

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

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

July 14, 2022, 7:00 PM  
City Council Chamber and Remote Participation

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**OPENING CEREMONIES**

1. Roll Call            Call of the Roll.  
(ID # 29106)
  
2. Remembrances    Remembrances.  
(ID # 29107)
  
3. Minutes            Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, June 9,  
(ID # 29108)        2022.

**CITATIONS**

4. Citation            By City Councilor McLaughlin  
(ID # 29066)        Commending Frank Wright on the occasion of his  
retirement from the Law Department after over 22 years  
of distinguished service.
  
5. Citation            By City Councilor McLaughlin  
(ID # 29067)        Commending Eileen McGettigan on the occasion of her  
retirement from the Law Department after 10 years of  
distinguished service.
  
6. Citation            By City Councilor McLaughlin  
(ID # 29068)        Commending George Proakis on his selection as City  
Manager of Watertown.
  
7. Citation            By City Councilor McLaughlin  
(ID # 29065)        Commending Mary Skipper on her selection as  
Superintendent of Boston Public Schools.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

8. Ordinance (ID # 29079) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Clingan  
Proposing Amendments to the Neighborhood Council Designation Ordinance (Chapter 7, Article IX) to encourage the formation of such neighborhood councils.
9. Resolution (ID # 29080) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen  
That the Administration work with this Council to ensure that the GLX Construction project is held accountable for the damage caused to backyards along Willoughby Street.
10. Order (ID # 29083) By City Councilor Strezo  
That the City Solicitor provide an opinion on the legality of landlords including non-disclosure agreements in leases.
11. Order (ID # 29084) By City Councilor Strezo  
That the Director of Economic Development discuss the ability of small businesses to access loading zones in heavy traffic areas while outdoor dining is present.
12. Order (ID # 29085) By City Councilor Strezo  
That the Director of Communications create an annual fall campaign to inform the public about the "Dutch Reach" to prevent cyclist injuries.
13. Order (ID # 29086) By City Councilor Strezo  
That the Director of Health and Human services discuss the potential effects of the recent Supreme Court ruling on *Dobbs v Jackson Women's Health* on Somerville women, pregnant women, pregnant people and reproductive health.
14. Order (ID # 29081) By City Councilor Strezo  
That the Chief of Police provide this Council with the number of rape kits administered in the past five years, and the number that were included as evidence in court cases.
15. Resolution (ID # 29082) By City Councilor Strezo  
That the Middlesex County District Attorney provide this Council with the number of rape kits tested and the number used as evidence in Somerville court cases over the past five years.

16. Resolution (ID # 29042) By City Councilor Strezo  
That the Administration schedule a Commissions and Boards Recruitment Fair once per season with a focus on reaching underrepresented residents.
17. Order (ID # 29087) By City Councilor Burnley, Jr.  
That the Commissioner of Public Works install additional lighting near the Union Square MBTA stop crosswalk.
18. Order (ID # 29088) By City Councilor Burnley, Jr., McLaughlin  
That the Commissioner of Public Works install and maintain a port-a-potty in Chuckie Harris Park.
19. Order (ID # 29090) By City Councilor Burnley, Jr.  
That the Commissioner of Public Works discuss with this Council, the number of portable toilets that can be deployed in critical areas.
20. Order (ID # 29091) By City Councilor Burnley, Jr.  
That the Director of Health and Human Services, with expertise from the Somerville Homeless Coalition, draft a written report for this Council detailing which areas most severely need public restrooms accommodations and how the Administration will meet those needs.
21. Order (ID # 29089) By City Councilor Burnley, Jr.  
That the ADA Coordinator coordinate with the City of Cambridge or another nearby entity that can provide Braille translations in less than 3 to 4 weeks until the City can procure a Braille.
22. Order (ID # 29092) By City Councilor Burnley, Jr.  
That the Chief of Police provide this Council with a written report on the number of calls for service related to un-housed individuals, the nature of those calls, and the number directed toward or responded to in collaboration with the Somerville Homeless Coalition.
23. Order (ID # 29094) By City Councilor Burnley, Jr.  
That the Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry provide this Council with a map detailing the locations of all Privately Owned Public Spaces (POPS) and the policies that this Council could adopt to mandate that POPS conspicuously display signage stating that the area is available to the public.

