

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 3.1. Grant of Location (ID # [26-0659](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 3,520 feet of conduit and 4 new Manholes 32441, 32442, 32443 and 32444 in Prospect Street, Charlestown Street, South Street, Windsor Street and Medford Street from 9 Medford Street to a point of pickup at 51 Prospect Street.
- 3.2. Grant of Location (ID # [26-0657](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 60 feet of conduit in MacArthur Street, from Utility Pole 122/1 to a point of pickup at 8 MacArthur Street.
- 3.3. Grant of Location (ID # [26-0661](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 49 feet of conduit in Somerville Avenue, from existing Manhole 20630 to a point of pickup at 737 Somerville Avenue.
- 3.4. Grant of Location (ID # [26-0658](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 28 feet of conduit in Horace Street, from Utility Pole 173/3-1/2 to a point of pickup at 31 Horace Street.
- 3.5. Grant of Location (ID # [26-0660](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 25 feet of conduit in Pearl Street, from existing Manhole 18868 to a point of pickup at 181 Pearl Street.

4. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

- 4.1. Order (ID # [26-0645](#)) By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Inspectional Services update this Council on enforcement of the vacant properties ordinance.
- 4.2. Resolution (ID # [26-0646](#)) By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Mayor appoint a City Council representative to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.
- 4.3. Resolution (ID # [26-0647](#)) By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Administration update this Council on the ordering and maintenance of firefighter equipment such as fire engines, ladder trucks and all other fire apparatus.
- 4.4. Resolution (ID # [26-0708](#)) By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Department of Public Works invest in trash barrels with latches to address rodent issues.
- 4.5. Resolution (ID # [26-0644](#)) By Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Mbah
In support of the THRIVE Act, Senate Bill S.374, empowering students and schools to thrive.

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- 4.6. Resolution (ID # [26-0648](#)) By Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Mbah and Councilor Clingan
In support of Harvard Academic Workers.
- 4.7. Withdrawn (ID # [26-0711](#)) Withdrawn.
- 4.8. Order (ID # [26-0713](#)) By Councilor Davis
In his capacity as President, recommending the appointment of Courtney Henderson to the position of City Clerk.
- 4.9. Order (ID # [26-0710](#)) By Councilor Davis
That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management update this Council and the School Committee about safety improvements to security cameras, enclosed schoolyard fencing, balconies, and other infrastructure at the Argenziano School.
- 4.10. Resolution (ID # [26-0709](#)) By Councilor Davis
That the Administration report to the School Committee and this Council, on indoor air quality conditions at the Kennedy School, specifically regarding mold and humidity levels, and outline steps being taken to address them.
- 4.11. Communication (ID # [26-0712](#)) By Councilor Wheeler
In their capacity as Chair of the Finance Committee, conveying information on the FY 2027 budget review process.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 5.1. Resolution (ID # [26-0642](#)) By Councilor Mbah
That the Director of Parks and Recreation and the Commissioner of Public Works coordinate with local stakeholders, including the Somerville Garden Club and other community volunteers, to evaluate the feasibility of transforming the currently unused lawn space located at the small white church across from the West Branch Library into a community gardening space.
- 5.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0602](#)) Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to authorize the appointment of special police officers.

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**6.A. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- 6.A.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on April
(ID # [26-0705](#)) 21, 2026.
- 6.A.2. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$30,000 gift
(ID # [26-0506](#)) from the Carnegie Corporation of New York to the
Public Library for library operations.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- 6.A.3. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$300 gift
(ID # [26-0507](#)) from James and Linda Hyson to the Public Library for
materials for the West Branch Library.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- 6.A.4. Mayor's Request Requesting the approval of a time-only contract
(ID # [26-0509](#)) extension until 5/31/2029 for the Mystic River
Watershed Association for the Community Preservation
Act FY 2023 grant for design of the Blessing of the Bay
Linear Park improvements.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- 6.A.5. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a transfer of \$325,000 from the
(ID # [26-0510](#)) Police Department Salaries Account to the Police
Department Medical and Dental Services Account for
medical procedures for current and retired employees
injured in the line of duty.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- 6.A.6. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a transfer of \$35,000 from the
(ID # [26-0511](#)) Police Department Salaries Account to the Police
Department Animal Control Salaries Account for an
expected deficit.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- 6.A.7. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a five-year extension to the lease
(ID # [26-0512](#)) with BwB-Square LLC for Nibble Community Kitchen.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- 6.A.8. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to appropriate of \$46,500 from the
(ID # [26-0513](#)) Street Tree Stabilization Fund for FY 2026 Ash Tree
treatments.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.

