



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

City Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 27, 2025

7:00 PM

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1. OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Ward Seven City Councilor Judy Pineda Neufeld. The City Council entered recess at 7:50 PM and returned at 8:05 PM. The City Council entered recess at 9:35 PM and returned at 9:42 PM.

- 1.1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
(ID # [25-0363](#))

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

Present: City Councilor At Large Wilfred N. Mbah
City Councilor At Large Jake Wilson
Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen
Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott
Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin
City Councilor At Large Willie Burnley Jr.
Ward Five City Councilor Naima Sait
City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo
Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan
Ward Seven City Councilor Judy Pineda Neufeld

Absent: Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis

- 1.2. Remembrances Remembrances.
(ID # [25-0364](#))

Councilor Clingan requested a moment of silence in memory of Suzanne Hughes.
Councilor Scott requested a moment of silence in memory of Martin “Marty” Tompkins.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

- 1.3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 23, 2025.
(ID # [25-0365](#))

RESULT: **APPROVED**

2. CITATIONS

- 2.1. Citation (ID # [25-0347](#)) By Councilor Wilson and Councilor McLaughlin
Commending Cristiano Oliveira for his Youth National Team success and continued soccer legacy.

Councilor Wilson read the citation into the record and spoke of Mr. Oliveira's athletic skill and more importantly, hard work, that led to his being named to the United States U-17 Youth National Team. Mr. Oliveira thanked the Council for their support and recognition.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 2.2. Citation (ID # [25-0348](#)) By Councilor Pineda Neufeld
Commending Fred Berman on the auspicious occasion of his retirement from the Office of Housing Stability.

Director of the Office of Housing Stability Ellen Shachter presented the citation to Mr. Berman, praising him for his demeanor and work on behalf of the homeless population in the city as well as for his efforts in securing affordable housing. She read a lengthy list of his community involvement over the years and recognized his invaluable work with the Office of Housing Stability and for helping hundreds of families to remain in Somerville. Mr. Berman thanked the Council for bestowing this honor upon him and for its, and the present and past Administrations' advocacy for affordable housing.

RESULT: APPROVED

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS**4. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

- 4.1. Resolution (ID # [25-0339](#)) By Councilor Strezo, Councilor Mbah, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Sait, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Scott
In support of transgender and gender diverse community members.

Councilor Strezo stated that it's important that we all live together with dignity. Councilor Burnley noted that things are scary now and he noted that Somerville has been a sanctuary for trans people for many years.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 4.2. Communication (ID # [25-0360](#)) By Councilor Strezo
Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2026.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

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- 4.3. Order
(ID # [25-0350](#))
- By Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Commissioner of Public Works update this Council on how the Municipal Sidewalk Clearing Pilot program for Broadway and School Street is functioning during this challenging winter.
- Councilor Ewen-Campen would like an update on the pilot program that he noted was put to the test this winter.
- RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
- 4.4. Order
(ID # [25-0351](#))
- By Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Director of Mobility design measures to improve pedestrian safety at the intersection of Columbus Avenue and Prospect Hill Parkway.
- RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee
- 4.5. Order
(ID # [25-0352](#))
- By Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Director of Mobility design measures to improve pedestrian safety at Summer Street and Porter Street.
- RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee
- 4.6. Ordinance
(ID # [25-0357](#))
- By Councilor Clingan
Amending Section 12-8 (a) of the Code of Ordinances by inserting the words “including abutting curb cuts if applicable”.
- Councilor Clingan commented that this is meant to clarify who is responsible for clearing curb cuts during snow events.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee
- 4.7. Order
(ID # [25-0355](#))
- By Councilor Clingan, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Sait, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Mbah
That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry discuss the feasibility of removing snow from city playgrounds.
- RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
- 4.8. Order
(ID # [25-0356](#))
- By Councilor Clingan
That the Commissioner of Public Works discuss the process for clearing bike lanes of snow.
- RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
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- 4.9. Order
(ID # [25-0358](#))
- By Councilor Clingan
That the Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator update this Council on the current status of the Braille embosser.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee
- 4.10. Order
(ID # [25-0359](#))
- By Councilor Clingan, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Mbah and Councilor Scott
That the Director of Engineering update this Council on the whereabouts of the Portland Loos.
- Councilor Ewen-Campen commented that there is an issue that needs to be worked out with the loos before they can be installed.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
- 4.11. Resolution
(ID # [25-0353](#))
- By Councilor Clingan, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Mbah, Councilor Sait, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson Supporting Teamsters Local 25 in the labor dispute with Stop & Shop.
- Councilor Clingan requested that the Resolution be read into the record then spoke about the attack on employees' benefits by Stop and Shop. He reported that both parties have returned to the bargaining table. He noted that Somerville has two Stop and Shop stores that are a lifeline to residents and provide jobs to residents. He sponsored Paul Weiskel, a member of the Local 25 organizing team, who spoke about his Somerville story working for both union and non-union companies. He told councilors that there are 900 union workers at the Freetown facility who were given an ultimatum to give up healthcare benefits or lose their jobs and he asked for the Council's support to save union jobs.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- 4.12. Order
(ID # [25-0354](#))
- By Councilor Pineda Neufeld
That the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development consider increasing permanent supportive housing across the city.
- President Pineda Neufeld introduced Joyce Tavon from the Mass Housing and Shelter Alliance who gave a presentation on supportive housing, which is permanent and affordable housing with comprehensive services. She noted that there are nearly 14,000 homeless households in the state and that funding can come from federal, state, local, public, and private sources. Data show that moving into supportive housing reduces healthcare costs for that group of people. Currently, Massachusetts has 9,500 supportive housing