- 24. Resolution (ID # 29093) By City Councilor Burnley, Jr.  
That the Administration provide transparency in its use of funds by creating a page on the website to track ARPA money received and expended, for what purposes, and how residents may request that funds be allocated for a particular purpose.
- 25. Resolution (ID # 29095) By City Councilor Burnley, Jr., McLaughlin, Clingan  
In Support of Funding a Supervised Consumption Site.
- 26. Communication (ID # 29063) By City Councilor McLaughlin  
In his capacity as President, conveying an updated list of Standing and Special Committee assignments.
- 27. Communication (ID # 29057) By City Councilor McLaughlin  
In his capacity as President, cancelling this Council's Regular meetings scheduled for July 28 and August 11.
- 28. Communication (ID # 29064) By City Councilor McLaughlin  
In his capacity as President, rescheduling the Regular Meeting scheduled for Thursday October 27, 2022 to Tuesday October 25, 2022 to accommodate early voting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

29. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 29098) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on June 29, 2022.
- B. Mayor's Request 213393 Requesting confirmation of the appointment of William Ruocco to the position of Police Officer.  
RECOMMENDED: Withdrawn
- C. Mayor's Request 213395 Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Gianna Ferrara to the position of Police Officer.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- D. Mayor's Request 213396 Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Keighla McAloney to the position of Police Officer.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- E. Mayor's Request 214034 Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Timothy Van Nostrand to the position of Police Sergeant.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- F. Mayor's Request 214035 Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Katherine Garavaglia to the position of Full Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.

30. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 29100) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on July 12, 2022.
  
- B. Order 212987 By City Councilor Burnley, Jr., Strezo, Gomez Mouakad, Pineda Neufeld, Kelly, Davis, Ewen-Campen That the Director of Economic Development and the Director of Procurement and Contracting Services work with community partners to assess, report, and provide recommendations for improving the city's procurement rates in order to support local businesses.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
  
- C. Mayor's Request 213493 Requesting acceptance of a \$45,904.98 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for the purchase of security software and equipment to enhance physical security for city property and buildings.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
  
- D. Mayor's Request 213626 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.  
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
  
- E. Officer's Communication 213818 Director of Infrastructure & Asset Management conveying the Water & Sewer Capital Investment Plan update for May 2022.  
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
  
- F. Mayor's Request 213854 Requesting approval of a transfer of \$7,076 from the Police Overtime Account to the Grant Match Account for the Metro Mayors Coalition Shannon Grant match requirement.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
  
- G. Mayor's Request 213856 Requesting acceptance of a \$22,692 grant, with required match, from the Metro Mayors Coalition Shannon Initiative to the Police Department for youth violence prevention.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved with Conditions.
  
- H. Mayor's Request 213857 Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$75,000 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for Special Response Team expenditures and overtime.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.

- I. Order 213896 By City Councilor Gomez Mouakad That the Director of Finance report on the process to reallocate funds reimbursed from the Green Line Extension Project.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- J. Mayor's Request 213940 Requesting approval to re-purpose the Green Line Extension (GLX) Stabilization Fund to create an "Early Action" Affordable Housing Program and transfer the balance of the GLX Stabilization Fund to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.

31. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 29096) Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on June 28, 2022.
- B. Resolution 213064 By City Councilor Strezo, Pineda Neufeld That the Executive Director of the Housing Authority discuss the possibility of providing wireless internet in communal areas.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. Mayor's Request 213756 Requesting approval of the 2022-2023 Housing and Urban Development One Year Action Plan, for Community Development Block Grant, Home Investment Partnership, and Emergency Solutions Grant Programs.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- D. Resolution (ID # 29102) By City Councilor Pineda Neufeld That the Executive Director of the Somerville Housing Authority, the Director of the Office of Food Access and Healthy Communities, and a representative from the Somerville Community Fridges discuss how to address food insecurity of residents at Housing Authority buildings and how to provide greater resources.

32. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 29097) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on June 28, 2022.
- B. Mayor's Request 213489 Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Guardian Indoor Active Shooter Detection System.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved with Conditions.

- C. Ordinance 213947 By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Gomez Mouakad, Kelly, Wilson, Scott, Clingan, Pineda Neufeld, Strezo, Davis, McLaughlin, Burnley, Jr.  
Proposing an amendment to the Surveillance Oversight Ordinance (Chapter 10, Article III, Sec 10.63) to remove the exemption for body-worn cameras.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- D. Mayor's Request 214036 Requesting approval of the attached Dog Rules and Dog Park Rules.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.

33. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 29099) Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on July 11, 2022.
- B. Order 213811 By City Councilor Burnley, Jr.  
That the ADA Coordinator discuss with this Council how the Administration is accommodating the needs of visually impaired residents through the use of braille in commissions and elsewhere.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. Order 213812 By City Councilor Burnley, Jr., Kelly  
That the ADA Coordinator discuss with this Council how the Administration is providing access and services for residents who are deaf or hard of hearing.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- D. Order 213945 By City Councilor Pineda Neufeld  
That the Director of Health and Human Services share with this Council, a report summarizing the themes shared at the recent COVID-19 listening sessions with residents.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- E. Order 213990 By City Councilor Davis, Burnley, Jr., Gomez Mouakad, Ewen-Campen, Kelly, Wilson, Scott, Clingan, Pineda Neufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin  
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the port-a-potties in and around Davis Square, including Seven Hills Park, regularly maintain them, and leave them in place regardless of complaints from neighbors.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- F. Order 213993 By City Councilor Davis, McLaughlin, Gomez Mouakad, Ewen-Campen, Kelly, Wilson, Scott, Clingan, Pineda Neufeld, Strezo, Burnley, Jr.  
That the Director of Health and Human Services immediately secure space and open a warming/cooling center for people to seek shelter from the summer heat and winter cold.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

