, 4.2.13, 4.3.13, 4.4.13, 5.1.14, 7.2.7, 7.4.8, 8.4.16 (c), and 9.1.1 of the Zoning Ordinance to permit Home-Based Child Day Care accessory uses and make corrections.

**RESULT:** **ORDINANCE ORDAINED**

**AYE:** Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

6.C.5. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [25-1554](#)) Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Sections 10.10.3, 15.1.2, 15.1.6, 15.1.8, 15.2.1, 15.2.2, 15.2.3, 15.2.4, 15.3.1, 15.3.2, and 15.5.2 of the Zoning Ordinance to make pre-submittal meetings optional for most permits and to improve clarity and consistency.

**RESULT:** **ORDINANCE ORDAINED**

**AYE:** Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

#### 6.D. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

6.D.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on December 2, 2025.  
(ID # [25-1794](#))

Councilor Scott presented the committee report and asked that the report be accepted as submitted Councilor Scott shared that item #25-0357 was discharged without a recommendation and moved to placed it on file. The motion was approved by unanimous consent. Councilor Scott added that agenda item 8.1. has been submitted with the requested revisions and will move forward for recommendation by the full council.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

6.D.2. Ordinance  
(ID # [25-0357](#)) By Councilor Clingan  
Amending Section 12-8 (a) of the Code of Ordinances by inserting the words “including abutting curb cuts if applicable”.

Councilor Scott clarified that a replacement item with additional updates is submitted as agenda item 8.1 (item #25-1795).

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

6.D.3. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [25-1579](#))

Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for use of an Unmanned Aircraft System at the High School.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.D.4. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [25-1652](#))

Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Section 2-309.9 and 2-309.10 of the Code of Ordinances to clarify term length and appointment process for the Community Preservation Committee.

**RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED**

**AYE:** Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

6.D.5. Officer's  
Communication  
(ID # [25-1676](#))

City Clerk submitting an amendment to the Rules of the City Council to align with the provisions of the City Charter.

Councilor Davis moved to sever this item from the committee report and place it on file. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

Councilor Davis clarified that a replacement item with additional updates is submitted as agenda item 8.2 (item #25-1802).

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

6.D.6. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [25-1714](#))

Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Section 12-178 of the Code of Ordinances to remove the prohibition on sourcing neonicotinoid-treated plants.

**RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED**

**AYE:** Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**6.E. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE**

6.E.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on December 10, 2025.  
(ID # [25-1833](#))

Councilor Burnley presented the committee report, noting that while there was not a public hearing, several members of the public were present to speak about their concerns, and conditions were placed on licenses as a result, and asked that it be accepted as submitted.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.E.2. Grant of Location Comcast applying for a Grant of Location to install a total of 49 feet of conduit in Houghton Street, from Utility Pole 174/1 to a point of pickup at 121 Prospect Street.  
(ID # [25-1529](#))

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.E.3. Grant of Location Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install a total of 48 feet of conduit in Vernon Street, from Utility Pole 152/9 to a point of pickup at 70 Vernon Street.  
(ID # [25-1757](#))

**RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS**

**6.F. OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE**

6.F.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, meeting on December 3, 2025.  
(ID # [25-1798](#))

Councilor Mbah presented the committee report and asked that it be accepted as submitted.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.F.2. Officer's Communication Director of Sustainability and Environment conveying an overview of the Commonwealth's Clean Energy Goals, Electric Sector Modernization Plan, demand growth in Somerville, and capital projects underway or planned.  
(ID # [24-1552](#))

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.F.3. Order By Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Mbah, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Sait, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson  
(ID # [25-0917](#))

That the Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry discuss with this Council, opportunities to create a dog park in West Somerville.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.F.4. Order  
(ID # [25-1134](#))

By Councilor Sait and Councilor Mbah  
That the Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry plant new trees and maintain existing trees in Magoun Square, on Medford Street and on Broadway.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.F.5. Order  
(ID # [25-1346](#))

By Councilor Mbah  
That the Director of Parks and Recreation install a clock on top of the Dilboy Pool building.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.F.6. Order  
(ID # [25-1350](#))

