



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting

Monday - May 16, 2022, 6:30 PM
Virtual

AGENDA

(Posted online: 5/11/22 at 6:00 AM)

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1. Approval of the February 16, 2022 Minutes

OSPCD/DPW

2. **212828: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, Clingan, PinedaNeufeld, Kelly, Davis, BurnleyJr.) – That the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development work with this Council to create policies to reduce the length of time that construction projects block sidewalk access, including the possibility of increasing fees to discourage extended sidewalk closures.

DPW

3. **213139: Discuss** (Clingan) – That the Commissioner of Public Works establish a maximum time frame for a sidewalk panel to be dug up and replaced.
4. **212962: Discuss** (GomezMouakad, Davis, Wilson, Clingan, Kelly) – That the Commissioner of Public Works report on all school building deferred maintenance projects completed following the ventilation system assessment, proposed completion dates, and strategies to assess needs for future deferred maintenance projects.

5. **213137: Discuss** (Clingan, Strezo) – That the Commissioner of Public Works replace all open garbage cans in city parks and on the Community Path with closed rat-proof garbage cans.
6. **213135: Discuss** (Clingan) – That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the MA Department of Transportation to determine their plan for the recently condemned staircase connecting McGrath Highway to Ten Hills Road.
7. **213246: Discuss** (Clingan) – That the Commissioner of Public Works contact MA Department of Transportation to ascertain their plan for the recently condemned staircase connecting McGrath Highway to Ten Hills Road.
8. **213226: Discuss** (McLaughlin, Kelly, Strezo) – That the Commissioner of Public Works work with the MA Department of Transportation to address highway safety measures along I-93 that directly abut the East Somerville neighborhood.
9. **212842: Discuss** (Scott) – That the Commissioner of Public Works address reports of trash barrels being picked up by recycling trucks.
10. **213709: Discuss** (Clingan, Strezo) – That the Commissioner of Public Works resume the rain barrel program that was halted during the pandemic.
11. **213710: Discuss** (Clingan, Strezo) – That the Commissioner of Public Works make rain barrels available, at no cost, to any properties within the city’s flood zones.

DPW/Snow

12. **213052: Discuss** (GomezMouakad, Clingan, Davis) – That the Commissioner of Public Works report on the possibility of including sidewalk curb cut snow clearance when in close proximity to stormwater drains scheduled for clearing following a snowstorm.
13. **213057: Discuss** (Wilson) – That the Commissioner of Public Works update this Council on snow removal operations during and following the weather event of January 29, 2022.
14. **213100: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Commissioner of Public Works identify a permanent location for disposal of snow.
15. **213138: Discuss** (Clingan) – That the Commissioner of Public Works update this Council with details on the sidewalk snow-shoveling pilot which was included in the FY2022 budget.

Economic Development

- 16. 212963: Discuss** (GomezMouakad, Strezo) – That the Director of Economic Development report on the maintenance plan for the Armory building, completion of outstanding repairs, and ongoing maintenance and operational oversight of the building.
- 17. 212964: Discuss** (GomezMouakad, Strezo) – That the Director of Economic Development report on the status of existing leases for the Armory building.

Engineering

- 18. 213134: Discuss** (Clingan) – That the Director of Engineering provide an update on Eversource's re-sealing of the gas main between Acadia Park and Elm Street.
- 19. 213245: Discuss** (Clingan) – That the Director of Engineering provide an update on Eversource's re-sealing of the gas main between Acadia Park and Elm Street.
- 20. 213713: Discuss** (Clingan) – That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management provide the Ward 4 Councilor with an estimated paving date for Douglas Street.
- 21. 213712: Discuss** (Clingan) – That the Director of Engineering explain the timeline for the installation of the proposed Gilman Square water retention tank, as it relates to the overall flood water management plan.