

City of Somerville, Massachusetts
Matters of Business of the City Council

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 28, 2022, 7:00 PM
 City Council Chamber and Remote Participation

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OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Willie Burnley Jr.	City Councilor At Large	Present	
Charlotte Kelly	City Councilor At Large	Present	
Jake Wilson	City Councilor At Large	Present	
Beatriz GomezMouakad	Ward Five City Councilor	Present	
Judy PinedaNeufeld	Ward Seven City Councilor	Present	
Kristen Strezo	City Councilor at Large	Present	
Matthew McLaughlin	Ward One City Councilor	Present	
Jefferson Thomas ("J.T.") Scott	Ward Two City Councilor	Present	
Ben Ewen-Campen	Ward Three City Councilor	Present	
Jesse Clingan	Ward Four City Councilor	Present	
Lance L. Davis	Ward Six City Councilor	Present	

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 213591
 (ID:28657) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 213592
 (ID:28658) **RESULT: APPROVED**

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, March 24, 2022.
 213593
 (ID:28660) **RESULT: APPROVED**

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. Grant of Location 213594 (ID:28603)

Submitted by Eversource to install 85 feet of conduit in Ivaloo Street, from Utility Pole 179/6 to a point of pickup at the rear of 205 Beacon Street.

Hannah Cooper, representing Eversource, spoke in favor of the item and explained the work involved. Chris Dwan reminded the Council about prior objections that he raised regarding another Eversource project and the harm it did to trees. He asked that Eversource be held liable for the harm done to those trees. Councilor Scott asked that this be sent to the L&P Committee for further review. There being no opposition and no other speakers, the public hearing was closed.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

5. Grant of Location 213595 (ID:28604)

Submitted by Eversource to install 114 feet of conduit in the intersection of Bow Street and Somerville Avenue, from Manhole 25443 to a point of pickup at 379 Somerville Avenue.

Hannah Cooper, representing Eversource, spoke in favor of the item and explained the work involved. There being no opposition and no other speakers, the public hearing was closed.

RESULT: APPROVED

6. Grant of Location 213596 (ID:28605)

Submitted by Eversource to install 1,050 feet of conduit along Mystic Avenue from Medford, MA to Boston, MA as part of the Woburn Transmission Line project.

Bob Collins, Project Manager for Eversource, spoke in favor of the item and explained that this is a revision to an existing Grant of Location. Councilor Clingan asked for some clarification regarding the work done so far. There being no opposition and no other speakers, the public hearing was closed.

RESULT: APPROVED

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

7. Order 213597 (ID:28549) By City Councilor Scott
Requesting that this Council meet in Executive Session for the purposes of discussing strategy with respect to anticipated litigation related to Items #213393, #213395, and #213396 with legal counsel.

City Solicitor Frank Wright informed the Council that there is no reason that this item should be discussed in Executive Session, and he explained the reason for his opinion. Councilor Scott said that returning the items in question to the Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee might result in a functional bypass, adding that he thinks that there are some open legal questions. Solicitor Wright stated that he does not know where any potential litigation could come from. Councilor Scott said the question is how to dispose of the three items returned to committee. Councilor Ewen-Campen took the podium to allow President McLaughlin to comment on the item. Councilor McLaughlin spoke about the rules governing Executive Sessions and said that anything that can be discussed in open session should be discussed in public. The matter at hand is just an item in committee and he doesn't think this is appropriate for an Executive Session. Currently, there are two civil service lawsuits against the city. Councilor Scott said his goal is to determine the proper process to dispose of the item. Councilor Pineda Neufeld stated that she doesn't intend for the appointments to go stale and will move on them when there are openings. Councilor Scott said he doesn't want to end up in a similar situation as occurred when the city had a reserve list and another civil service cycle came into play.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

8. Resolution 213598 (ID:28609) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Kelly, Burnley Jr., GomezMouakad, Clingan, Wilson
That the Directors of Infrastructure and Asset Management, Engineering, Public Works, and the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, along with any other appropriate departments, work to develop a binding, equitable, citywide Electrical Infrastructure Master Plan to guide the location and design of electrical substations and other infrastructure.

