



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## City Council

### Regular Meeting Agenda

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Thursday, May 28, 2026

7:00 PM

City Council Chamber and Remote  
Participation

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#### 1. OPENING CEREMONIES

- 1.1. Roll Call                      Call of the Roll.  
(ID # [26-0932](#))
- 1.2. Remembrances              Remembrances.  
(ID # [26-0933](#))
- 1.3. Minutes                        Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April  
(ID # [26-0934](#))                      23, 2026.
- 1.4. Minutes                        Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of May  
(ID # [26-0935](#))                      11, 2026.

#### 2. CITATIONS

- 2.1. Citation                        By Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Ewen-Campen  
(ID # [26-0923](#))                      Commending Jerry Cajuste and Medno Dawson for  
   outstanding dedication, professionalism, and service as  
   crossing guards in one of the busiest and most heavily  
   trafficked neighborhoods.

#### 3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- 4.1. Ordinance (ID # [26-0919](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen  
Proposing an amendment to Section 2-6 of the Code of Ordinances, the Welcoming Communities Ordinance.
- 4.2. Resolution (ID # [26-0921](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Davis  
In support of voluntary recognition for Somerville Workers United.
- 4.3. Order (ID # [26-0917](#)) By Councilor Mbah  
That the Director of Mobility, the Director of Engineering, the Director of Parking and the Chief of Police appear before the Traffic and Parking Committee to review traffic flows and enforcement practices around schools citywide during drop-of and pick-up, as detailed within.
- 4.4. Resolution (ID # [26-0916](#)) By Councilor Mbah  
That the Administration share all the positions that were cut from the Fiscal Year 2027 budget, and their departments, and explain how they align with the Mayor's equity agenda.
- 4.5. Resolution (ID # [26-0918](#)) By Councilor Mbah  
That the Administration appear before the City Council to present its organizational restructuring.
- 4.6. Resolution (ID # [26-0931](#)) By Councilor Hardt and Councilor Link  
Requesting Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible pedestrian crossing infrastructure at the intersection of Route 16 and Woods Avenue.

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 5.1. Mayor's Communication (ID # [26-0742](#)) Proclaiming May 2026 to be Jewish American Heritage Month.

**6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES****6.A. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- 6.A.1. Committee Report (ID # [26-0930](#)) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on May 26, 2026.

**6.B. LAND USE COMMITTEE**

- 6.B.1. Committee Report (ID # [26-0929](#)) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on May 21, 2026.

**6.C. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE**

- 6.C.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting  
(ID # [26-0927](#)) on May 19, 2026.

**6.D. SCHOOL BUILDING FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE**

- 6.D.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on School Building Facilities  
(ID # [26-0928](#)) and Maintenance, meeting on May 21, 2026.

**6.E. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE**

- 6.E.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting  
(ID # [26-0926](#)) on May 18, 2026.

**7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

- 7.1. Mayor's Request Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Chapter 7  
(ID # [26-0882](#)) and Section 1-11(b) of the Code of Ordinances to require property owners provide a notice of building sale to tenants.
- 7.2. Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of \$1,624,494 from the  
(ID # [26-0922](#)) Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Department of Public Works Snow Removal Account to reduce a year-end deficit.
- 7.3. Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of \$250,000 from the  
(ID # [26-0920](#)) Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Unemployment Compensation Account to remediate a year-end deficit.
- 7.4. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a transfer of \$455,000 from the  
(ID # [26-0893](#)) Department of Public Works Highway Wages Account to the Snow Removal Account to cover expenses from the Fiscal Year 2026 winter weather season.
- 7.6. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a transfer of \$300,000 from the  
(ID # [26-0898](#)) Department of Public Works Custodial Salaries Account to the Snow Removal Account to cover expenses from the Fiscal Year 2026 winter weather season.
- 7.7. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a transfer of \$300,000 from the  
(ID # [26-0899](#)) Department of Public Works Sanitation Recycling Account to the Snow Removal Account to cover expenses from the Fiscal Year 2026 winter weather season.

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- 7.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0897](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$150,000 from the Department of Public Works Grounds Wages Account to the Snow Removal Account to cover expenses from the Fiscal Year 2026 winter weather season.
- 7.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0874](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$127,358 from various Office of Housing Stability Ordinary Maintenance Accounts to the Housing Assistance Stabilization Fund for housing assistance programs.
- 7.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0885](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$125,000 from the Department of Public Works Administration Salaries Account to the Snow Removal Account to cover expenses from the Fiscal Year 2026 winter weather season.
- 7.11. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0896](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$110,000 from the Department of Public Works Buildings Wages Account to the Snow Removal Account to cover expenses from the Fiscal Year 2026 winter weather season.
- 7.12. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0872](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$100,000 from the Public Space and Urban Forestry Capital Account to the Street Tree Stabilization Fund for additional Fiscal Year 2027 tree planting and maintenance.
- 7.13. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0881](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$4,966.16 from various Council on Aging Ordinary Maintenance Accounts and the Health and Human Services Salaries Account to various Council on Aging Personal Services Account to cover an expected year-end deficit.
- 7.14. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0871](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$2,500 from the Planning, Preservation and Zoning Salaries Account to the Public Space and Urban Forestry Salaries Account to cover a year-end budget deficit.
- 7.16. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0869](#)) Requesting approval of a time-only contract extension until 9/5/2028 for the contract with Stantec Consulting Services Inc. for the Mystic River Outfall Sewer Separation design project.
- 7.17. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0853](#)) Requesting approval of a time-only contract extension until 12/31/2028 for the contract with Symmes Maini & McKee for Owners Project Manager Services for Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Capital Projects.
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- 7.18. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0879](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$500,000 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to the Mobility Division for the Western Pearl Street construction project.
- 7.19. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0744](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$222,502 grant that requires a match, from the Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization to the Mobility Division for Blue Bikes State of Good Repair project.
- 7.20. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0876](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$58,642 grant that requires a match, from Metro North Regional Employment Board to the Health and Human Services Department for the YouthWorks Summer Program.
- 7.21. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0870](#)) Requesting approval of the 2026-2027 Housing and Urban Development One Year Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant, Home Investment Partnership, and Emergency Solutions Grant Programs.
- 7.22. Mayor's Communication (ID # [26-0880](#)) Conveying the appointment of Steven Tolman to the Wage Theft Advisory Committee.
- 7.23. Mayor's Communication (ID # [26-0866](#)) Proclaiming May 2026 to be Older Americans Month.

