



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting

Tuesday - March 30, 2021, 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 February 9, 2021 Minutes**
- 2. 211259: Discuss** (Scott, Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, Clingan, Davis) – That this Council discuss the costs of placing overhead power and utility lines underground as part of any street reconstruction or resurfacing project, and consider requiring such placement by ordinance, in light of the risks and costs of proliferating utility connections and leaning or doubled poles.
- 3. 211383: Discuss** (White Jr., Scott, Strezo, Clingan, Mbah) – That the Director of Capital Projects appear before this Council to discuss whether the OSHA record of violations is used as a factor in determining the successful bidder for City contracts.
- 4. 211134: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, Scott, Ballantyne, Mbah, Niedergang) – That the Commissioner of Public Works present this Council with a detailed financial analysis of the cost for a municipal program to clear snow from sidewalks in business districts and major thoroughfares.

5. **210996: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD, the Director of Parks and Recreation, or the Commissioner of Public Works discuss with this Council the installation of electrical outlets in parks, playgrounds and other public places to charge cell phones, computers, and other such equipment.
6. **211384: Discuss** (White Jr., Scott, Strezo, Clingan, Mbah) – That the Director of Inspectional Services appear before this Council to discuss whether his Department does or may use the OSHA record of applicants for permits as a factor in determining whether to issue the permits.
7. **211338: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management discuss with this Council a maintenance plan for the city's school buildings, in light of the attached communication.
8. **211394: Discuss** (Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr.) – That the Mayor, Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management, Commissioner of Public Works, and Director of Health and Human Services respond to the attached questions regarding ventilation and school-building readiness from public school parents.

Housekeeping

9. **210829: Discuss** (Clingan) – That the Commissioner of Public Works address the streetlight outage on the entire length of Fellsway West, resulting from the work being done by DCR at Foss Park.