Councilor Ewen-Campen spoke about the item and noted that the location of the electrical substation is a disaster. He commented that there are constant battles about where to site substations and he brought this item forward to get all parties to work together to remedy a wrong that's been done.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

9. Resolution 213599 (ID:28610) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Davis
That the Administration create an interdepartmental oversight process to address the increasingly dangerous issue of overlapping street closures on Spring Hill.
- Councilor Ewen-Campen noted the scale of construction in Ward 3 is in a new category. He has done some research and will submit another order at the next meeting. He gave his opinion of how detail officers from other communities don't know the streets and are causing traffic problems and suggested that a solution might be to utilize civilian flaggers when details can't be filled by local officers.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
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10. Communication 213600 (ID:28611) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, PinedaNeufeld
Updating this Council on recent meetings of the Fair Housing and Anti-Displacement (FHAD) Task Force.
- Councilor Ewen-Campen gave a brief history of this group and explained why it was formed. The task force is comprised of 15 members from city staff and private residents. Five meeting have been held so far and the goal of the task force is to provide recommendations to the mayor regarding housing policy.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**
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11. Ordinance 213601 (ID:28617) By City Councilor Wilson
Proposing an amendment to the Zoning Ordinances, Section 3.1.6.d, Residence District, to permit the Backyard Cottage accessory building type by right.
- Councilor Wilson stated that the current ordinance doesn't permit this. He discussed this amendment with OSPCD staff and thinks this is a good solution to help in creating additional housing units.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee
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12. Order 213602 (ID:28634) By City Councilor Wilson, Kelly, BurnleyJr.
That the Commissioner of Public Works update this Council on current processes to ensure safe and accessible pedestrian routes around work zones.
- Councilor Wilson would like to see a policy put in place to provide alternate passages. Councilor Davis opined on the frequency of this problem in the city and thinks that the item should be sent to committee.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

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| <p>13. Order
213603
(ID:28635)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Wilson, Clingan
That the Director of Parking instruct Parking Control Officers to enforce the ban on license plate covers, in accordance with MGL c.90, §6.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee</p> | |
| <p>14. Order
213604
(ID:28636)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Wilson, McLaughlin, Clingan, PinedaNeufeld
That the Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry update this Council on plans to dramatically increase the number of trees in Foss Park.</p> |
| <p>Councilor Wilson spoke about the need for a vegetation barrier at Foss Park and he encouraged people to read the attached report. He would like to know what the city is doing to get DCR to increase the number of trees at the park. Councilors Gomez Mouakad and Kelly spoke about the need for additional trees.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee</p> | |
| <p>15. Order
213605
(ID:28625)</p> | <p>By City Councilor GomezMouakad, Ewen-Campen, PinedaNeufeld, Wilson, Strezo
That the Chief of Police provide the Ward an At-Large Councilors monthly motor vehicle accident reports, detailing pedestrian and bicycle accidents.</p> |
| <p>Councilor Gomez Mouakad spoke about the importance of councilors to know what is happening in their wards. Councilor Burnley suggested that the At-Large Councilors be included as well.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee</p> | |
| <p>16. Order
213606
(ID:28626)</p> | <p>By City Councilor GomezMouakad, Wilson
That the Director of Engineering construct a curb cut and crosswalk at the intersection of Highland Road and Boston Avenue.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| <p>17. Order
213607
(ID:28627)</p> | <p>By City Councilor GomezMouakad
That the Director of Engineering improve the accessibility of the crosswalk at the intersection of Boston Avenue and Broadway.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| <p>18. Order
213608
(ID:28628)</p> | <p>By City Councilor GomezMouakad, Kelly, Wilson, BurnleyJr.
That the Director of Engineering report on all traffic calming improvements and their scheduled implementation at all intersections for the new Community Path Extension.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee</p> | |

19. Resolution 213609 (ID:28629) By City Councilor Kelly, GomezMouakad, Ewen-Campen, Wilson, Scott, Clingan, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, Davis, McLaughlin, BurnleyJr. That this Council support the effort to stop the displacement of the tenant(s) of 109 Walnut Street.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad sponsored Vanessa Vela to speak. Ms. Vela told the Council that she made extensive repairs to this property and now she is being evicted. She listed the former places that she lived and explained why she had to leave them, for various reasons, e.g., one of the properties was sold. She currently lives at this address (109 Walnut Street) with her mother and son and she feels that the landlord doesn't think that she earns enough money to live there. She considered moving out of state to find another place to live and she spoke about the difficulty a single mother faces to keep her family alive. She said she applied for affordable housing years ago and reached the top of the list in 2016. At that time, she was earning \$35,000 per year and was told that she made too much money to qualify for affordable housing, so she decided not to apply again. She told the Council that only the rich are allowed to own anything, and this isn't fair.