- G. Order 213994 By City Councilor Davis, Kelly, Wilson, Ewen-Campen That the Director of Health and Human Services move forward with an overdose prevention facility, using a mobile facility as an initial, immediate option until permanent brick and mortar locations can be opened. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

**34. SCHOOL BUILDING FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE SPECIAL COMMITTEE**

- A. Committee Report (ID # 29101) Report of the Special Committee on School Building Facilities and Maintenance, meeting on June 30, 2022.
- B. Order 213114 By City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Clingan That the Commissioner of Public Works identify, and provide the information requested within, staff who are designated to school building maintenance and management. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. Order 213115 By City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Clingan That the Commissioner of Public Works identify vendors contracted for school building maintenance and the scope of their contracts. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

**COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

- 35. Mayor's Request (ID # 29062) Requesting approval of Police Officer assignments at Polling Places on Election Day as required by the VOTES Act.
- 36. Mayor's Request (ID # 29036) Requesting the appropriation of \$100,000 from the Community Preservation Act Undesignated Fund to the Somerville Museum for unanticipated cost increases for the Elevator and Collection Storage projects.
- 37. Mayor's Request (ID # 29043) Requesting authorization to seek funding and enter into related agreements with the Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) grant, appropriate funding, and dedicate Henry Hansen Park to open space and recreational use in perpetuity.
- 38. Mayor's Request (ID # 29035) Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$750,000 grant with no new match required, from MA Department of Energy and Environmental Affairs to the Public Space and Urban Forestry Division for costs related to Conway park remediation and construction.
- 39. Mayor's Request (ID # 29040) Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$298,280 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Mental Health to the Police Department for Crisis Intervention Team training.



- 40. Mayor's Request (ID # 29070) Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$241,666 grant with no new match required, from MA Department of Public Health to Health and Human Services for overdose and substance misuse prevention.
- 41. Mayor's Request (ID # 29038) Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$37,315 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Mental Health to the Police Department for the Jail Diversion Program.
- 42. Mayor's Request (ID # 29069) Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$23,482.12 grant with no new match required, from the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) to the Fire Department for purchase of a boat motor for the Marine Unit.
- 43. Mayor's Request (ID # 29007) Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$9,205.03 grant with no new match required, from the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) to the Fire Department for Rescue Recruit Training.
- 44. Mayor's Request (ID # 29071) Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$4,000 grant with no new match required, from MA Office of the Attorney General to Health and Human Services for the Healthy Summer Jobs Program.
- 45. Mayor's Request (ID # 29078) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$32.85 using available funds in the Public Library's Ordinary Maintenance Water Cooler Rental line.

**COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 46. License/Permit (ID # 29103) New Drainlayer's License, James W. Flett Co.
- 47. License/Permit (ID # 29044) New Drainlayer's License, Keash Excavating Inc.
- 48. License/Permit (ID # 29061) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Baystate Engineering.
- 49. License/Permit (ID # 29058) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Galway Excavation.
- 50. License/Permit (ID # 29059) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Peter Amorello Construction & Demolition.

- 51. License/Permit (ID # 29060) Renewing Garage License, Triumvirate Environmental, 191 Inner Belt Rd.
- 52. License/Permit (ID # 29045) Public Event License, Summit Ave BP, July 23, 10AM-10PM (raindate July 30).
- 53. License/Permit (ID # 29073) Public Event License, Dancing in the Street, Munroe St from Bigelow to Prospect Hill and Prospect Hill Park, July 28, 4:30PM-10PM (raindate July 29).
- 54. License/Permit (ID # 29046) Public Event License, Chester Ave BP, July 30, 9AM-10PM (raindate Aug 6).
- 55. License/Permit (ID # 29047) Public Event License, Arts Council, Yart Sale, Citywide, Aug 13, 11:30AM-6:30PM (raindate Aug 14).
- 56. License/Permit (ID # 29048) Public Event License, Summer BP, Bay State Ave from Kidder Ave to Foskett St, Aug 13, 4PM-10:30PM.
- 57. License/Permit (ID # 29049) Public Event License, Arts Council Evolution of Hip Hop, Union Sq Plaza, parking lot, and Stone Place Park, Aug 20, 2PM-9:30PM (raindate Aug 21).
- 58. License/Permit (ID # 29050) Public Event License, Munroe St BP, from Bigelow St to Greenville St, Aug 21, 1:30PM-7PM.
- 59. License/Permit (ID # 29074) Public Event License, Lexington Ave BP, from Hancock St to Cedar St, Aug 28, 4PM-9PM (raindate Sept 9).
- 60. License/Permit (ID # 29076) Public Event License, Tufts Discover Davis Square, Statue Park, Sep 4, 11AM-6PM.
- 61. License/Permit (ID # 29075) Public Event License, Arts Council Rock and Roll Yard Sale, Union Sq parking lot and plaza, Sept 4, 8AM-6PM (raindate Sept 11).
- 62. License/Permit (ID # 29105) Public Event License, Arts Council SomerFest, Seven Hills Park, Sept 9, 2PM-11PM (raindate Sept 16).
- 63. License/Permit (ID # 29051) Public Event License, Ryan Harrington Foundation Corn Toss, Trum Field, Sept 10, 8AM-6PM.
- 64. License/Permit (ID # 29052) Public Event License, Greene St BP, from Laurel St to dead end, Sept 10, 12PM-9PM (raindate Sept 17).