units and Ms. Tavon suggested using Medicaid for tenancy support, a supportive housing pool, master leasing, and modular construction to quickly add more units. Municipalities can help by planning, siting, zoning, funding, and partnering with developers and service providers. Councilor Burnley inquired about managing space and clients and Ms. Tavon emphasized the need for resources and professionals willing to help or partner with an organization. Councilor Clingan asked about client acceptance criteria, to which Ms. Tavon responded that those 55 and older are the largest group needing housing and that it's sometimes necessary to relocate clients when necessary to provide appropriate care. Councilor Wilson questioned if supportive housing should be located near homelessness hotspots and Ms. Tavon said it depends on various factors. Councilor Mbah inquired about language barriers and Ms. Tavon noted that it varies by community.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 5.1. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0212](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Guylerna Pierre to the position of Police Officer.

Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 5.1 and 5.2 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 5.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0215](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Kristopher Taylor to the position of Police Officer.

Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 5.1 and 5.2 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 5.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0221](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Henry Lima to the position of Firefighter.

Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 5.3 through 5.10 and Lay them on the Table as additional paperwork is needed.

RESULT: LAI D ON THE TABLE

- 5.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0222](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Christopher Carvalho to the position of Firefighter.

Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 5.3 through 5.10 and Lay them on the Table as additional paperwork is needed.

RESULT: LAI D ON THE TABLE

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- 5.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0223](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Brandon Coco to the position of Firefighter.
Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 5.3 through 5.10 and Lay them on the Table as additional paperwork is needed.
RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
- 5.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0224](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Rory Gallivan to the position of Firefighter.
Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 5.3 through 5.10 and Lay them on the Table as additional paperwork is needed.
RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
- 5.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0225](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jake Hardy to the position of Firefighter.
Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 5.3 through 5.10 and Lay them on the Table as additional paperwork is needed.
RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
- 5.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0226](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Todd Headley to the position of Firefighter.
Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 5.3 through 5.10 and Lay them on the Table as additional paperwork is needed.
RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
- 5.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0227](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Gavin Tierney to the position of Firefighter.
Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 5.3 through 5.10 and Lay them on the Table as additional paperwork is needed.
RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
- 5.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0228](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Matthew White to the position of Firefighter.
Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 5.3 through 5.10 and Lay them on the Table as additional paperwork is needed.
RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
- 5.11. Officer's Communication (ID # [25-0278](#)) Director of Human Resources conveying the Civil Service signing lists for various certifications.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
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6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**6.A. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- 6.A.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on February 25, 2025.
(ID # [25-0345](#))

Councilor Wilson summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that the committee recommended for approval the acceptance and expenditure of four grants, the payment of one prior year invoice and one appropriation.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.A.2. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$54,400 grant with no new match required, from the Mass Cultural Council to the Arts Council for the Local Cultural Council grant program.
(ID # [25-0158](#))

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.A.3. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to accept and expend an \$18,300 grant with no new match required, from the Mass Cultural Council to the Arts Council for unrestricted operating support.
(ID # [25-0159](#))

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.A.4. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$1,312.50 using available funds in the Department of Racial and Social Justice Translation Services Account for Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART) services.
(ID # [25-0169](#))

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.A.5. Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of \$500,000 from the Community Preservation Act Fund Open Space Reserve for the renovation of Quincy Street Park.
(ID # [25-0170](#))

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.A.6. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$1,000,000 grant with no new match required, from the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities to the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development Economic Development Division for 14-16 Sewall Street acquisition.
(ID # [25-0173](#))

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.A.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0174](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$2,500,000 grant with no new match required, from MA Executive Office of Economic Development to the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development Economic Development Division for the 299 Broadway redevelopment project.