Councilor Kelly sponsored Nicole Eigbrett who spoke about some of the cases seen at CAAS.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad spoke about building the urban fabric of the community and said that this eviction works against that.

Councilor Burnley commented that people of color are akin to the canaries in the coal mines. He thinks all legal action should be taken to prevent only millionaires from living in Somerville. Councilor Wilson advocated for a cap on rental renewal increases and urged residents to contact their state representatives. Councilor Kelly noted some of the steps that help to alleviate this problem. Councilor Ewen-Campen noted that the focus of property owner Mr. Krazanski's letter is that everything he's done is legal. Councilor Ewen-Campen believes that it is a mark of shame and said that the laws are written to protect the wealthy.

RESULT: APPROVED

20. Communication By City Councilor PinedaNeufeld
213610
(ID:28630) Conveying an update on the Parking Study Task Force.
- Councilor Pineda Neufeld reported that there are 20 members on the task force, representing various areas and groups. Two meetings have been held so far and another is planned for next week. Councilor Pineda Neufeld went on to list some statistics about the relationship of vehicles to parking spaces, permits and households. Draft recommendations will be provided to the task force next week, then community meetings will be scheduled. Councilor Burnley asked about the overall allocation of handicap parking and commented on the number of vehicles in some households and asked if there was any discussion about parking permits and or possibly charging additional fees for multiple permits.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**
21. Ordinance By City Councilor Strezo, PinedaNeufeld, GomezMouakad
213611
(ID:28653) Amending Sec. 11-63 of the Code of Ordinances regarding the removal of poles, conduits and wires.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee
22. Resolution By City Councilor Strezo
213612
(ID:28633) Encouraging this Council to communicate to constituents on the potential impacts of the Federal Communications Commission’s February 15, 2022 declaratory ruling.
- Councilor Strezo spoke about the importance of this item saying that the new change would allow renters access to more than a single cable provider.
- RESULT: APPROVED**

23. Order 213613 (ID:28620) By City Councilor Burnley Jr., Kelly
That this Council's Committee on Licenses and Permits schedule a Show Cause hearing to determine why any business licenses issued to Elliot's House Pet Care and More by this body should not be suspended or revoked for violations of the conditions of the license amendment, approved on April 14, 2022.

Councilor Burnley gave a brief history of the April L&P meeting on this item, where the committee recommended a conditional permit to this business. Since the condition was not adhered to, he is calling for a Show Cause hearing to discuss whether the license should be suspended or revoked. Animal control found the business to be out of compliance in less than 2 weeks from the issuance of the conditional permit. Councilor Wilson stated that he's disappointed, but not surprised, given the lack of oversight.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

24. Order 213614 (ID:28640) By City Councilor Burnley Jr., Strezo, Kelly, PinedaNeufeld
That the City Solicitor discuss this Council's ability to ban landlords from passing real estate agent fees onto tenants.

Councilor Burnley commented that many people are just one check away from being displaced. He stated that if this is a service for landlords, then landlords should pay for it, not tenants. Councilor Kelly commented that this is piece of the puzzle preventing residents from staying in Somerville when relocating within the city.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

25. Order 213615 (ID:28642) By City Councilor Burnley Jr., PinedaNeufeld, Wilson
That the Director of Health and Human Services update this Council on any attempt to track rising rates of COVID-19 locally via wastewater data.

Councilor Burnley noted that data is showing a regional increase and he feels that it's incumbent on the Council to use the data for setting policy for the return of masking and making responsible decisions.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

26. Resolution 213616 (ID:28638) By City Councilor BurnleyJr. That the Administration update this Council on the rescission of the police and fire reserve lists.

Councilor Burnley stated that a response has yet to be received. President McLaughlin reported that the administration would like some additional time. Director Sahni addressed the Council, commenting that the administration is still considering this and has not made a determination yet regarding how best to move forward.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

27. Resolution 213617 (ID:28637) By City Councilor BurnleyJr., GomezMouakad, Ewen-Campen, Kelly, Wilson, Scott, Clingan, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, Davis, McLaughlin In support of drive-share workers.

Councilor Burnley said that people have an opportunity to stand up to companies who are fleecing them, both legally and illegally. This is a moral issue and he thinks that employees should have the right to protect their interests. Several councilors expressed their support for the resolution and Councilor Clingan stated his belief that this is bigger than just Lyft and Uber. Councilor Gomez Mouakad said that it's mainly black, brown and immigrants who are being affected negatively. President McLaughlin stated that this is an attempt to overturn the Attorney General's decision.

