

City of Somerville, Massachusetts Land Use Committee

Regular Meeting Agenda

Thursday, November 6, 2025

6:30 PM

Council Chamber and Remote Participation

Joint Meeting with the Planning Board and the Somerville Redevelopment Authority

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Roll Call

1. Committee Minutes (ID # 25-1544)

Agenda Ready: Approval of the Minutes of the Land Use Committee Meeting of October 2, 2025.

- 2. Public Hearings
- 2.1. Mayor's Request (ID # 25-1554)

Referred for Recommendation: 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.

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2.2.	Mayor's Request (ID # <u>25-1552</u>)	Referred for Recommendation: 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.	
2.3.	Public Communication (ID # <u>25-1539</u>)	Referred for Recommendation: 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.	
2.4.	Mayor's Request (ID # <u>25-1239</u>)	Sent for Discussion: Requesting that this City Council schedule a joint public hearing with the Somerville Redevelopment Authority regarding updating the 90 Washington Street Demonstration Project Plan.	
3.	Order (ID # <u>25-0085</u>)	Sent for Discussion: 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.	
4.	Public Communication (ID # <u>24-0328</u>)	Sent for Discussion: Ten individuals, including five residents, submitting comments re: item 24-0059, a Zoning Map Amendment to change the zoning district of 321 Washington Street from Fabrication (FAB) to Commercial Industry (CI).	
5.	Mayor's Request (ID # <u>25-1594</u>)	Referred for Recommendation: Requesting approval of the amended 90 Washington Street Demonstration Project Plan.	
6.	Mayor's Request (ID # <u>25-1595</u>)	Referred for Recommendation: Requesting approval of an amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement between the City Council and Redevelopment Authority regarding the redevelopment of 90 Washington Street.	
7.	Mayor's Request (ID # <u>25-1596</u>)	Referred for Recommendation: Requesting approval of the development objectives for the redevelopment of 90 Washington Street.	
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Sent for Discussion: Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development conveying a summary of the 90 Washington process review and development objectives.

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Officer's

Communication

(ID # <u>25-1607</u>)