RESULT: APPROVED

6.B. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- 6.B.1. Committee Report (ID # [25-0342](#)) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting in Joint Session with the Planning Board on February 20, 2025.

Councilor McLaughlin summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that there were two substantial votes on zoning: one that would allow work to be performed by homeowners without going through a lot of red tape, and one regarding bicycle parking.

He moved that items #24-1544 and #24-1461 be severed from the committee report and marked *withdrawn*. The motion was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.B.2. Officer's Communication (ID # [24-0854](#))

Planning Board conveying recommendations for item #24-0416.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- 6.B.3. Public Communication (ID # [24-0899](#))

13 individuals, including 9 residents, submitting comments re: items #24-0680 and #24-0679, a Zoning Map and Zoning Text amendment to create the Somernova Innovation Sub-Area.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- 6.B.4. Public Communication (ID # [24-0919](#))

Susan Lee submitting comments re: items #24-0680 and #24-0679, a Zoning Map and Zoning Text amendment to create the Somernova Innovation Sub-Area.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- 6.B.5. Public Communication (ID # [24-1091](#))

4 individuals submitting comments re: item #24-0551, an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to add Section 8.5 Interim Planning Overlay District (IPOD) and the Brickbottom sub-area.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- 6.B.6. Public Communication (ID # [24-1221](#))

3 residents submitting comments re: item 24-0679, a Zoning Text amendment to create the Somernova Innovation Sub-Area.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.B.7. Public
Communication
(ID # [24-1256](#))

95 individuals, including 61 residents, along with Cambria Hotel, Aeronaut Brewery, and Union Square Main Streets submitting comments re: items #24-0680 and #24-0679, a Zoning Map and Zoning Text amendment to create the Somernova Innovation Sub-Area.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.B.8. Officer's
Communication
(ID # [24-1280](#))

Planning Board conveying recommendations for items #24-0679 and #24-0680.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.B.9. Mayor's Request
(ID # [24-1447](#))

Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Section 3.2.6 Building Types of the Zoning Ordinance to allow the building types permitted in the Neighborhood Residence (NR) zoning district to also be permitted in the Urban Residence (UR) zoning district.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED

AYE: City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

6.B.10. Mayor's Request
(ID # [24-1448](#))

Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Sections 2.1 and 11.1 of the Zoning Ordinance to improve the regulation of bicycle parking.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED

AYE: City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

6.B.11. Mayor's Request
(ID # [24-1461](#))

Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Articles 2, 3-6, and 9 of the Zoning Ordinance to revise the regulations for arts and creative enterprise, office, and residential uses.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

6.B.12. Mayor's Request
(ID # [24-1544](#)) Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Articles 6, 9, and 10 of the Zoning Ordinance to establish a new Research & Development zoning district.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

6.B.13. Public
Communication
(ID # [24-1577](#)) Greentown Labs submitting comments re: items #24-0680 and #24-0679, a Zoning Map and Zoning Text amendment to create the Somernova Innovation Sub-Area.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.B.14. Officer's
Communication
(ID # [25-0120](#)) Planning Board conveying recommendations for items #24-1447 and #24-1448.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.B.15. Order
(ID # [25-0338](#)) By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Planning, Preservation and Zoning provide the Committee on Land Use with an opinion as to whether the City Council may dictate standards and materials used for outdoor bike facilities.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

6.C. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

6.C.1. Committee Report
(ID # [25-0286](#)) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on February 18, 2025.

Councilor Scott summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that the committee received the 2024 Surveillance Technology Annual Report and recommended approval of a Home Rule Petition to prevent landlords from passing realtor's fees on to tenants. Councilor Burnley commented that the payment of realtor fees is making it difficult for people to live in Somerville and noted that Boston has passed a similar ordinance.

RESULT: APPROVED

6.C.2. Mayor's
Communication
(ID # [25-0142](#))

Conveying the 2024 Surveillance Technology Annual Report.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- 6.C.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0213](#)) Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to prevent landlords from passing realtor's fees on to tenants.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

6.D. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- 6.D.1. Committee Report (ID # [25-0346](#)) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on February 26, 2025.

Councilor Burnley summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that two licenses for the same business, Assembly Square Auto Sales, were approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.D.2. License (ID # [25-0184](#)) New Garage License, Assembly Square Auto Sales, 37 Mystic Avenue, 1 vehicle inside, 18 vehicles outside for washing vehicles and storing unregistered vehicles, 7 days a week: 8am-8pm.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.D.3. License (ID # [25-0271](#)) New Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Assembly Square Auto Sales, 37 Mystic Avenue, 1 vehicle inside and 18 vehicles outside, Monday - Sunday: 8am to 8pm.