RESULT: APPROVED

28. Resolution 213618 (ID:28639) By City Councilor BurnleyJr. In support of tattoo equity.

Councilor Burnley explained that in 1962, MA banned tattoos unless they were given by a physician. That legislation was overturned in 2000, with help from the ACLU, as a first amendment right. Subsequently, regulations were imposed on tattoo businesses. Councilor Burnley noted that Somerville's fees for the tattoo license is much higher than surrounding communities because its laws are outdated. As an example, travelling tattoo artists would be required to pay for a year-long license even though they may be in Somerville for a much shorter length of time.

RESULT: APPROVED

29. Resolution 213619 (ID:28641) By City Councilor Burnley Jr., Wilson, PinedaNeufeld, Scott, Davis In support of the ACES bill (H.2519/S.1552).
- Councilor Burnley said that people would like non-police alternatives for engagement with residents and said that without adequate fund, the re-imagining of the policing won't be possible. Policing, he said, is heavily subsidized in this country by local, state and federal governments, however there is a lack of funding for the programs needed to re-imagining policing. The bills mentioned here would allow the state to offer grants to alternative services to assist communities to create a better path forward.
- RESULT: APPROVED**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

30. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 213620 (ID:28612) Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on April 20, 2022.
- Councilor Strezo presented the Committee Report and reviewed the actions taken. The committee received an update from the Office of Housing Stability, discussed the 2021 Housing Needs Assessment, and PILOT agreements. Councilor Kelly asked that the list of PILOT agreements be provided.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- B. Order 212862 (ID:27785) By City Councilor Strezo That the Director of Somerville Cares About Prevention appear before the Housing and Community Development Committee to discuss the increased constituent reports of teens vaping in the high school during school hours and what is being done to address this.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- C. Order 213056 (ID:28032) By City Councilor PinedaNeufeld, Kelly That the Director of Housing Stability appear to discuss how to prevent evictions, support residents facing eviction, and the ability to extend the eviction moratorium.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- D. Officer's Communication 213322 (ID:28218) Director of Housing conveying the 2021 Housing Needs Assessment.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

31. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 213621 (ID:28613) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on April 21, 2022.

Councilor Ewen-Campen presented the Committee Report and spoke about a recommendation for approval of an amendment clarifying contextual setbacks and a denial of a request to up zone a property.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Mayor's Request 212871 (ID:27778) Requesting approval of amendments to Sections 3.1.14.a and 3.2.13.a Contextual Front Setbacks of the Neighborhood Residence and Urban Residence zoning districts of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Burnley Jr., Kelly, Wilson, Gomez Mouakad, Pineda Neufeld, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis

ABSENT: Strezo

- C. Public Communication 213007 (ID:27902) Vivaldo Meneses Sr. requesting the adoption of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Map to change the zoning district of 86 Prospect Street from UR to MR5.

RESULT: NOT APPROVED

32. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 213622 (ID:28614) Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on April 25, 2022.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad presented the Committee Report and spoke about traffic calming planning and daylighting concerns.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Order 212800 (ID:27811) By City Councilor Clingan, Kelly, Strezo That the Director of Mobility and the Commissioner of Public Works install permanent speed bumps on Sycamore Street between Medford Street and Evergreen Avenue.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Order 212802 (ID:27813) By City Councilor Clingan, Wilson, Kelly That the Director of Mobility and the Commissioner of Public Works install speed bumps on Jacques Street, between Temple Street and Edgar Avenue.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Order 212803 (ID:27814) By City Councilor Clingan That the Director of Mobility daylight the intersections noted within.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

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| <p>E. Order
212868
(ID:27878)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Wilson
That the Director of Mobility employ quick-build daylighting and traffic calming measures to improve visibility and compliance with the STOP sign on Jacques Street at its intersection with Edgar Avenue.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>F. Order
212973
(ID:27937)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Wilson
That the Director of Parking update this Council on the suitability of existing parking for seniors and explore additional options for selected street parking in central business districts.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>G. Order
212982
(ID:27946)</p> | <p>By City Councilor PinedaNeufeld, Kelly, Wilson, Clingan, BurnleyJr.
That the Director of Mobility install traffic calming in the crosswalk in front of 1370 Broadway.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>H. Order
213042
(ID:28026)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Scott, Wilson, Kelly
That the Director of Mobility install a speed hump at the base of Somerville Avenue Extension where it intersects with Linwood and Fitchburg Streets.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>I. Order
213046
(ID:28006)</p> | <p>By City Councilor GomezMouakad, Kelly
That the Director of Mobility implement traffic calming measures on Cedar Street.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>J. Order
213117
(ID:28074)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Kelly, BurnleyJr.
That the Director of Mobility urgently prioritize the re-paving of the dangerously damaged stretch of Bow Street, from Summer Street to Somerville Avenue, and respond to the Ward 3 Councilor with a timeline for completion.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>K. Order
213251
(ID:28230)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Strezo, PinedaNeufeld, Davis
That the Director of Mobility take immediate action to increase pedestrian safety measures on crosswalks at Day Street, Dover Street, Elm Street and College Avenue intersections.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>L. Order
213261
(ID:28232)</p> | <p>By City Councilor GomezMouakad
That the Director of Mobility provide an update on work done or projected projects around all school zones.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |

- M. Order 213287 (ID:28263) By City Councilor Wilson That the Director of Mobility update this Council on partnerships with third-party software companies providing reports on traffic and road hazards.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- N. Order 213288 (ID:28264) By City Councilor Wilson That the Director of Mobility update this Council on any plans to change the direction of neighborhood residential streets to thwart cut-through traffic.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- O. Order 213371 (ID:28328) By City Councilor Wilson That the Director of Mobility update this Council on plans to install a contraflow bike lane on White Street.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

33. Mayor's Request 213623 (ID:28618) Requesting the appropriation and transfer of \$10,827,440.61 from various available proceeds to the Somerville High School Construction Project thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed for the project by a like amount.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

34. Mayor's Request 213624 (ID:28621) Requesting approval to appropriate and transfer \$8,964,735 from the Facility Construction Stabilization Fund to the Somerville High School Construction fund to pay costs of the construction of Somerville High School, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed for the project by a like amount.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

35. Mayor's Request 213625 (ID:28624) Requesting the appropriation of \$7,080,519 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Somerville High School Construction Fund in order to pay costs of the construction of Somerville High School, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed for the project by a like amount.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

36. Mayor's Request 213626 (ID:28623) Requesting approval to appropriate and transfer \$5,335,164 in unallocated COVID-19 monies from the COVID-19 Stabilization Fund to the Somerville High School Construction Fund to pay costs of the construction of the Somerville High School, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed for the project by a like amount.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

37. Mayor's Request 213627 (ID:28550) Requesting the appropriation of \$500,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance Account ("Free Cash") to the Fire Department Overtime Account to cover a shortfall.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

38. Mayor's Request 213628 (ID:28616) Requesting approval to appropriate \$162,896.02 from the Street Tree Stabilization Fund for the Spring/Fall 2022 seasons.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

39. Mayor's Request 213629 (ID:28632) Requesting the appropriation of \$7,704 from the Salary & Wage Stabilization Fund to the Police Department Other Lump Sum Benefits Account to fund the FY 2021 portion of the Memorandum of Agreement between the City and SEIU/ Local 888, Crossing Guard Unit.

RESULT: APPROVED

40. Mayor's Request 213630 (ID:28631) Requesting the appropriation of \$6,205 from the Salary Contingency to the Police Department Crossing Guards Salaries Account in order to fund the retroactive FY 2022 portion of the Memorandum of Agreement between the City and SEIU/ Local 888, Crossing Guard Unit.

RESULT: APPROVED

41. Mayor's Request 213631 (ID:28543) Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$3,600 grant with no new match required, from the Mass Cultural Council to the Arts Council for the Local Cultural Council grant program.

RESULT: APPROVED

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| 42. | Mayor's Request
213632
(ID:28544) | Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$3,000 grant with no new match required, from the Somerville Housing Authority to the Arts Council for the Mystic Mural project. | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 43. | Mayor's Request
213633
(ID:28547) | Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Antonio Cicolini to the position of Fire Lieutenant. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 44. | Mayor's Request
213634
(ID:28619) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Kathleen Byrne to the Condominium Review Board. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 45. | Mayor's Communication
213635
(ID:28664) | Submitting an updated third version of the 2021 Surveillance Technology Annual Report. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee |

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

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| 46. | Officer's Communication
213636
(ID:28551) | City Solicitor requesting approval to retain Greenberg Traurig as outside legal counsel to represent the City in the matter of AMLEG, LLC v. City of Somerville. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
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47. Officer's Deputy Director of Planning, Preservation and Zoning conveying the Multi-Communication Family Zoning Requirement for MBTA Communities.
213637
(ID:28622)
- Deputy Director Bartman explained that the January 2021 Economic Development Bill contains a new Section 3A of M.G.L 40A (the Zoning Act) that lists the requirements for MBTA Communities, funding disqualification for non-compliance, and establishes compliance guidelines. 175 MBTA communities are subject to the new requirements of Section 3A of the Zoning Act and are categorized under the following 4 Types of MBTA Community: 1) Subway or Light Rail, 2) Bus, 3) Commuter Rail and 4) MBTA adjacent. Mr. Bartman went on to list the calibrated compliance guidelines for Somerville relative to zoning district and housing standards and he provided some preliminary analysis for NR, UR and MR districts in transit areas. He informed the Council that an action plan or file for a Compliance Determination will be submitted by December 31, 2022 and that zoning must be adopted by December 31, 2023. OSPCD plans to propose an amendment that meets or exceeds DHCDs requirements by the summer of 2022. This matter will be discussed further in the Land Use Committee.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

NEW BUSINESS

48. License/Permit Renewing Billiards and Bowling License, Diesel Cafe, 257 Elm St.
213638
(ID:28553)
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
49. License/Permit New Drainlayer's License, Vincent Mofford Excavation LLC.
213639
(ID:28552)
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
50. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, AP Flowers and Son.
213640
(ID:28554)
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
51. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, CJ Doherty.
213641
(ID:28555)
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
- RESULT: APPROVED**

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| 52. License/Permit
213642
(ID:28556) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Capitol Services.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 53. License/Permit
213643
(ID:28557) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Caruso Corp.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 54. License/Permit
213644
(ID:28558) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Caruso and McGovern Construction.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 55. License/Permit
213645
(ID:28559) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, J Marchese and Sons.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 56. License/Permit
213646
(ID:28560) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, JR and Sons Construction.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 57. License/Permit
213647
(ID:28561) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Jason Anthony.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 58. License/Permit
213648
(ID:28562) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, LVMJ Corporation.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 59. License/Permit
213649
(ID:28563) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Legacy Building and Development.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |

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| 60. License/Permit
213650
(ID:28646) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Milltown Plumbing and Heating.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 61. License/Permit
213651
(ID:28647) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, W.L. French Excavating.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 62. License/Permit
213652
(ID:28567) | Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Cataldo Ambulance Service, 137 Washington St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 63. License/Permit
213653
(ID:28564) | Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Domino's Pizza, 201 Elm St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 64. License/Permit
213654
(ID:28566) | Renewing Extended Hours License, Dunkin Donuts, 282 Somerville Avenue.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 65. License/Permit
213655
(ID:28565) | Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Pepi's Pizzeria, 516B Medford St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 66. License/Permit
213656
(ID:28571) | Renewing Flammables License, BBS Services, 45 Broadway.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |

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| 67. License/Permit
213657
(ID:28574) | Renewing Flammables License, Boston Closet, 229 Lowell St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 68. License/Permit
213658
(ID:28655) | Renewing Flammables License, DW Propco JK LLC, 0 Dawes Street.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 69. License/Permit
213659
(ID:28575) | Renewing Flammables License, Dewire Family Trust, 387 Washington St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 70. License/Permit
213660
(ID:28577) | Renewing Flammables License, Good Gas Somerville, 343 Medford St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 71. License/Permit
213661
(ID:28572) | Renewing Flammables License, Hillside Auto Repair, 583 Broadway.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 72. License/Permit
213662
(ID:28652) | Renewing Flammables License, Home Depot, 75 Mystic Ave.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 73. License/Permit
213663
(ID:28568) | Renewing Flammables License, Mobil Mart Plus, 379 Alewife Brook Pkwy.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 74. License/Permit
213664
(ID:28573) | Renewing Flammables License, Nissenbaum Auto Parts, 480 Columbia St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |

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| 75. License/Permit
213665
(ID:28570) | Renewing Flammables License, Simon's Auto Service, 166 Boston Ave.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 76. License/Permit
213666
(ID:28578) | Renewing Flammables License, Somerville Mobil, 360 Medford St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 77. License/Permit
213667
(ID:28576) | Renewing Flammables License, Speedway, 709 McGrath Hwy.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 78. License/Permit
213668
(ID:28648) | Renewing Flammables License, Union Gulf Service, 231 Washington St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 79. License/Permit
213669
(ID:28569) | Renewing Flammables License, Winter Hill Yacht Club, 500 Artisan Way.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 80. License/Permit
213670
(ID:28580) | Renewing Garage License, 101 South Street Owner LLC, 101 South Street.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 81. License/Permit
213671
(ID:28581) | Renewing Garage License, Arco Tire Auto Service Repair LLC, 18 Clarendon Avenue.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 82. License/Permit
213672
(ID:28582) | Renewing Garage License, Auto Plus, 229 Lowell St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |

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| 83. License/Permit
213673
(ID:28650) | Renewing Garage License, Automotive Transport Service, 40 Joy St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 84. License/Permit
213674
(ID:28579) | Renewing Garage License, Boston Sand and Gravel, 492 Rutherford Ave.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 85. License/Permit
213675
(ID:28583) | Renewing Garage License, Broadway Brake, 45 Broadway.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 86. License/Permit
213676
(ID:28584) | Renewing Garage License, Cataldo Ambulance Service, 4 Joy St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 87. License/Permit
213677
(ID:28585) | Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 141 Beacon St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 88. License/Permit
213678
(ID:28586) | Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 381 Washington St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 89. License/Permit
213679
(ID:28587) | Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 387 Washington St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 90. License/Permit
213680
(ID:28588) | Renewing Garage License, Drain Doctor, 612 Broadway.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |

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| 91. License/Permit
213681
(ID:28589) | Renewing Garage License, Four Wheels Auto, 83 Albion St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 92. License/Permit
213682
(ID:28590) | Renewing Garage License, GE Auto Repair, 631 Somerville Ave.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 93. License/Permit
213683
(ID:28591) | Renewing Garage License, Good Gas Somerville, 343 Medford St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 94. License/Permit
213684
(ID:28592) | Renewing Garage License, Goodyear Auto Service Center, 1 Bow St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 95. License/Permit
213685
(ID:28593) | Renewing Garage License, M. Korson and Company, 91 Washington St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 96. License/Permit
213686
(ID:28594) | Renewing Garage License, Mac's Auto Body, 53 Russell St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 97. License/Permit
213687
(ID:28595) | Renewing Garage License, Simon's Auto Service, 166 Boston Ave.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 98. License/Permit
213688
(ID:28596) | Renewing Garage License, Sullivan Tire, 263 Beacon St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED |

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99. License/Permit 213689 (ID:28651) Renewing Garage License, Union Gulf Service, 231 Washington St.
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED
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100. License/Permit 213690 (ID:28599) Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Atlas Metals, 475 Columbia St.
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED
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101. License/Permit 213691 (ID:28600) Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Kay Jewelers, 360 Artisan Way.
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED
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102. License/Permit 213692 (ID:28601) Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Nissenbaum Auto Parts, 480 Columbia St.
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED
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103. License/Permit 213693 (ID:28597) Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Nissenbaum Auto Parts, 480 Columbia St.
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED
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104. License/Permit 213694 (ID:28598) Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Simon's Auto Service, 166 Boston Ave.
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED
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105. License/Permit 213695 (ID:28606) Public Event License, The Center for Teen Empowerment, Youth Peace March, Foss Park Parking Lot to City Hall, May 13, 4PM-9PM (raindate May 20).
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED
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106. License/Permit 213696 (ID:28654) Public Event License, Brastow Ave Porchfest, Brastow Ave from Porter St to Lowell St, May 14, 1:30PM-4:30PM (raindate May 15).
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED
107. License/Permit 213697 (ID:28607) Public Event License, Porchfest on Charnwood, from Hancock St to Willow Ave, May 14, 1:30PM-4:30PM (raindate May 15).
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED
108. License/Permit 213698 (ID:28659) Public Event License, Porchfest on Church St, from Somerville Ave to Summer St, May 14, 3:30PM-6:30PM (raindate May 15).
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED
109. License/Permit 213699 (ID:28661) Public Event License, Porchfest on Munroe, from Bigelow St to Prospect Hill Pkwy, May 14, 3:30PM-6:30PM (raindate May 15).
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED
110. License/Permit 213700 (ID:28663) Public Event License, Porchfest on Prospect Hill Ave, from Boston St and Munroe St, May 14, 3:30PM-6:30PM (raindate May 15).
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED
111. License/Permit 213701 (ID:28656) Public Event License, Flying Turtle at Porchfest, in front of Boston Burger, May 14, 11AM-3PM.
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED
112. License/Permit 213702 (ID:28608) Public Event License, Arts Council Big Gay Dance Party, Union Sq Plaza and parking lot, June 11, 2PM-10:30PM (raindate June 18).
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
RESULT: APPROVED