## 8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 8.1. Officer's Communication (ID # [26-0873](#)) Condominium Review Board conveying the Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Report, pursuant to Section 7-70 of the Code of Ordinances.
- 8.2. Officer's Communication (ID # [26-0925](#)) Fleet Manager conveying an annual report, pursuant to Section 12-122(e) of the Code of Ordinances.
- 8.3. Officer's Communication (ID # [26-0924](#)) City Clerk conveying Block Party Licenses issued.

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1. License (ID # [26-0886](#)) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Albanese Brothers Inc.

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| 9.2.  | License<br>(ID # <a href="#">26-0887</a> )                 | Renewing Flammables License, Boston Closet Company, 229 Lowell Street.   |
| 9.3.  | License<br>(ID # <a href="#">26-0888</a> )                 | Renewing Flammables License, Building 2 Owner LLC, 808 Windsor Street.   |
| 9.4.  | License<br>(ID # <a href="#">26-0889</a> )                 | Renewing Flammables License, DW Propco JK, LLC, 0 Dawes Street.  |
| 9.5.  | License<br>(ID # <a href="#">26-0890</a> )                 | Renewing Flammables License, DW Propco EF LLC, 250 Water Street.   |
| 9.6.  | License<br>(ID # <a href="#">26-0891</a> )                 | Renewing Flammables License, Silicon PropCo 2021, LLC, 101 South Street.   |
| 9.7.  | License<br>(ID # <a href="#">26-0892</a> )                 | Renewing Flammables License, U-Haul of Boston, 151 Linwood Street.   |
| 9.8.  | License<br>(ID # <a href="#">26-0894</a> )                 | New Extended Operating Hours License, Ever Fitness, 14 McGrath Highway, opening 24/7 for in-store.   |
| 9.9.  | License<br>(ID # <a href="#">26-0895</a> )                 | Renewing Garage License, 101 South Street Owner LLC, 101 South Street.   |
| 9.10. | License<br>(ID # <a href="#">26-0900</a> )                 | Renewing Garage License, Automotive Transport Services Inc, 40 Joy Street.   |
| 9.11. | License<br>(ID # <a href="#">26-0901</a> )                 | Renewing Garage License, D.M. Auto Body, Inc, 48 Joy Street.   |
| 9.12. | License<br>(ID # <a href="#">26-0902</a> )                 | Renewing Garage License, DW Propco JK, LLC, 0 Dawes Street.  |
| 9.13. | License<br>(ID # <a href="#">26-0904</a> )                 | Renewing Garage License, Valvoline Instant Oil Change AB0001, 182 Washington Street.   |
| 9.14. | License<br>(ID # <a href="#">26-0905</a> )                 | Renewing Outdoor Parking License, John's Auto Sales, 216 McGrath Highway.  |
| 9.15. | License<br>(ID # <a href="#">26-0906</a> )                 | New Second Hand Dealer License, Mile Bee Ventures LLC, 21 Cherry Street.   |
| 9.16. | License<br>(ID # <a href="#">26-0907</a> )                 | Transferring Taxi Medallion License, from BAETDA Transportation to Skyline Taxi for Medallion #93.   |
| 9.17. | Public<br>Communication<br>(ID # <a href="#">26-0908</a> ) | 11 individuals, including nine residents submitting comments re: item #26-0257, requesting a Zoning Map Amendment to change the zoning district of 2 and 9 Union Square, 286, 290, and 298 Somerville Avenue from Commercial Core 5 (CC5) to Mid-Rise 6 (MR6). |
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- 9.18. Public Communication (ID # [26-0909](#)) 27 residents submitting comments re: items #26-0330, #26-0329, #26-0328, and #26-0329, Zoning Text Amendments related to backyard cottages and affordable dwelling units.
- 9.19. Public Communication (ID # [26-0910](#)) Diane Covino submitting comments re: item #26-0750, a Grant of Location to install 10 feet of conduit next to 135 Hudson Street.
- 9.20. Public Communication (ID # [26-0911](#)) Jonah Abrams submitting comments re: Davis Square.
- 9.21. Public Communication (ID # [26-0912](#)) Courtney Foster and Molly Fraust-Wylie submitting comments re: police presence in schools.
- 9.22. Public Communication (ID # [26-0913](#)) Blair Read submitting comments re: item #26-0287, a Zoning Text Amendment to amend sections 3.1.8c, 3.1.9c, 3.1.10c, 3.1.13k, 3.1.13l, 3.2.12l. and 3.2.12m.
- 9.23. Public Communication (ID # [26-0914](#)) Christopher Rosol submitting comments re: off leash dogs.

**10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS****11. ADJOURNMENT**