By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Mbah  
That the Director of Health and Human Services create a summer job in the Mayor's Jobs Program by which youth can travel by bike to water public trees around the city.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.F.7. Order  
(ID # [25-1375](#))

By Councilor Wilson, Councilor Scott, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Mbah  
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management and the Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry update this Council on the status of ArtFarm and the funding for the project.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.F.8. Order  
(ID # [25-1427](#))

By Councilor Scott, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Mbah, Councilor Sait and Councilor Davis  
That the Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry discuss with this Council, a policy for use of open space on municipal property around city buildings for community gardens.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.F.9. Officer's  
Communication  
(ID # [25-1495](#))

Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry conveying the Somerville Pollinator Action Plan and related updates.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.F.10. Officer's  
Communication  
(ID # [25-1531](#))

Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry conveying the Somerville Open Space and Recreation Plan 2025-2035.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED****6.G. RODENT ISSUES SPECIAL COMMITTEE**

6.G.1. Committee Report Report of the Special Committee on Rodent Issues, meeting on December 1, 2025.  
(ID # [25-1793](#))

Councilor Wilson presented the committee report and asked that the report be accepted as submitted.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.G.2. Order  
(ID # [25-0243](#))

By Councilor Wilson  
That the Director of Communications and Community Engagement update this Council on efforts to educate the public about preventing conditions conducive to growth of the rodent population.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.G.3. Order  
(ID # [25-0244](#))

By Councilor Wilson  
That the Director of Inspectional Services update this Council on efforts around enforcement of rodent-related ordinances, including the number of complaints, inspections, warnings, and fines issued for vegetation and trash violations.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.G.4. Order  
(ID # [25-0245](#))

By Councilor Wilson  
That the Environmental Health Manager update this Council on rodent activity data and rodent mitigation efforts, including any novel approaches under consideration or being utilized.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.G.5. Order  
(ID # [25-1687](#))

By Councilor Wilson  
That the Director of Inspectional Services update this Council on the rodent hormonal birth control program being jointly piloted with the City of Cambridge.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED****6.H. SCHOOL BUILDING FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE SPECIAL COMMITTEE**

6.H.1. Committee Report Report of the Special Committee on School Building Facilities and Maintenance, meeting on December 8, 2025.  
(ID # [25-1831](#))

Councilor Clingan presented the committee report and asked that the report be accepted as submitted.

**RESULT: APPROVED**6.H.2. Resolution  
(ID # [25-0906](#))

By Councilor Pineda Neufeld

That the Mayor create and make public specific plans that outline the full scope of the work necessary at the Cummings School, including capacity, time, and cost, to host Somerville Public School students in the event of an emergency, and provide regular updates to this Council on such plans until completed.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**6.H.3. Order  
(ID # [25-1096](#))

By Councilor Sait

That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management and the Director of the Office of Sustainability and Environment provide a written report to this Council by July 1 regarding any updates on measures and practices taken to assess, monitor, maintain, and improve healthfulness of the schools' physical environment.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**6.H.4. Order  
(ID # [25-1455](#))

By Councilor Strezo, Councilor Davis, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Sait  
That the Director of Health and Human Services inform this Council which school buildings have menstrual products available and which school buildings have inoperable menstrual product dispensers and when they are scheduled to be replaced.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**6.H.5. Order  
(ID # [25-1637](#))

By Councilor Davis

That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management update this Council on how the foundation at the Brown School is monitored, whether mitigation is required to address any concerns, and if so, the details of those mitigation plans.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**6.H.6. Resolution  
(ID # [25-1721](#))

By Councilor Davis

That the Administration and the School Department discuss with this Council the budgetary and planning impact of snow days, and how adaptation to climate change may affect future snow day planning.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

## 7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

7.1. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [25-1822](#)) Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Chapter 7 of the Code of Ordinances to establish a Rental Registry and Energy Disclosure.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

7.2. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [25-1797](#)) Requesting approval of a change in the Senior Tax Work Off Program qualification criteria to a maximum income of 80% of area median income.