RESULT: APPROVED

6.E. OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE

- 6.E.1. Committee Report (ID # [25-0340](#)) Report of the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, meeting on February 20, 2025.

Councilor Mbah summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that the committee discussed plans to connect more households with the new incentives in the Mass Save Plan and also had a lengthy discussion about the possibility of making a change to the yard waste collection calendar.

RESULT: APPROVED

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- 6.E.2. Order (ID # [25-0070](#)) By Councilor Wilson, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Mbah That the Director of the Office of Sustainability and Environment discuss with this Council plans to connect more households with the new incentives in the 2025-2027 Mass Save Plan.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.F. RODENT ISSUES SPECIAL COMMITTEE
- 6.F.1. Committee Report (ID # [25-0288](#)) Report of the Special Committee on Rodent Issues, meeting on February 19, 2025.
- Councilor Wilson summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that the committee received an update on the city's rodent control efforts, including the testing of a new type of non SGAR bait. The committee also had a brief discussion about the possibility of obtaining rodent proof barrels for the compost pilot program.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 6.F.2. Order (ID # [24-1276](#)) By Councilor Clingan, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Mbah and Councilor Sait That the Directors of Constituent Services, Inspectional Services and Health and Human Services jointly prepare a written report for the next meeting of this Council's Special Committee on Rodent Issues, on the number of rodent complaints received from January 1, 2024 to date, including the information detailed within.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.F.3. Order (ID # [24-1516](#)) By Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Sustainability and Environment invest in rodent proof composting barrels in the upcoming composting pilot program.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.F.4. Order (ID # [25-0130](#)) By Councilor Wilson, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Mbah and Councilor Sait That the Environmental Health Manager update this Council on the current policy regarding usage of Second Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides (SGARs) and any plans to remove SGARs currently deployed in bait boxes in light of multiple recent birds of prey deaths apparently related to ingesting rat poison.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.G. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE
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- 6.G.1. Committee Report (ID # [25-0344](#)) Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on February 24, 2025.
- Councilor Sait summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that among the topics discussed were signal priority for MBTA busses in Union Square, plans for a safe pedestrian crossing of Lowell Street - including additional traffic calming measures between Summer Street and Highland Avenue, increasing flex post usage and other pedestrian safety measures on crosswalks along McGrath Highway and what is being done to alleviate the increased traffic along Lombardi Street, Mystic Avenue and Grand Union Boulevard. Councilor Ewen-Campen reported that he was informed that a crossing guard will be stationed at Vinal and Highland Avenues starting next week.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 6.G.2. Order (ID # [25-0125](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Director of Mobility discuss with this Council the feasibility of signal priority for Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) busses in Union Square.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.G.3. Order (ID # [25-0126](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Mbah
That the Director of Mobility develop plans for a safe pedestrian crossing of Lowell Street, at Bailey Park, and additional traffic calming measures between Summer Street and Highland Avenue.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.G.4. Order (ID # [25-0137](#)) By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Mobility work with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) to increase flex post usage and other pedestrian safety measures on crosswalks along McGrath Highway.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.G.5. Order (ID # [25-0138](#)) By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Mobility address the increased traffic along Lombardi Street, Mystic Avenue and Grand Union Boulevard due to signal changes.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**
- 7.1. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0257](#)) Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Sections 2-304 through 2-310 of the Code of Ordinances to update the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