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- 6.A.9. Mayor's Request
(ID # [26-0515](#)) Requesting authorization to borrow \$8,284,000 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for the recurring FY 2026 Water Main Rehabilitation program.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- 6.A.10. Mayor's Request
(ID # [26-0516](#)) Requesting authorization to borrow \$2,000,000 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for the annual FY 2026 Sewer System Rehabilitation - McGrath Corridor.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- 6.A.11. Mayor's Request
(ID # [26-0517](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$228,000 from the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Undesignated Fund Balance to the CPA Open Space Reserve.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- 6.A.12. Mayor's Request
(ID # [26-0518](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$400,000 from the Community Preservation Act Fund for improvements to the Kennedy Schoolyard.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- 6.A.13. Mayor's Request
(ID # [26-0519](#)) Requesting approval to reduce the borrowing authorization for the Kennedy Schoolyard Renovation Project from \$2,000,000 to \$1,600,000.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- 6.A.14. Mayor's Request
(ID # [26-0523](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$30,380 grant with no new match required, from the Department of Fire Services to the Fire Department for firefighter safety equipment.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- 6.A.15. Mayor's Request
(ID # [26-0524](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$48,866.25 grant with no new match required, from the Urban Areas Security Initiative to the Fire Department for the purchase of a vehicle for the Fire Department Auxiliary.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- 6.A.16. Mayor's Request
(ID # [26-0601](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$125,000 grant that requires a match, from the Department of Energy Resources to the Office of Sustainability and Environment for light retrofitting at Dilboy Field.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.

6.A.17. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0603](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$31,800 from the Communications and Community Engagement Salaries Account to the Communications and Community Engagement Professional and Technical Services and Printing and Stationary Accounts for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and program signage.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.

6.A.18. Public Communication (ID # [26-0636](#)) Alexandra Thorn and Daniel Wong submitting comments re: item #26-0378, grant for body-worn camera program.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.

6.B. HOUSING, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND EQUITY COMMITTEE

6.B.1. Committee Report (ID # [26-0656](#)) Report of the Committee on Housing, Community Development and Equity, meeting on April 15, 2026.

6.B.2. Order (ID # [26-0049](#)) By Councilor Strezo
That the Director of Housing report to this Council how many new housing units have been approved for development, year-by-year, since adoption of SomerVision 2040, and of those numbers, how many are permanently affordable, and how the department defines affordability.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.

6.B.3. Officer's Communication (ID # [26-0141](#)) Fair Housing Commission conveying the FY 2024 Annual Report pursuant to Section 17-7 of the Code of Ordinances.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.

6.C. LAND USE COMMITTEE

6.C.1. Committee Report (ID # [26-0704](#)) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting in Joint Session with the Planning Board on April 16, 2026.

7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

7.1. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0689](#)) Requesting that this Council convene in Executive Session to receive an update on collective bargaining negotiations.

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- 7.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0715](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$719,817 from the Salary & Wage Stabilization Fund to various departmental Personal Services accounts to fund the retrospective portion of a collective bargaining settlement with the Somerville Municipal Employees Union, Unit D.
- 7.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0652](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Rafael Santos to the position of Police Officer.
- 7.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0653](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Brandon Pavao to the position of Police Officer.
- 7.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0616](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Carlven Gervais to the position of Firefighter.
- 7.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0617](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Matteo Mustone to the position of Firefighter.
- 7.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0618](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Robert Paul Lyons IV to the position of Firefighter.
- 7.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0619](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Tsering W. Gesar to the position of Firefighter.
- 7.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0620](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Joseph Desmond to the position of Firefighter.
- 7.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0621](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Zyair Bolling to the position of Firefighter.
- 7.11. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0622](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Timothy Joseph Cedrone to the position of Firefighter.
- 7.12. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0698](#)) Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Dennis Sullivan to the position of Fire District Chief.
- 7.13. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0701](#)) Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Sean Marquis to the position of Fire Lieutenant.
- 7.14. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0702](#)) Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Michael J. Marino to the position of Fire Captain.
- 7.15. Mayor's Communication (ID # [26-0651](#)) Proclaiming April 2026 to be Arab American Heritage Month.

8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 8.1. Officer's Communication (ID # [26-0649](#)) Planning Board conveying recommendations for item #26-0204.
- 8.2. Officer's Communication (ID # [26-0650](#)) Director of Infrastructure & Asset Management conveying the April 2026 draft Combined Sewer Overflow Plan.
- 8.3. Officer's Communication (ID # [26-0703](#)) City Clerk conveying Block Party Licenses issued.
- 8.4. Officer's Communication (ID # [26-0706](#)) Director of Economic Development conveying an update on the 90 Washington Street Request for Proposals.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1. License (ID # [26-0662](#)) Renewing Billiards and Bowling License, Diesel Cafe, 257 Elm Street.
- 9.2. License (ID # [26-0663](#)) Renewing Drainlayer's License, American Site Corp.
- 9.3. License (ID # [26-0664](#)) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Ferrante Construction LLC.
- 9.4. License (ID # [26-0665](#)) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Garrett Construction Co Inc.
- 9.5. License (ID # [26-0666](#)) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Garrick Santo Landscape.
- 9.6. License (ID # [26-0667](#)) Renewing Drainlayer's License, J. Marchese and Sons Inc.
- 9.7. License (ID # [26-0668](#)) Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Dakzen, 195 Elm Street.
- 9.8. License (ID # [26-0669](#)) Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Dumpling Kitchen, 215 Highland Avenue.
- 9.9. License (ID # [26-0670](#)) Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Dunkin Donuts, 282 Somerville Avenue.
- 9.10. License (ID # [26-0671](#)) Renewing Flammables License, Broadway Gulf, 212 Broadway.