113. License/Permit 213703 (ID:28644) Public Event License, Arts Council ArtBeat, Davis Sq Parks and Holland/Elm Sts from Buena Vista Rd to Summer St, Day St, College Ave, Highland Ave, Jul 16, 8AM-11PM (raindate Jul 17).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

114. License/Permit 213704 (ID:28602) Renewing Taxi Medallion License, 32 Summer St Corp, Med #29.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

115. Public Communication 213705 (ID:28475) Three owners requesting the adoption of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Map to change the zoning district of 129R Highland Ave from UR to NR.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

116. Public Communication 213706 (ID:28643) Dr. Alison Perchuk submitting comments re: Item #213498, the designation of the First Universalist Church Local Historic District.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

117. Public Communication 213707 (ID:28645) Dr. Cameron Macdonell submitting comments re: Item #213498, the designation of the First Universalist Church Local Historic District.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

118. Public Communication 213708 (ID:28649) Eight residents and business owners submitting comments re: Item #213243, a zoning map amendment.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

119. Order 213709 (ID:28668) By City Councilor Clingan, Strezio That the Commissioner of Public Works resume the rain barrel program that was halted during the pandemic.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

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| 120. Order
213710
(ID:28669) | By City Councilor Clingan, Strezo
That the Commissioner of Public Works make rain barrels available, at no cost, to any properties within the city’s flood zones. | | | | |
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| 121. Order
213711
(ID:28670) | By City Councilor Clingan
That the Director of Engineering add a delay to the signal light for traffic turning left on to Mystic Avenue at Wheatland Street. | | | | |
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| 122. Order
213712
(ID:28671) | By City Councilor 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. | | | | |
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| 123. Order
213713
(ID:28672) | By City Councilor Clingan
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management provide the Ward 4 Councilor with an estimated paving date for Douglas Street. | | | | |
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| 124. Order
213714
(ID:28673) | By City Councilor Clingan, GomezMouakad
That the Director of the Office of Sustainability and Environment develop a citywide green infrastructure plan to be incorporated into every city project. | | | | |
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| FOLLOWUP: | Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee | | | | |
| 125. Order
213715
(ID:28676) | By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Kelly, Wilson
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the fencing at 90 Washington Street and clear the area of all debris. | | | | |
| <p>President McLaughlin stated that this property was taken by the city and is in a state of disrepair.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>RESULT:</td> <td>APPROVED</td> </tr> </table> | | RESULT: | APPROVED | | |
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| 126. Order
213716
(ID:28677) | By City Councilor McLaughlin, Kelly, Wilson
That the Director of Engineering work with the GLX liaison to install a crosswalk where the future community path meets Cross Street. | | | | |
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127. Mayor's Request 213717 (ID:28674) Requesting a transfer of \$9,000 from the Health and Human Services Professional and Technical Services Account to the Inspectional Services Extermination Account for the printing and mailing of the Spring Rodent Control Program postcards.

RESULT: APPROVED

128. Mayor's Communication 213718 (ID:28675) Proclaiming the week of May 1st through May 7th, 2022 as Children's Mental Health Awareness Week.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad commented that our children are suffering and that they are being pushed to a world of complete distortion. Children should be free to gender identify themselves as they want. Councilor Kelly cited data that the majority of young trans and gender queer children in our schools are depressed. Councilor Strezo asked that the message be given to the Mayor about the dire needs of our children and she advocated, again, for safe after school spaces in the schools. Councilor Clingan stated that the problem needs attention and funding at the federal level. Councilor Burnley related some personal experiences and stressed the importance of applying funding to help our youth with mental health issues. Councilor Gomez Mouakad spoke about the lack of resources for those needing mental health care and the importance of having a cultural peer involved in the treatment.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

129. Officer's Communication 213719 (ID:28662) Planning Board conveying its recommendations for proposed amendments to the Somerville Zoning Ordinance (items #213007, #213243, and #213244).

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

130. License/Permit 213720 (ID:28665) Public Event License, Arts Council Carnival, Broadway from McGrath Hwy to Pennsylvania Ave, Jun 5, 12PM-8PM (raindate Jun 12).

RESULT: APPROVED

LATE ITEMS

131. Mayor's Request 213492 (ID:28401) Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$117,108 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Office of Elder Affairs to the Council on Aging for programming for the elderly.

Councilor Wilson moved to discharge Item #213492 from the Finance Committee and asked that it be approved. He sponsored Council on Aging Director Speliotis to speak on the item. She explained that this is a formula grant and detailed how the funds would be used. She noted that the rent for the Council on Aging office space is \$80,000 per year.

RESULT: APPROVED

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:04 PM.