- 7.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0370](#)) 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.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.2 through 7.12, 7.15, 10.4, and 10.12 through 10.13 and refer items 7.2 through 7.12, 10.4, and 10.12 to the Finance Committee, and Place on File items 7.15 and 10.13 with a copy to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0279](#)) Requesting authorization to borrow \$7,600,000 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for the FY 2025 Water Main Rehabilitation program as part of the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority's Local Water System Assistance Program.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.2 through 7.12, 7.15, 10.4, and 10.12 through 10.13 and refer items 7.2 through 7.12, 10.4, and 10.12 to the Finance Committee, and Place on File items 7.15 and 10.13 with a copy to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0274](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$137,288 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Information Technology (IT) Department Professional & Technical Account for an independent assessment of security and network infrastructure and an organizational review of all IT groups within the city.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.2 through 7.12, 7.15, 10.4, and 10.12 through 10.13 and refer items 7.2 through 7.12, 10.4, and 10.12 to the Finance Committee, and Place on File items 7.15 and 10.13 with a copy to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0334](#)) Requesting approval of a contract extension for two years until 2/28/2026 for TSA Consulting Group, Inc., for the administration of 457(b) plans.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.2 through 7.12, 7.15, 10.4, and 10.12 through 10.13 and refer items 7.2 through 7.12, 10.4, and 10.12 to the Finance Committee, and Place on File items 7.15 and 10.13 with a copy to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0281](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$335,635 grant with no new match required, from the Department of Mental Health to the Police Department for the Crisis Intervention Training and Technical Assistance Center.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.2 through 7.12, 7.15, 10.4, and 10.12 through 10.13 and refer items 7.2 through 7.12, 10.4, and 10.12 to the Finance Committee, and Place on File items 7.15 and 10.13 with a copy to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0299](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$100,000 grant with no new match required, from the City of Boston Office of Emergency Management to the Elections Department for security of elections vault.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.2 through 7.12, 7.15, 10.4, and 10.12 through 10.13 and refer items 7.2 through 7.12, 10.4, and 10.12 to the Finance Committee, and Place on File items 7.15 and 10.13 with a copy to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0284](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend an \$87,450 grant with no new match required, from the Executive Office of Public Safety & Security to the Police Department for staffing.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.2 through 7.12, 7.15, 10.4, and 10.12 through 10.13 and refer items 7.2 through 7.12, 10.4, and 10.12 to the Finance Committee, and Place on File items 7.15 and 10.13 with a copy to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0283](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$23,105 grant that requires a match, from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council to the Police Department for the Metro Mayors Community Safety Initiative.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.2 through 7.12, 7.15, 10.4, and 10.12 through 10.13 and refer items 7.2 through 7.12, 10.4, and 10.12 to the Finance Committee, and Place on File items 7.15 and 10.13 with a copy to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0282](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$15,000 grant with no new match required, as a sub-award through the Fenway Community Health Center to the Police Department for the Post-Overdose Support Team (POST).
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.2 through 7.12, 7.15, 10.4, and 10.12 through 10.13 and refer items 7.2 through 7.12, 10.4, and 10.12 to the Finance Committee, and Place on File items 7.15 and 10.13 with a copy to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.11. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0333](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$93.61 using available funds in the Police Department Out-of-State Travel account for food expenses during an investigation.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.2 through 7.12, 7.15, 10.4, and 10.12 through 10.13 and refer items 7.2 through 7.12, 10.4, and 10.12 to the Finance Committee, and Place on File items 7.15 and 10.13 with a copy to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.12. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0268](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$32.06 to Market Basket/Demoulas using available funds in the Parks & Recreation Food Supplies & Refreshments and Office Supplies accounts.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.2 through 7.12, 7.15, 10.4, and 10.12 through 10.13 and refer items 7.2 through 7.12, 10.4, and 10.12 to the Finance Committee, and Place on File items 7.15 and 10.13 with a copy to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.13. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0290](#)) Requesting approval of the Municipal Election Calendar for 2025.
- Election Commission Chair Nicholas Salerno briefly reviewed the schedule for the 2025 city election cycle.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 7.14. Mayor's Communication (ID # [25-0368](#)) Conveying a forthcoming appropriation request from the Salary Contingency account to various city departments to fund an update to the non-union salary ordinance.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.15. Mayor's
Communication
(ID # [25-0369](#))

Conveying an update on the next steps for recommendations on compensation for Elected Officials.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.2 through 7.12, 7.15, 10.4, and 10.12 through 10.13 and refer items 7.2 through 7.12, 10.4, and 10.12 to the Finance Committee, and Place on File items 7.15 and 10.13 with a copy to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 8.1. Officer's
Communication
(ID # [25-0164](#))

City Solicitor requesting approval to retain Lawyers For Civil Rights Boston as outside legal counsel on a pro bono basis to represent the City in connection with any Executive Order issued by the Trump Administration impacting sanctuary cities.

President Pineda Neufeld reported that the city filed a lawsuit in response to the federal government's threat of withholding funds to sanctuary cities. Councilor McLaughlin requested that an Executive Session be scheduled for a later date to discuss strategy. Councilor Scott commented that he was asked why other communities weren't asked to join the suit.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 8.2. Officer's
Communication
(ID # [25-0362](#))

Director of Parking responding to item #25-0084 regarding the Citywide Parking and Curb Use Study.

Director of Parking Suzanne Rinfret explained the purpose of the study and reviewed the following:
recommendations themes, the strategy matrix, clarifying curb management roles, implementing a curb prioritization framework, implementing design standards to reduce modal conflicts and integrating curb needs into all roadway redesigns, expanding multimodal infrastructure, continuing to expand loading zones, ensuring adequate access for customers and employees of local businesses, increasing accessible parking, procuring management and enforcement technology, piloting automated enforcement technologies, implementing flexible curbside regulations, adding meters to the most popular two-hour spaces to encourage turnover, enhancing wayfinding to public parking facilities, adding off-street and on-street electric vehicle charging stations, requiring unbundling of off-street parking spaces, seeking shared parking opportunities during new development, collaborating with ride-hail vendors to manage demand and operations, formalizing and improving the communications process, completing and refining the digitization strategy, and formalizing & streamlining the parklet request and permitting process. She noted that this is a "living document" and might be modified as needed.