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| 9.11. License
(ID # 26-0672) | Renewing Flammables License, Broadway Sunoco, 258 Broadway. |
| 9.12. License
(ID # 26-0673) | Renewing Flammables License, Cumberland Farms #2469, 701 Somerville Avenue. |
| 9.13. License
(ID # 26-0674) | Renewing Flammables License, POAH Clarendon LLC, 20 Stephenson Aman Street. |
| 9.14. License
(ID # 26-0675) | Renewing Flammables License, POAH Clarendon LLC, 20 Stephenson Aman Street. |
| 9.15. License
(ID # 26-0676) | Renewing Flammables License, U-Haul Company of Boston, 600 Mystic Valley Parkway. |
| 9.16. License
(ID # 26-0677) | Renewing Flammables License, Valvoline Instant Oil Change AB0001, 182 Washington Street. |
| 9.17. License
(ID # 26-0678) | Renewing Garage License, GE Auto Repair, 631 Somerville Avenue. |
| 9.18. License
(ID # 26-0679) | Renewing Garage License, U-Haul of Boston, 151 Linwood Street. |
| 9.19. License
(ID # 26-0680) | Renewing Open Air Vendor License, The Somerville Flea, Buena Vista parking lot. |
| 9.20. License
(ID # 26-0681) | Renewing Second Hand Dealer License, Kay Jewelers Outlet #2962, 360 Artisan Way. |
| 9.21. License
(ID # 26-0682) | Renewing Second Hand Dealer License, Metamorphosis, 93 Holland Street. |
| 9.22. License
(ID # 26-0684) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, God's Blessing Cab Inc, Med. #60. |
| 9.23. License
(ID # 26-0685) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Jean B. Victor, Med #85. |
| 9.24. License
(ID # 26-0683) | Renewing Taxi Medallion, Jolina Taxi, Inc., Med. #52. |
| 9.25. Public Event
(ID # 26-0700) | Uncle Yak Global applying for a Public Event License for Blindfolded Bicycle Ride by Uncle Yak and his Magic Comeback on April 25 from 12:30pm to 2pm. |
| 9.26. Public Event
(ID # 26-0690) | Friends of the Community Growing Center applying for a Public Event License for Somerville Community Growing Center 2026 Calendar of Events from April to December for various times. |
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- 9.27. Public Event (ID # [26-0699](#)) Charles River Irish Collaborative applying for a Public Event License for Outdoor Session at Tunes on the Charles Traditional Irish Music Festival on April 30, May 1, May 2, and May 3 for various times.
- 9.28. Public Event (ID # [26-0691](#)) The Somerville Foundation applying for a Public Event License for Down in Davis every Friday from May 1 to October 16 from 5pm to 9pm.
- 9.29. Public Event (ID # [26-0693](#)) Mobility Division and Office of Sustainability and Environment applying for a Public Event License for Mossland Street Block Party on May 2 from 11:30am to 5:30pm (raindate May 3).
- 9.30. Public Event (ID # [26-0696](#)) Office of Sustainability and Environment applying for a Public Event License for Finished Compost Giveaway on May 5 from 11:30am to 6pm (raindate May 12).
- 9.31. Public Event (ID # [26-0694](#)) Communications and Community Engagement Department applying for a Public Event License for Slice of the City Series on various days from May 5 to June 3 from 4:30pm to 7:30pm.
- 9.32. Public Event (ID # [26-0686](#)) Office of Sustainability and Environment applying for a Public Event License for Arbor Day Picnic in the Park on May 8 from 2pm to 7pm (raindate May 15).
- 9.33. Public Event (ID # [26-0695](#)) Bronwyn Restaurant applying for a Public Event License for Weihenstephan Tiny Biergarten on various days from May 14 to September 20 from 8am to 11:30pm.
- 9.34. Public Event (ID # [26-0697](#)) Somerville Sports Club applying for a Public Event License for Somerville Sports Club Holy Spirit Procession on May 17 from 10am to 1:30pm.
- 9.35. Public Event (ID # [26-0692](#)) Horizons Trio applying for a Public Event License for Horizons: An Exploration Through Music on June 13 and August 8 from 1pm to 3:30pm (raindate June 20).
- 9.36. Public Event (ID # [26-0687](#)) Arts Council applying for a Public Event License for ArtBeat 2026 on July 18 from 8am to 11pm (raindate July 19).

10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 10.1. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0725](#)) Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition authorizing the appointment of special police officers.

- 10.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0726](#)) Requesting approval of a five-year lease, with option for renewal, with BwB-Square LLC for Nibble Community Kitchen.
- 10.3. Public Event (ID # [26-0720](#)) Somerville Road Runners applying for a Public Event License for MOM's Run 5K Run and Walk for Cancer on May 10 from 7am to 2pm.
- 10.4. Public Event (ID # [26-0721](#)) Arts Council applying for a Public Event License for Porchfest 2026 on May 9 from 10:30am to 7pm.
- 11. **ADJOURNMENT**