Council on Aging Director Ashley Speliotis shared about the benefits of this program and noted that the income cap for participation is currently \$48,800. Approval of this item would increase that to \$92,650, allowing more seniors the ability to participate. She elaborated that the program allows a maximum of 133 hours to be worked, at a rate of \$15/hour, for a rebate of \$2,000, noting that these limits are set by the state. The program accepts 25 applicants, and there are currently available spots. Director Speliotis also noted that there is no reimbursement from the state for this program, it is offered at a loss to the city.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

7.3. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [25-1824](#)) Requesting approval to use available funds in the City Clerk Salaries account in the amount of \$3,590.41 to fund Assistant City Clerk-Vital Records & Licensing and Assistant City Clerk-Legislative Services positions.

Clerk Wells commented that this reflects a small reorganization, which will consolidate three positions into two, giving those two positions more responsibility. This reorganization will help eliminate redundancy and improve the department's ability to deliver services to both staff and residents. In response to a question from Councilor Clingan, Clerk Wells clarified that the savings to the city for this year will be about \$50,000 and about \$100,000 annually. In response to a question from Councilor Burnley, Clerk Wells elaborated that the Assistant City Clerk-Legislative Services position will help support the work of the City Clerk, expanding to include responsibilities such as serving as clerk for City Council meetings and staff management.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

7.4. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [25-1783](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$1,400,000 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Economic Development to the Mobility Division for the MassWorks program for the Union Square Plaza & Streetscape Phase 1 construction.

Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development Director of Finance and Community Development Alan Inacio stated this grant will be used in conjunction with a grant from the Massachusetts Gaming Commission and securing these funds will keep the project on track.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

7.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1767](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$1,367,300 grant with no new match required, from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to the Public Space and Urban Forestry Division for the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program for the Blessing of the Bay Urban Heat Resilience Project.

Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development Director of Finance and Community Development Alan Inacio shared that this grant is piecing together funding with Community Preservation Act funding to continue the project to completion.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

7.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1768](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$500,000 grant with no new match required, from the Department of Conservation and Recreation to the Public Space and Urban Forestry Division for the Blessing of the Bay Greenway Project.

This item was discussed with item #25-1767.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

7.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1801](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$65,000 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to the Police Department for the Municipal Road Safety Program.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

7.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1776](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$25,000 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to the Council on Aging for direct transportation costs for the Senior Taxi Program.

Council on Aging Director Ashley Speliotis shared that this will be for direct costs for the program.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

7.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1769](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jennifer A. Tsolas to the Condominium Review Board.

Councilor Ewen Campen moved to waive the readings of items 7.9 through 7.12 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

7.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1791](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Christine Lindgren to the Council on Aging.

Councilor Ewen Campen moved to waive the readings of items 7.9 through 7.12 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

7.11. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1792](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Leslie Hergert to the Council on Aging.

Councilor Ewen Campen moved to waive the readings of items 7.9 through 7.12 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

7.12. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1796](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Daniel Cronin to the Council on Aging.

Councilor Ewen Campen moved to waive the readings of items 7.9 through 7.12 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

7.13. Mayor's Communication (ID # [25-1844](#)) Conveying a memorandum regarding implementation of the prison labor prohibition ordinance.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

7.14. Mayor's Communication (ID # [25-1800](#)) Conveying an End of Term Report.

Mayor Ballantyne reflected on her time serving as Mayor, and the inaugural goals that shaped her tenure. These include building an inclusive city, advancing equity, pay equity, investments in the workforce, and creating opportunities for residents to continue to thrive. Mayor Ballantyne highlighted investments made during her administration into commercial buildings, schools, climate work, and more.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

7.15. Withdrawn  
(ID # [25-1766](#))

**RESULT: WITHDRAWN**

7.16. Withdrawn  
(ID # [25-1823](#))

**RESULT: WITHDRAWN****8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

8.1. Officer's  
Communication  
(ID # [25-1795](#))

City Clerk submitting an amendment to Section 12-8 of the Code of Ordinances to require owners of commercial properties to clear snow and ice from accessible curb cuts.

Councilor Ewen-Campen commented on the discussion that was had in committee around easing commitment on residents to clear these areas that are continuously blocked by snowplows. This amendment is an effort to curb some of those concerns and for more involvement from city resources in the future. Councilor Davis echoed thoughts on needing greater investment from city resources and conversations are ongoing.

**RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED**

**AYE:** Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

8.2. Officer's  
Communication  
(ID # [25-1802](#))

City Clerk submitting an amendment to the Rules of the City Council to align with the provisions of the City Charter.

Councilor Davis clarified that this item replaces the item that was previously discussed in Legislative Matters and makes an edit to clarify the duties of the City Clerk and when those duties can be delegated.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

	<b>AYE:</b>	Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis
8.3.	Officer's Communication (ID # <a href="#">25-1843</a> )	City Attorney conveying the response to #25-1715, Osnat Hoffman's Open Meeting Law complaint of November 16, 2025.
	<b>RESULT:</b>	<b><u>PLACED ON FILE</u></b>
8.4.	Officer's Communication (ID # <a href="#">25-1717</a> )	Director of Emergency Management conveying the 2024-2025 Cummings School Winter Warming Center After Action Report and Improvement Plan.
		Emergency Management Director Bill Fisher reviewed the After Action Report and Improvement Plan, highlighting data driven results from residents, methods for feedback from clients, residents in surrounding areas, and staff. He reviewed the results of the surveys and the overall positive response from its users. Many results for improvement stem from the time spent waiting outside to see if a resident would get a bed at night. There were some issues around having security presence, multilingual staff members, and the knowledge that staff are there to assist in finding a place for residents where they are safe. Councilor Burnley spoke to the need to improve the communication around the Warming Center and its space in the coming winter.
	<b>RESULT:</b>	<b><u>PLACED ON FILE</u></b>
8.5.	Officer's Communication (ID # <a href="#">25-1845</a> )	Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management conveying a memorandum regarding recommendations related to Water and Sewer Department restructuring.
	<b>RESULT:</b>	<b><u>PLACED ON FILE</u></b>
8.6.	Officer's Communication (ID # <a href="#">25-1840</a> )	Planning Board conveying recommendations for items #25-1554, #25-1552, and #25-1539.
	<b>RESULT:</b>	<b><u>PLACED ON FILE</u></b>

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

9.1. License (ID # [25-1820](#)) Renewing Automatic Amusement Devices License, Lucky Strike, 325 Revolution Drive.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.25 and 10.3 through 10.6 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.2. License (ID # [25-1803](#)) Renewing Automatic Amusement Device License, The Public, 563 Broadway.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.25 and 10.3 through 10.6 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.3. License (ID # [25-1804](#)) Renewing Outdoor Goods License, 130 Broadway LLC, 130 Broadway.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.25 and 10.3 through 10.6 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.4. License (ID # [25-1821](#)) Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Broadway Auto Sales, 525 Broadway.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.25 and 10.3 through 10.6 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.5. License (ID # [25-1806](#)) Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Broadway Brake, 45 Broadway.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.25 and 10.3 through 10.6 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.6. License (ID # [25-1815](#)) Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Broadway Gulf, 212 Broadway.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.25 and 10.3 through 10.6 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.7. License  
(ID # [25-1810](#))

Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Broadway Motor Cars, 161 Broadway.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.25 and 10.3 through 10.6 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.8. License  
(ID # [25-1842](#))

Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 3 License, Ed's Used Auto Parts, 516 Columbia Street.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.25 and 10.3 through 10.6 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.9. License  
(ID # [25-1819](#))

Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Green Automotive, 600 Windsor Place.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.25 and 10.3 through 10.6 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.10. License  
(ID # [25-1812](#))

Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, John's Auto Sales, 181 Somerville Avenue.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.25 and 10.3 through 10.6 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.11. License  
(ID # [25-1805](#))

Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Joy St Motors, 24 Joy Street.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.25 and 10.3 through 10.6 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.12. License  
(ID # [25-1817](#))

Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 1 License, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 259 McGrath Highway.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.25 and 10.3 through 10.6 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.13. License  
(ID # [25-1811](#))

Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 1 License, Mercedes Benz of Boston Commercial Vans, 161 Linwood Street.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.25 and 10.3 through 10.6 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.14. License  
(ID # [25-1809](#))

Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Motorcycles & More LLC, 109 Bailey Road.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.25 and 10.3 through 10.6 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.15. License  
(ID # [25-1808](#))

Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Ravelos Auto Sales, 63 Washington Street.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.25 and 10.3 through 10.6 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.16. License  
(ID # [25-1818](#))

Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Real Auto Shop, 463 McGrath Highway.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.25 and 10.3 through 10.6 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.17. License  
(ID # [25-1816](#))

Renewing Used Car Dealer Class1 License, Smart Center Boston, 257 McGrath Highway.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.25 and 10.3 through 10.6 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.18. License  
(ID # [25-1813](#))

Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Somerville Motors, 182 Washington Street.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.25 and 10.3 through 10.6 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.19. License  
(ID # [25-1837](#))

Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Teele Square Auto, 1284 Broadway.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.25 and 10.3 through 10.6 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.20. License  
(ID # [25-1836](#))

Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Union Gulf, 231 Washington Street.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.25 and 10.3 through 10.6 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.21. License  
(ID # [25-1814](#))

Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, United Motors, 188 Broadway.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.25 and 10.3 through 10.6 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.22. License  
(ID # [25-1835](#))

Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Web Motor Sales, 5 Middlesex Avenue.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.25 and 10.3 through 10.6 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.23. License  
(ID # [25-1807](#))

Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Webster Auto Sales, 61 Prospect Street.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.25 and 10.3 through 10.6 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.24. Public Event  
(ID # [25-1839](#))

Mayor's Office applying for a Public Event License for Annual Menorah Lighting on December 15 from 4pm to 8pm (raindate December 16).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.25 and 10.3 through 10.6 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.25. Public Event  
(ID # [25-1838](#))

Somerville Museum applying for a Public Event License for 250 First Flag Raising Ceremony on January 1 from 8am to 1pm.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.25 and 10.3 through 10.6 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

## 10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

10.1. Citation  
(ID # [25-1850](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr.

Commending Mutual Aid Medford and Somerville for their community assistance.

Councilor Burnley spoke to the communal efforts made in response to the global pandemic of 2020 to support residents. Including the creation of clothing drives, community gardens, and community fridges. Councilor Burnley sponsored Crystal Huff, Rachel Hanes, Jessica King, and Murphy Spence to speak on behalf of Mutual Aid Medford and Somerville (MAMAS). The group spoke about the efforts that are ongoing to connect residents to available resources in times of need. Councilors shared stories of seeing community support in action through MAMAS.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

10.2. Officer's  
Communication  
(ID # [25-1510](#))

Condominium Review Board conveying the FY 2024 Annual Report, pursuant to Section 7-70 of the Code of Ordinances.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

10.3. License  
(ID # [25-1854](#))

Renewing Dog Kennel License, Pup Yard, 321 Somerville Avenue.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.25 and 10.3 through 10.6 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

10.4. License  
(ID # [25-1853](#))

Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, 28 Motorsports Inc, 486R Columbia Street.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.25 and 10.3 through 10.6 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

10.5. License  
(ID # [25-1852](#))

Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 3 License, Nissenbaum Auto Parts, 480 Columbia Street.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.25 and 10.3 through 10.6 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

10.6. License  
(ID # [25-1851](#))

Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 3 License, Nissenbaum Auto Parts, 0 Windsor Street.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.25 and 10.3 through 10.6 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

10.7. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [25-1849](#))

Tyler Barbosa submitting comments re: item #25-1757, Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install a total of 48 feet of conduit in Vernon Street.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

## 11. LATE ITEMS

11.1. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [25-1745](#))

Requesting approval to appropriate \$250,000 from the Community Benefits Stabilization Fund Account to the Immigrant Legal Services Stabilization Fund Account for legal services for immigrants and asylum seekers seeking permanent residency.

Councilor Wilson moved to suspend the Rules and discharge item #25-1745 from the Finance Committee, noting that an administrative error caused it to not appear on the committee agenda. The motion was approve on a voice vote.

**RESULT: APPROVED****AYE:**

Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

11.2. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [25-1746](#))

Requesting approval to appropriate \$250,000 from the Immigrant Legal Services Stabilization Fund for legal services for immigrants and asylum seekers seeking permanent residency.

Councilor Wilson moved to suspend the Rules and discharge item #25-1746 from the Finance Committee, noting that an administrative error caused it to not appear on the committee agenda. The motion was approve on a voice vote.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**AYE:** Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 11:44 PM.