Councilor Ewen-Campen asked about increasing the cost of parking permits, and the Director noted that the number of permits is decreasing and it would be hard to justify an increase in cost while removing parking spaces. Councilor Strezo commented on the digital divide preventing all voices from being heard and asked if this would be considered when conducting a survey. Director Rinfret replied that she is open to finding ways to include as many people as possible. Councilor Strezo requested a greater percentage of ADA parking, and the Director explained the process for those spots, stating that this concern is always prioritized. Councilor Scott commented on the unintended consequences of unbundled parking spaces. Councilor McLaughlin inquired if fire lanes were accounted for in the study, and Director Rinfret replied that these spaces were dictated by the Fire Department and included some sight line and space restrictions at corners, noting that it is against the law to park within 20 feet of an intersection, so theoretically, those spaces weren't really lost.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1. License
(ID # [25-0291](#))
- New Drainlayer's License, Doherty Excavating Inc.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41 and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.2. License
(ID # [25-0293](#))
- Renewing Drainlayer's License, A. A. Will Corporation.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41 and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.3. License
(ID # [25-0294](#))
- Renewing Drainlayer's License, BSI Engineering.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41 and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.4. License
(ID # [25-0295](#))
- Renewing Drainlayer's License, Classic Site Solutions Inc.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41 and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.5. License
(ID # [25-0296](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, D&M Civil Inc.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41 and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.6. License
(ID # [25-0297](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Insite Contracting Inc.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41 and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.7. License
(ID # [25-0298](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Keash Excavating Inc.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41 and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.8. License
(ID # [25-0300](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Mirra Co. LLC.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41 and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.9. License
(ID # [25-0301](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, R. M. Pacella Inc.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41 and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.10. License
(ID # [25-0302](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Raffaele Construction Corp.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41 and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.11. License
(ID # [25-0303](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Sean Farrell Excavation Inc.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41 and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.12. License
(ID # [25-0304](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Tim Zanelli Excavating LLC.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41 and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.13. License
(ID # [25-0305](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Tufts Construction Inc.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41 and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.14. License
(ID # [25-0306](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Vinny Mofford Excavation LLC.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41 and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.15. License
(ID # [25-0307](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, W.L. French Excavating.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41 and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.16. License
(ID # [25-0292](#))

Renewing Billiards and Bowling License, Lucky Strike, 325 Revolution Drive.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41 and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.17. License
(ID # [25-0308](#))

Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Cataldo Ambulance Service Inc, 137 Washington Street.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41 and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.18. License
(ID # [25-0309](#))

Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Dakzen, 195 Elm Street.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41

and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.19. License
(ID # [25-0310](#))

Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Lucky Strike, 325 Revolution Drive.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41 and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.20. License
(ID # [25-0311](#))

Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, McDonalds, 14 McGrath Highway.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41 and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.21. License
(ID # [25-0312](#))

Renewing Flammables License, Metropolitan Pipe and Supply Company, 30 Inner Belt Road.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41 and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.22. License
(ID # [25-0313](#))

Renewing Flammables License, Winter Hill Yacht Club, 500 Artisan Way.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41 and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.23. License
(ID # [25-0314](#))

Renewing Garage License, Cataldo Ambulance Service, 4 Joy Street.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41 and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.24. License
(ID # [25-0315](#))

Renewing Garage License, Drain Doctor Inc., 612 Broadway.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41 and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.25. License
(ID # [25-0316](#))

Renewing Garage License, Gasper Ostuni, 195 Highland Avenue.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41 and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.26. License
(ID # [25-0317](#))

Renewing Garage License, Herb Chambers I-93 Inc., 71 Linwood Street.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41 and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.27. License
(ID # [25-0318](#))

Renewing Garage License, Herb Chambers I-93 Inc., 259 McGrath Highway.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41 and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.28. License
(ID # [25-0319](#))

Renewing Garage License, Mass General Brigham Inc., 399 Revolution Drive.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41 and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.29. License
(ID # [25-0320](#))

Renewing Garage License, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 161 Linwood Street.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41 and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.30. License
(ID # [25-0321](#))

Renewing Garage License, Original Auto Body and Mechanic, Inc., 12 Joy Street.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41 and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.31. License
(ID # [25-0322](#))

