

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

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

July 8, 2021, 7:00 PM  
Meeting by Remote Participation  
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**NOTICE**

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting of the City Council will be conducted via remote participation. We will post an audio recording, audio-video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of these proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting on the City of Somerville website and local cable access government channels.

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**OPENING CEREMONIES**

1. Roll Call            Call of the Roll.  
(ID # 26101)
  
2. Remembrances    Remembrances.  
(ID # 26102)
  
3. Minutes            Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting, June 3,  
(ID # 26103)        2021, and the Regular Meeting, June 10, 2021.

**CITATIONS**

4. Citation            By City Councilor McLaughlin, Rossetti, White Jr.,  
(ID # 26109)        Mbah, Strezo, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan,  
                             Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang  
                             Congratulating City Clerk John Long on his retirement.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

5. Grant of            Submitted by RCN Telecom to install 100 feet of conduit  
Location            at the intersection of Prospect, Everett, and Newton Sts  
(ID # 25061)        from a proposed manhole in Prospect St to a point of  
                             pickup at 35 Prospect St, and from the same manhole, 90  
                             feet to an existing Utility Pole 118/3 near the rear of 282  
                             Somerville Ave.
  
6. Grant of            Submitted by Extenet to install 63 feet of conduit in  
Location            Somerville Ave from existing Eversource Manhole  
(ID # 25062)        20656 to a proposed handhole, then continuing 2 feet to  
                             a small wireless facility node near 343 Somerville Ave.

7. Grant of Location (ID # 25063) Submitted by Extenet to install 62 feet of conduit near the intersection of School St and Somerville Ave from existing Eversource Manhole 8643 to a proposed handhole, then continuing 3 feet to a small wireless facility node near 435 Somerville Ave.

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

8. Resolution (ID # 26099) By City Councilor Niedergang In support of Senate bill #1545, An Act Relative to Automated Enforcement.
9. Communication (ID # 26100) By City Councilor Niedergang Reporting on the meetings of the Traffic Commission from January through June 2021 and announcing the Commission's new email address, trafficcommission@somervillema.gov.
10. Order (ID # 25088) By City Councilor Strezo, McLaughlin That the Director of Traffic replace the missing ONE WAY signs on Dana Street.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

11. Mayor's Request 211611 Requesting approval of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance Body Art Services use standards and Table 9.1.1 Permitted Uses.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

12. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 26105) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on July 6, 2021.
- B. Mayor's Request 209518 Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jennifer Mancia as Executive Director of the Women's Commission.  
RECOMMENDED: Withdrawn
- C. Mayor's Request 210490 Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Hayley Bermel to the Commission for Women.  
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- D. Mayor's Request 211298 Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jennifer Mancia as Executive Director of the Women's Commission.  
RECOMMENDED: Withdrawn
- E. Mayor's Request 211299 Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Nancy Salamoun as Executive Director of the Human Rights Commission.

RECOMMENDED: Placed on File

- F. Mayor's Request 211412 Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Kimberly Sheridan to the Commission for Women.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- G. Mayor's Request 211413 Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Arlen Weiner to the Commission for Women.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- H. Mayor's Request 211747 Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Holly Simione to the Commission for Person with Disabilities.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- I. Mayor's Request 211966 Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Timothy Bakey to the position of Fire Captain.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- J. Mayor's Request 211967 Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Barry Hamilton to the position of Fire Lieutenant.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- K. Mayor's Request 211968 Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Andrew Guralnick to the position of Fire Lieutenant.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- L. Mayor's Request 211969 Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Brendan Noonan to the position of Fire Lieutenant.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- M. Order 212147 By City Councilor McLaughlin In his capacity as President, recommending the appointment of Kimberly Wells to the position of City Clerk.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.

13. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 26107) Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on July 7, 2021.

14. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 26104) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on June 29, 2021.
- B. Public Communication 211675 Scott Zink proposing a zoning amendment to re-zone his property at 471 Somerville Avenue from Urban Residential to MR4.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- C. Public Communication 211988 Moshe Safdie proposing a zoning amendment to extend the Small Business Overlay to his property at 92 Properzi Way.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.

- D. Public Communication 212047 Senthil Kumar proposing a zoning amendment to rezone his property at 8-8A Melvin Street from Mid Rise 5 to Neighborhood Residential.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- E. Mayor's Request 212051 Requesting an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to revise the façade build-out dimensional standard for any Apartment Building in the Urban Residence district when abutting the Neighborhood Residence district.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.

15. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 26106) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on July 6, 2021.
- B. Ordinance 211812 By City Councilor White Jr., Scott, Clingan, Mbah, Davis, Ballantyne  
Proposing an amendment to Ordinance 2-123 that would require notification to this Council of claims against the City filed at the MA Commission Against Discrimination.  
RECOMMENDED: Discharged w/no Recommendation
- C. Order 211818 By City Councilor Niedergang, Clingan, Davis  
That this Council consider amending the Demolition Review Ordinance to extend the maximum demolition delay period that the Historic Preservation Commission can impose on buildings of historical value from 12 months to 18 months.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- D. Mayor's Request 211954 Requesting adoption of MGL c48, s59A, authorizing the Fire Department to Provide Mutual Aid.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- E. Mayor's Request 212131 Requesting, with Councilor McLaughlin, approval of an amendment to Ordinance 2-309.5, the Veterans Commission Ordinance, to permit Hero Square dedications for both living and deceased service members who served during wartime.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved

16. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 26108) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on July 7, 2021.
- B. License/Permit 212145 New Flammables License, 101 South Street Owner LLC, 101 South St, storing 6,984 gallons.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.

- C. Officer's City Solicitor submitting an amendment to the Municipal  
Communication Ordinances to prohibit pawnbroking.  
212152

RECOMMENDED: Approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

17. Mayor's Request Requesting to appear in executive session as to the  
(ID # 26094) proposed settlement of a pending claim.
18. Mayor's Request Requesting to appear in executive session regarding an  
(ID # 26095) HVAC contract claim.
19. Mayor's Request Requesting to appear in executive session to discuss the  
(ID # 26097) recent arbitrator's decision involving the Somerville  
Police Employee's Association.
20. Mayor's Request Requesting to appear in executive session to discuss the  
(ID # 26098) proposed settlement of opioid litigation involving the  
Purdue Pharma bankruptcy case.
21. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to appropriate \$323,737.91 from the  
(ID # 25084) Facility Construction and Renovation Stabilization Fund  
to provide capital project building renovation and  
improvement services.
22. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to appropriate \$230,515.51 from the  
(ID # 25083) Street Reconstruction and Resurfacing Stabilization  
Fund for pavement assessments, street resurfacing, and  
pavement marking services.
23. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a \$298,280 grant with no new  
(ID # 24901) match required, from the MA Department of Mental  
Health to the Police Department for Crisis Intervention  
Team training.
24. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a \$239,544.18 grant that  
(ID # 25018) requires a \$23,954.42 match, from FEMA to the Fire  
Department for Fire Officer training.
25. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a \$117,108 grant with no new  
(ID # 25024) match required, from The MA Office of Elder Affairs to  
the Council on Aging for programming, transportation,  
salary, equipment and other needs of the elderly.
26. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a \$37,315 grant with no new  
(ID # 24902) match required, from the MA Department of Mental  
Health to the Police Department for the Jail Diversion  
Program.

- 27. Mayor's Request (ID # 25086) Requesting approval to pay two prior year invoices totaling \$816 using available FY21 funds in the Treasury Department Professional & Technical Services Account for FY20 online ACH fees.
- 28. Mayor's Request (ID # 26093) Requesting approval to change three polling places, attached, due to the relaxing of COVID-19 restrictions which allow a return to the previous polling locations.
- 29. Mayor's Request (ID # 26090) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Ann Fullerton to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- 30. Mayor's Request (ID # 26091) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Stephanos Axios to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an Alternate Member.

**COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

- 31. Officer's Communication (ID # 26096) City Solicitor requesting approval to retain Petrini & Associates, P.C. as outside legal counsel in the HVAC contract matter.
- 32. Officer's Communication (ID # 26089) Planning Board conveying its recommendations on #'s 211170, 211433, 211611, 211612, and 211693, all requests to amend the Zoning Ordinances.
- 33. Officer's Communication (ID # 25022) Acting Chief of Police responding to #211929 re: Housing Authority Police reforms.
- 34. Officer's Communication (ID # 26111) City Clerk submitting his resignation as of July 23, 2021.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 35. License/Permit (ID # 25087) Public Event License, Moore/Mead Sts Block Party, from Claremon St to Holland St, July 11, 1:30pm-5:30pm (raindate July 18).
- 36. License/Permit (ID # 26116) Public Event License, Indiana Ave Block Party, July 18, 2-10pm (raindate July 25).
- 37. License/Permit (ID # 26123) Public Event License, SomerViva and MIRA Coalition Celebration of Immigrant Workers, East Somerville Community School Turf Field and Basketball Court, July 23, 3:30-6:30PM.

