



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

City Council

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 30, 2025

6:30 PM

Special Meeting

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1. OPENING CEREMONIES

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis.

- 1.1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
(ID # [25-1276](#))

RESULT:	<u>PLACED ON FILE</u>
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2. CITATIONS

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 7.1. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1273](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$654,019 from the Salary Contingency Account to various Police Department Personal Services Accounts to fund a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Somerville Police Superior Officers Association.

Matt Sirigu, Labor Counsel, introduced the item, which is to fund the costs in the Somerville Police Superior Officers Association contract from 2022-2024. This contract mirrors the Patrol Officers contract approved in May.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

ABSENT: Ward Two City Councilor Scott, and Ward Five City Councilor Sait

- 7.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1275](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$77,400 from the Salary Contingency Account to the Department of Public Works School Custodians Salaries Account to fund a Memorandum of Agreement with Service Employees International Union Local 3 - School Custodians.

Matt Sirigu, Labor Counsel, shared that this is a unique contract. The previous contract, from fiscal years 2023-2025, including a wage reopening provision, as the compensation study was ongoing. Now that the results of that study are complete, the Memorandum of Agreement was negotiated to cover additional adjustments. The wage scale is also recalibrated effective June 30, 2025.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

ABSENT: Ward Two City Councilor Scott, and Ward Five City Councilor Sait

- 7.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1272](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$375 using available funds in the Human Resources Professional and Technical Services Account for arbitration services.

Anne Gill, Director of Human Resources, shared that the invoice was sent late and lost in a transition between Human Resources and Law.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

ABSENT: Ward Two City Councilor Scott, and Ward Five City Councilor Sait

8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

9. NEW BUSINESS

10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 6:40 PM on a roll call vote of 8 in favor (Wilson, Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin, Burnley, Strezo, Clingan, Mbah, Davis), 0 opposed, 2 absent (Scott, Sait).