- 65. License/Permit (ID # 29053) Public Event License, Morrison Ave BP, from Highland Rd to Prichard Ave, Sept 10, 3PM-8PM (raindate Sept 17).
- 66. License/Permit (ID # 29077) Public Event License, Arts Council SomerStreet: Strike up the Bands, Highland Ave from Central St to Lowell St, Sept 11, 12PM-8PM.
- 67. License/Permit (ID # 29055) Public Event License, Glenwood Rd BP, from Medford St to Vernon St, Sept 17, 12PM-9:30PM (raindate Sept 18).
- 68. License/Permit (ID # 29054) Public Event License, Belmont St South BP, from Summer St to Somerville Ave, Sept 18, 1:30PM-6:30PM (raindate Sept 25).
- 69. License/Permit (ID # 29056) Public Event License, Arts Council AIR Residency Program Dance, Blessing of the Bay Boathouse Park open field only, Sept 23, 3PM-8PM (raindate Sept 30).
- 70. License/Permit (ID # 29104) Sign/Awning License, Kong Dog, 236 Elm Street, 1 wall sign.
- 71. Public Communication (ID # 29009) Anthony Pasquale requesting the adoption of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Map to change the zoning district of 34 Allen Street from Neighborhood Residential (NR) to Small Business (SB) Overlay.

**SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

- 72. Grant of Location (ID # 29109) Submitted by Eversource to install a total of 2,281 feet of conduit and 3 new manholes along Washington, Joy and Chestnut Streets.
- 73. Order (ID # 29111) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works address the sink hole in front of 71 Florence Street.
- 74. Order (ID # 29112) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Community Outreach, Help and Recovery (COHR) team work in conjunction with the Homeless Coalition to address homelessness in East Somerville open spaces.
- 75. Order (ID # 29113) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Veterans' Services update this Council on the status of the memorials removed due to construction of the new high school.

- 76. Resolution (ID # 29114) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the city recognize the bicentennial of Frederick Law Olmsted, in honor of his many contributions to open space in the Boston area and nationwide.
  
- 77. Mayor's Request (ID # 29072) Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$73,101.60 grant that requires a match which will be provided by Groundworks, from Metro North Workforce Board to Health and Human Services for youth employment.
  
- 78. Mayor's Communication (ID # 29118) Conveying the appointment of Austin Cole to the Wage Theft Advisory Committee.
  
- 79. License/Permit (ID # 29117) Public Event License, Slaughter House Dance, Lincoln Park basketball court, July 17, 12:30PM-4:30PM (raindate Aug 7).
  
- 80. License/Permit (ID # 29119) Public Event License, Ocean River Tabling, in front of 197 Elm St, Aug 9, 10AM-1PM (raindate Aug 10).
  
- 81. License/Permit (ID # 29121) Public Event License, Alta Revolution BP, alley street along 290 Revolution Dr, Aug 14, 10AM-5PM.
  
- 82. License/Permit (ID # 29120) Public Event License, FRIT Riverfest, Baxter Park, Sept 10, 10AM-10PM (raindate Sept 11).
  
- 83. License/Permit (ID # 29116) Public Event License, Arts Council What the Fluff? Fluff at First Sight, Union Sq Plaza, Municipal Lot, and Somerville Ave from Prospect St to Webster Ave, Sept 17, 12PM-9PM (raindate Sept 18).
  
- 84. License/Permit (ID # 29115) Sign/Awning License, 872 Broadway LLC, 872 Broadway, for 4 balconies over public way.
  
- 85. Public Communication (ID # 29110) Bill Valletta submitting comments re: Item #213430, an amendment to the Zoning Ordinances to repeal references to a Certificate of Zoning Compliance.

**LATE ITEMS**

**ADJOURNMENT**