



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

City Council

Special Meeting Agenda

Thursday, June 20, 2024

7:00 PM

City Council Chamber and Remote
Participation

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This Special Meeting of the City Council has been called by the President solely for the approval of the proposed FY 2025 municipal and enterprise fund budgets, with related appropriations, transfers, and other financial items.

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1. OPENING CEREMONIES

- 1.1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
(ID # [24-0944](#))

2. CITATIONS

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

6.A. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 6.A.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a
(ID # [24-0927](#)) Committee of the Whole on May 30, 2024.

6.B. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 6.B.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a
(ID # [24-0928](#)) Committee of the Whole on June 4, 2024.

6.C. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 6.C.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on June 5,
(ID # [24-0929](#)) 2024.

6.D. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 6.D.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a
(ID # [24-0930](#)) Committee of the Whole on June 6, 2024.

6.E. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 6.E.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on June
(ID # [24-0931](#)) 10, 2024.

6.F. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 6.F.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on June
(ID # [24-0932](#)) 12, 2024.

6.G. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 6.G.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on June
(ID # [24-0933](#)) 17, 2024.

6.H. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 6.H.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a
(ID # [24-0934](#)) Committee of the Whole on June 18, 2024.
- 6.H.2. Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of \$342,878,129 to fund the
(ID # [24-0814](#)) FY 2025 General Fund Operating Budget.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be discharged
with no recommendation.
- 6.H.3. Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of \$31,947,141 to fund the
(ID # [24-0816](#)) FY 2025 Sewer Enterprise Fund budget.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be discharged
with no recommendation.
- 6.H.4. Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of \$21,398,392 to fund the
(ID # [24-0817](#)) FY 2025 Water Enterprise Fund budget.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be discharged
with no recommendation.

- 6.H.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0818](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$736,255 to fund the FY 2025 Kennedy School Pool Enterprise Fund budget. RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation.
- 6.H.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0819](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$237,000 to fund the FY 2025 Dilboy Fields Enterprise Fund budget. RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation.
- 6.H.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0820](#)) Requesting the appropriation or reserve of \$3,436,205 in estimated FY 2025 Community Preservation Act (CPA) revenue for CPA projects and expenses. RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation.
- 6.H.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0821](#)) Requesting approval of the expenditure limitations for departmental Revolving Funds for FY 2025. RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation.
- 6.H.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0822](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$2,584,976 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Rainy Day Stabilization Fund. RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation.
- 6.H.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0823](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$1,000,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Salary & Wage Stabilization Fund. RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation.
- 6.H.11. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0824](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$500,00 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Compensated Absence Liability Fund. RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation.
- 6.H.12. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0825](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$1,200,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Fund. RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation.

- 6.H.13. Mayor's Request
(ID # [24-0826](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$1,600,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Sewer Stabilization Fund to support the Water-Sewer Capital Investment Plan.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation.
- 6.H.14. Mayor's Request
(ID # [24-0827](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$400,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Water Stabilization Fund to support the Water-Sewer Capital Investment Plan.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation.
- 6.H.15. Mayor's Request
(ID # [24-0828](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$943,392 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Parks Stabilization Fund to support the 5-Year Capital Investment Plan.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation.
- 6.H.16. Mayor's Request
(ID # [24-0829](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$2,589,087 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to support the 5-Year Capital Investment Plan.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation.
- 6.H.17. Mayor's Request
(ID # [24-0830](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$403,187 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Energy Stabilization Fund for projects that reduce carbon emissions and energy costs.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation.
- 6.H.18. Mayor's Request
(ID # [24-0831](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$2,089,659 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Street Reconstruction and Renovation Stabilization Fund to support the 5-Year Capital Investment Plan.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation.
- 6.H.19. Mayor's Request
(ID # [24-0832](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$7,635,022 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Facility Renovation and Reconstruction Stabilization Fund to support the 5-Year Capital Investment Plan.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation.

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- 6.H.20.Mayor's Request
(ID # [24-0833](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$500,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Traffic Safety Stabilization Fund for traffic safety improvements.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation.
- 6.H.21.Mayor's Request
(ID # [24-0834](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$2,110,472 from the Salary Contingency Account-Salaries to the Salary & Wage Stabilization Fund.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation.
- 6.H.22.Mayor's Request
(ID # [24-0835](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$2,000,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to support flexible rental assistance programs.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation.
- 6.H.23.Mayor's Request
(ID # [24-0836](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$270,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Immigrant Legal Services Stabilization Fund for immigration legal services.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation.
- 6.H.24.Mayor's Request
(ID # [24-0837](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$500,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the COVID-19 Stabilization Fund to fund the Somerville Public School Parent/Guardian Transit Pass Program.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation.
- 6.H.25.Mayor's Request
(ID # [24-0838](#)) Requesting approval to appropriate \$500,000 from the COVID-19 Stabilization Fund for funding for the SPS Parent/Guardian Transit Pass Program.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation.
- 6.H.26.Mayor's Request
(ID # [24-0839](#)) Requesting approval to create the Community Composting Program Stabilization Fund.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation.