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- 38. License/Permit (ID # 25067) Public Event License, Gorham St Block Party, from Tannery Brook Row to Holland St, July 24, 8am-10pm (raindate July 25)
  - 39. License/Permit (ID # 25065) Public Event License, East Morrison Ave Block Party, Morrison Ave from Highland Rd to Prichard Ave, July 24, 1pm-8pm (raindate July 25).
  - 40. License/Permit (ID # 26118) Public Event License, Tennyson St Block Party, From Pembroke St to Medford St, July 24, 1-8:30pm (raindate July 25).
  - 41. License/Permit (ID # 26126) Public Event License, Arts Council and Zili Misik Project Misik Workshops and Performances, Blessing of the Bay Boathouse grassy area only, Jul 28, Aug 4,11,25, Sep 11, 5-9PM (raindates Jul 29, Aug 5,12,26, Sep 12).
  - 42. License/Permit (ID # 25069) Public Event License, 7ate9 Bakery National Cheesecake Day Celebration, parking spaces in front of 199C Highland Ave, July 31, 7am-6pm (raindate Aug 1).
  - 43. License/Permit (ID # 26119) Public Event License, SmartBear Software Pan Mass Run, Assembly Row area, Aug 5, Noon-5:30PM.
  - 44. License/Permit (ID # 26128) Public Event License, One Entertainment Somerville Kite and Arts Festival, Dilboy Auxiliary A Field, Aug 7, 8AM-4PM.
  - 45. License/Permit (ID # 26127) Public Event License, Arts Council Yart Sale, citywide, Aug 14, 10AM-5PM (raindate Aug 15).
  - 46. License/Permit (ID # 25068) Public Event License, Electric Ave Block Party, from Packard Ave to Mason St, Aug 14, 11am-6pm (raindate Aug 15).
  - 47. License/Permit (ID # 26125) Public Event License, Bromfield Rd Block Party, Aug 21, 11AM-7PM (raindate Aug 28).
  - 48. License/Permit (ID # 25066) Public Event License, Wallace St Block Party, from Broadway to Holland Street, Aug 28, 2pm-9:30pm (raindate Aug 29).
  - 49. License/Permit (ID # 26120) Public Event License, bent/haus Water Misting Installation, Chuckie Harris Park, Aug 28, 6-10PM (raindate Aug 29).
  - 50. License/Permit (ID # 26117) Public Event License, FRIT Riverfest 2021, Assembly Row area, Sep 18, 10AM-11PM.

- 51. License/Permit (ID # 26115) Public Event License, Irving St Block Party, Sep 18, 11:30am-7pm (raindate Sep 25).
- 52. License/Permit (ID # 26114) Public Event License, Kids Like You and Me Somerville Cambridge Underground Pop Arts Performance Showcase, Lincoln Park Basketball Court, September 18, 1-5PM (raindate October 2).
- 53. License/Permit (ID # 26122) Public Event License, Prospect Hill Block Party, Munroe St from Prospect Hill Ave to Bigelow St, Sep 18, 1-8pm (raindate Sep 19).
- 54. License/Permit (ID # 26121) Public Event License, Lexington Ave Block Party, From Hancock St to Cedar St, Sep 19, 4-9pm (raindate Sep 26).
- 55. License/Permit (ID # 26113) Public Event License, Police Dept. Collier Kickball Extravaganza, Trum Field, September 25, 7AM-6PM.
- 56. License/Permit (ID # 26112) Public Event License, All Community Events Somerville Hot Cider Hustle 8K Road Race, Assembly Row area and Mystic Reservation, October 30, 4AM-Noon.
- 57. Public Communication (ID # 26110) Gilman Sq Neighborhood Association, Union Square Neighborhood Council Board, and 526 citizens submitting comments re: rezoning 343 Medford St.

**SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

- 58. Mayor's Request (ID # 26130) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$25,254.23 from various DPW accounts using available FY22 funds.
- 59. Mayor's Request (ID # 26129) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$2,500 using available funds in the Human Resources Department Arbitration Services Account for June 2021 arbitration services.
- 60. License/Permit (ID # 26135) Public Event License, Bay State Ave Block Party, from Kidder Ave to Foskett St, July 31, 4PM-12AM (raindate Aug 1).
- 61. License/Permit (ID # 26134) Public Event License, Art Council Rock and Roll Yard Sale, Union Sq parking lot, Sept 11, 9AM-6PM (raindate Sept 12).



- 62. License/Permit (ID # 26124) Public Event License, Hudson St Block Party, From Waldo St to Central St, Oct 2, 2-8pm (raindate Oct 3).
  
- 63. License/Permit (ID # 26133) New Sign/Awning Permit, Waikiki Sushi and Poke, 27 Holland Street, for double sided blade sign and back lit channel sign over public sidewalk.
  
- 64. License/Permit (ID # 26132) New Garage License, Brazil Auto Repair Inc, 621 Somerville Avenue, 2 autos inside, 0 outside for mechanical repairs only, operating Mon-Fri: 8am-6pm, Sat: 8am-2pm, Sun: Closed.

**LATE ITEMS**

**ADJOURNMENT**