Renewing Garage License, Teele Square Auto, 1284 Broadway.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41 and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.32. License
(ID # [25-0323](#))
- Renewing Garage License, Tracer Technologies Inc., 20 Assembly Square Drive.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41 and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.33. License
(ID # [25-0324](#))
- Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 161 Linwood Street.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41 and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.34. License
(ID # [25-0325](#))
- Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Star Markets Company #2575, 275 Beacon Street.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41 and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.35. License
(ID # [25-0326](#))
- Renewing Second Hand Dealer License, Atlas Metals Inc., 475 Columbia Street.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41 and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.36. License
(ID # [25-0327](#))
- Renewing Second Hand Dealer License, Buffalo Exchange Ltd., 238 Elm Street.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41 and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.37. License
(ID # [25-0328](#))
- Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Jean B. Victor, Med #85.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41 and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.38. License
(ID # [25-0329](#))
- Renewing Taxi Medallion License, LTK Inc., Med. #66.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41 and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.
RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.39. License
(ID # [25-0330](#))
- Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Renaissance Taxi Service LLC, Med. #50.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41 and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.40. Public Event
(ID # [25-0332](#))
- Theatre@First applying for a Public Event License for The Tempest on various dates between April 30 and June 22 from 5pm to 9pm (raindates June 27, June 28 and June 29).
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41 and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.41. Public Event
(ID # [25-0331](#))
- Somerville Road Runners applying for a Public Event License for M.O.M.'S 5K Run and Walk for Cancer on May 11 from 7am to 2pm.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41 and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.42. Public Communication
(ID # [25-0335](#))
- Branden Kornell and Simona Gokhin submitting comments re: Copper Mill project.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**
- 9.43. Public Communication
(ID # [25-0336](#))
- Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition submitting comments re: item #24-1686, creation of an LGBTQ Legal Services Stabilization Fund.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee
- 9.44. Public Communication
(ID # [25-0337](#))
- Jenn Harrington submitting comments re: Anti-Displacement Task Force.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**
- 10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**
- 10.1. Citation
(ID # [25-0397](#))
- By Councilor Pineda Neufeld
Commending Michael Feloney for ten years of dedicated service in the Housing Division.

The citation was read into the record, however Mr. Feloney was not present. Director Galligani spoke about Mr. Feloney's ambition to make the city better every day by working to increase affordable housing in Somerville.
RESULT: APPROVED

10.2. Order
(ID # [25-0367](#))

By Councilor Mbah
That the Director of Health and Human Services submit in writing monthly updates to this Council regarding ongoing efforts to address homelessness.

RESULT: APPROVED

10.3. Communication
(ID # [25-0366](#))

By Councilor Mbah
Conveying a report of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

Councilor Mbah reported that a \$3,350,000 early acquisition loan to the Somerville Community Land Trust was approved to purchase the vacant lot at 259 Medford Street to make way for the construction of a 50-unit, 100% affordable residential housing development. In addition, another \$125,000 was approved to cover the cost of managing the 100 Homes Program.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

10.4. Ordinance
(ID # [25-0375](#))

By Councilor Ewen-Campen
Amending the Code of Ordinances by adding Section 2-325 to Chapter 2, Article VI, Division 3 related to compensation for elected officials.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.2 through 7.12, 7.15, 10.4, and 10.12 through 10.13 and refer items 7.2 through 7.12, 10.4, and 10.12 to the Finance Committee, and Place on File items 7.15 and 10.13 with a copy to the Finance Committee.

Councilor Ewen-Campen explained that this proposal would tie the salaries of elected officials to those of city staff by providing cost of living adjustments that are not tied to inflation, i.e., when staff receives these adjustments, elected officials would, as well.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

10.5. Order
(ID # [25-0378](#))

By Councilor Scott
That the Director of Mobility address the dangerous conditions with the bike lane entrance at Washington Street and Webster Avenue.

Councilor Scott commented that new problems have been presented resulting from the recent snowfalls and noted that the drainage is deeply flawed causing an icing problem.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