- 6.H.27.Mayor's Request
(ID # [24-0840](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$1,432,778 from the Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings Account to the FY 2025 Water Enterprise Fund budget.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation.
- 6.H.28.Mayor's Request
(ID # [24-0841](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$500,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to supplement a prior appropriation to purchase and install prefabricated standalone public toilets.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation.
- 6.H.29.Mayor's Request
(ID # [24-0842](#)) Requesting approval to appropriate \$149,051 from the Racial & Social Justice Fund to hire a Project Manager for the development of an Alternative Emergency Response Program.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation.
- 6.H.30.Mayor's Request
(ID # [24-0843](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$700,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for a Fire Alarm Alerting System.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation.
- 6.H.31.Mayor's Request
(ID # [24-0845](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$1,000,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Participatory Budgeting Stabilization Fund for the Participatory Budgeting Program.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation.
- 6.H.32.Mayor's Request
(ID # [24-0846](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$350,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Community Composting Stabilization Fund for a pilot community composting program.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation.
- 6.H.33.Mayor's Request
(ID # [24-0847](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$266,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Emergency Stabilization Fund to provide funding for the Warming Center.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation.

- 6.H.34. Mayor's Request
(ID # [24-0848](#)) Requesting approval to appropriate \$270,000 from the Immigrant Legal Services Stabilization Fund for legal services to immigrants.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation.
- 6.H.35. Mayor's Request
(ID # [24-0849](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$850,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Open Space Acquisition Stabilization Fund to acquire new publicly accessible open space.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation.
- 6.H.36. Mayor's Request
(ID # [24-0851](#)) Requesting approval to appropriate \$725,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to fund the Fire Alarm Alerting System.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation.
- 6.H.37. Officer's
Communication
(ID # [24-0913](#)) Director of Water and Sewer conveying the FY 2025 Water & Sewer Rate proposal.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation.
- 6.H.38. Order
(ID # [24-0945](#)) By Councilor Wilson
That line 0115251-511000, Human Resources Personal Services Salaries, be reduced by \$30,778 to \$1,508,672 in the FY 2025 budget.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- 6.H.39. Resolution
(ID # [24-0946](#)) By Councilor Wilson
That the Administration allocate an additional \$67,840 to line 0151251-511000, Health & Human Services Personal Services Salaries, to fund an additional Case Manager position in Health & Human Services in the FY 2025 budget.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- 6.H.40. Order
(ID # [24-0947](#)) By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Administration - Executive Office, Personal Services Salaries line be reduced by \$185,466 in the FY 2025 budget, reflecting the salary of the Chief Administrative Officer.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.

6.H.41. Resolution
(ID # [24-0948](#))

By Councilor Pineda Neufeld
That the Administration allocate \$185,466 to the Health and Human Services Department in the FY 2025 budget to continue to serve residents through a transit equity program run through the Office of Food Access and Healthy Communities.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.

6.H.42. Resolution
(ID # [24-0949](#))

By Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Administration re-submit the FY 2025 water and sewer rates as follows: no change in base charges, 9.5% increase in the water rate and 0% increase in the sewer rate.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.

7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

7.1. Mayor's Request
(ID # [24-0815](#))

Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Sections 2-322 and 2-323 of the Code of Ordinances, to update categories and associated salaries for non-union positions.

7.2. Mayor's Request
(ID # [24-0943](#))

Requesting the rescission of \$2,478,271 of authorized but un-issued borrowings.

8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

9. NEW BUSINESS

10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

10.1. Mayor's Request
(ID # [24-0952](#))

Requesting that this Council convene in Executive Session to discuss Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiation strategy in FY 2025 based upon updated budget and staffing projections.

10.2. Mayor's Request
(ID # [24-0953](#))

Requesting the appropriation of \$342,878,129 to fund the FY 2025 General Fund Operating Budget.

10.3. Mayor's Request
(ID # [24-0954](#))

Requesting the appropriation of \$342,878,129 to fund the FY 2025 General Fund Operating Budget.

10.4. Mayor's Request
(ID # [24-0950](#))

Requesting the appropriation of \$1,407,458 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings Account to subsidize the FY 2025 Sewer Enterprise Fund budget.

10.5. Mayor's
Communication
(ID # [24-0951](#))

Conveying the FY 2025 Water & Sewer Rate proposal.

11. ADJOURNMENT