- 10.6. Order
(ID # [25-0379](#))
- By Councilor Scott, Councilor Mbah, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Sait
That the Director of Inspectional Services enforce Section 11-111 of the Code of Ordinances - Registration and maintenance of vacant property, in light of the recent collapse of 316 Somerville Avenue.
- Councilor Scott noted that the vacant property ordinance has never been enforced in the city and that vacant properties are inherently more dangerous and provide harborage for rats. Councilor Burnley noted that the city received a complaint on July 8, 2024 regarding the building at 316 Somerville Avenue. It was reported that the complaint was resolved the following day. He would like to learn more about the follow up that was done.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee
- 10.7. Communication
(ID # [25-0376](#))
- By Councilor Scott
Conveying information on a sophisticated new scam targeting Somerville residents, purporting to be the Middlesex Sheriff's Office.
- Councilor Scott explained this scam purports to be about missed jury duty and appears to be legitimate and alarming in its sophistication. He advised anyone who receives such a call to contact the Middlesex County Sheriff's Office to report it.
- RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE
- 10.8. Communication
(ID # [25-0377](#))
- By Councilor Scott
Conveying an update on the status of Charter negotiations with the Mayor.
- Councilor Scott reported that the working group met with staff and that negotiations seem to be stuck on the proposed term length for the mayor and the hiring of the city solicitor.
- RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE
- 10.9. Order
(ID # [25-0394](#))
- By Councilor Wilson
That the Director of Mobility and Director of Engineering discuss with this Council the effectiveness of speed cushions as a traffic calming measure and potential applications on key Fire Department response routes.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee
- 10.10. Communication
(ID # [25-0395](#))
- By Councilor Wilson
In his capacity as Chair of the Finance Committee, conveying a communication on FY 2026 budget priorities.
- Councilor Wilson reminded councilors to submit their budget priorities by March 27 for discussion at the April 2 Finance Committee meeting.
- RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

- 10.11. Resolution
(ID # [25-0396](#))
- By Councilor Sait, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Mbah, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson
That the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities and Eversource do everything within their power to reduce the burden of rising natural gas costs for Somerville residents.
- Councilor Sait commented that some people's bills have doubled and that the city's state delegation is working to get some relief.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 10.12. Mayor's Request
(ID # [25-0349](#))
- Requesting approval of easements from JMC/STM/TGCI Union Square, LLC for 346 Somerville Avenue.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.2 through 7.12, 7.15, 10.4, and 10.12 through 10.13 and refer items 7.2 through 7.12, 10.4, and 10.12 to the Finance Committee, and Place on File items 7.15 and 10.13 with a copy to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 10.13. Officer's
Communication
(ID # [25-0371](#))
- Finance Director conveying FY 2025 Mid-Year Financial Report in accordance with Section 2-48 of the Code of Ordinances.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.2 through 7.12, 7.15, 10.4, and 10.12 through 10.13 and refer items 7.2 through 7.12, 10.4, and 10.12 to the Finance Committee, and Place on File items 7.15 and 10.13 with a copy to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 10.14. License
(ID # [25-0381](#))
- Renewing Drainlayer's License, Anderson Construction & Excavation Inc.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41 and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 10.15. License
(ID # [25-0384](#))
- Renewing Drainlayer's License, Edward Ahern.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41 and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.
- RESULT: APPROVED**

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- 10.16. License
(ID # [25-0382](#))
- Renewing Drainlayer's License, K.B. Aruda Construction Inc.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41 and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 10.17. License
(ID # [25-0383](#))
- Renewing Drainlayer's License, Minkin Construction.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41 and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 10.18. License
(ID # [25-0385](#))
- Renewing Drainlayer's License, Tascon Corporation.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41 and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 10.19. License
(ID # [25-0386](#))
- Renewing Drainlayer's License, USA Excavating Inc..
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41 and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 10.20. License
(ID # [25-0387](#))
- Renewing Garage License, Goodyear Auto Service Center, 1 Bow Street.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41 and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 10.21. License
(ID # [25-0388](#))
- Renewing Garage License, Greentown Labs, 444 Somerville Avenue.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41 and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 10.22. License
(ID # [25-0389](#))
- Renewing Garage License, Mass General Brigham, 21 Third Avenue.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41 and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.
RESULT: APPROVED
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- 10.23. License
(ID # [25-0390](#))
- Renewing Livery License, Boston Novelty Limo LLC, 333 Broadway.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41 and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 10.24. License
(ID # [25-0391](#))
- Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Martha Lee Trust, 147 Highland Avenue.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41 and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 10.25. License
(ID # [25-0380](#))
- New Taxi Medallion License, Joseph Aime, Med. #78.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41 and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 10.26. License
(ID # [25-0392](#))
- Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Joseph Nicolas, Med. #79.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41 and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 10.27. Small Wireless Facility
(ID # [25-0393](#))
- Crown Castle Fiber LLC applying for a Small Wireless Facility License for facilities on an existing pole at 41 Union Square.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.41 and 10.14 through 10.27 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 10.28. Public Communication
(ID # [25-0372](#))
- Three residents submitting comments re: 11 Ward Street zoning.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

11. LATE ITEMS

- 11.1. Mayor's Request
(ID # [24-1761](#))
- Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Michael Tran to the position of Police Officer.

Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to discharge items #24-1761 and #24-1763 from the Committee on Confirmations of Appointments and Personnel Matters and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 11.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-1763](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Victor Romero Palomo to the position of Police Officer.

Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to discharge items #24-1761 and #24-1763 from the Committee on Confirmations of Appointments and Personnel Matters and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:46 PM.