

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

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

June 9, 2022, 7:00 PM  
City Council Chamber and Remote Participation  
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**OPENING CEREMONIES**

1. Roll Call           Call of the Roll.  
(ID # 28940)
2. Remembrances   Remembrances.  
(ID # 28941)
3. Minutes           Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, May  
(ID # 28942)       12, 2022 and Special Meeting, May 19, 2022.

**CITATIONS**

4. Citation           By City Councilor Ewen-Campen  
(ID # 28906)       Recognizing Judy Walter for her nine years of dedicated  
                          service as a Library Trustee.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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

5. Order             By City Councilor Pineda Neufeld  
(ID # 28915)       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.
6. Order             By City Councilor McLaughlin  
(ID # 28928)       That the Director of Engineering update the Ward 1 City  
                          Councilor on the planned repaving of Pennsylvania  
                          Avenue.

7. Ordinance By City Councilor Ewen-Campen  
(ID # 28926) Proposing an amendment to the Surveillance Oversight Ordinance (Chapter 10, Article III, Sec 10.63) to remove the exemption for body-worn cameras.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

8. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report of the Committee on Confirmation of  
Report Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on June 1,  
(ID # 28922) 2022.
- B. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Janine  
213817 Lotti to the Fair Housing Commission, as the Somerville  
Housing Authority representative.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- C. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Kevin  
213858 Shackelford to the position of Police Lieutenant.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- D. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Eri  
213859 Furusawa to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate  
Change.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- E. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Ronit  
213860 Praver to the Council on Aging.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- F. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Maclise  
213861 Jean to the Council on Aging.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- G. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Marian  
213862 Bremer to the Council on Aging.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- H. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Daisy  
213864 Monsalve to the Council on Aging.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- I. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of  
213865 Giusippina Mingace to the Council on Aging.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- J. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Edna  
213866 Murray to the Council on Aging.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.

**9. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE**

- A. Committee Report (ID # 28923) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on June 7, 2022.
  
- B. Ordinance 213830 By City Councilor Burnley, Jr., Kelly  
Proposing an Ordinance securing the rights of individuals seeking gender-affirming care.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved as Amended.
  
- C. Officer's Communication 213869 Assistant City Solicitor submitting amendments to Sections 11-125 and 11-164 of the Code of Ordinances.  
  
RECOMMENDED: Approved as Amended.
  
- D. Ordinance 213888 By City Councilor Davis  
Amending Section 2-310 of the Code of Ordinances to eliminate the general residency requirement for city employees.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

- 10. Mayor's Request (ID # 28902) Requesting approval to add a fourth precinct to each of the seven wards and revise polling places accordingly.
  
- 11. Mayor's Request (ID # 28924) Requesting the rescission of \$30,000,000 of authorized but un-issued Green Line Extension borrowings.
  
- 12. Mayor's Request (ID # 28908) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$10,000,000 to implement the Clarendon Hill Development Program within the Clarendon Hill DIF Development District.
  
- 13. Mayor's Request (ID # 28907) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$4,000,000 for financing a portion of the Clarendon Hill Redevelopment Project, including construction of affordable housing, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee.
  
- 14. Mayor's Request (ID # 28927) Requesting approval to appropriate and transfer \$1,545,805 in unallocated COVID-19 monies from the COVID-19 Stabilization Fund to the Somerville High School Construction Fund for construction costs, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed for the project by a like amount.
  
- 15. Mayor's Request (ID # 28918) Requesting the appropriation of \$1,360,904 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") Account to the Facility Construction and Renovation Stabilization Fund.

16. Mayor's Request (ID # 28917) Requesting the appropriation of \$139,096 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") Account to the Central Hill PARC Account to cover a grant deficit.
17. Mayor's Request (ID # 28925) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$368,123 in the Department of Public Works from the Sanitation Account to the Snow Account for winter-related invoices.
18. Mayor's Request (ID # 28682) Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$250,000 grant with no new match required, from MA Department of Housing and Community Development (ARPA) to the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development for the Clarendon Hill redevelopment project.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

19. Officer's Communication (ID # 28892) Assistant City Solicitor requesting approval to retain KP Law as outside counsel to advise and represent the City of Somerville, the Director of the American Rescue Plan Act and their designee(s), in all aspects of the American Rescue Plan Act.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

20. License/Permit (ID # 28910) Renewing Drainlayer's License, BSI Engineering Inc.
21. License/Permit (ID # 28911) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Ferrante Construction.
22. License/Permit (ID # 28931) Renewing Drainlayer's License Meninno Construction Corp.
23. License/Permit (ID # 28912) Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Sam's Falafel and Shawarma, 215 Highland Ave.
24. License/Permit (ID # 28913) Renewing Garage License, FRIT, 485 Foley Street.
25. License/Permit (ID # 28932) Renewing Lodging House License, Alpha Tau Omega, 134 Professors Row.
26. License/Permit (ID # 28933) Public Event License, Family Fun Day, Trum Field and Franey Rd, June 25, 10AM-9PM (raindate June 26).

- 27. License/Permit (ID # 28934) Public Event License, St Benedict's Parish: A Mile with Jesus, Sylvester Baxter Park and surrounding area, July 10, 10:30AM-12:30PM.
- 28. License/Permit (ID # 28936) Public Event License, FRIT Friday Night Music Series, Baxter Park, July 15 & 19, Aug 12 & 26, Sept 9 & 23, 5PM-8:30PM (raindates Sept 30, Oct 7, Oct 14).
- 29. License/Permit (ID # 28938) Public Event License, NICE Vendor Market, Statue Park, July 29 & 30, 10AM-12AM (raindate July 31).
- 30. License/Permit (ID # 28939) Public Event License, Dimick St BP, from Buckingham St to Marion St, Aug 20, 10AM-11PM (raindate Aug 21).

**SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

- 31. Order (ID # 28944) By City Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Director of Engineering update the Ward 1 Councilor on the planned repaving of Mt. Pleasant and Perkins Streets.
- 32. Order (ID # 28945) By City Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Director of Mobility update this Council on the effectiveness and possible expansion of motion detector streetlights to manage traffic flows.
- 33. Order (ID # 28946) By City Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Commissioner of Public Works, the Director of Inspectional Services, and the Environmental Health Coordinator address rodent issues and overgrowth in the public access alleyway between Mt. Vernon and Mt. Pleasant Streets and devise a long-term solution to the problem.
- 34. Order (ID # 28947) By City Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Director of Engineering address water drainage issues on the even side of Pinckney Street, near 48 Pinckney Street.
- 35. Order (ID # 28955) By City Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Director of Parking explore using regional residential parking permits to reduce parking congestion on streets close to public transit.

36. Resolution (ID # 28948) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen  
That the Administration consider investing a minimum of \$220,000 in the Office of Housing Stability Tenant Organizing grant in FY 2023, to provide funding to increase to a minimum of three bilingual tenant organizers.
37. Order (ID # 28943) By City Councilor Strezo  
That the Director of Health and Human Services and the City Solicitor report to this Council on steps that may be taken to address the reports of spiked drinks in the region, including whether the city can require restaurants and bars to post warning signage, encourage vigilance, and detail the criminal consequences for tampering with another patron's beverage.
38. Order (ID # 28954) By City Councilor Clingan  
That the Director of Parking submit a monthly statement of fees collected for handicap parking violations, to the Chair of the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.
39. Resolution (ID # 28953) By City Councilor Clingan, Scott  
That the Chair of the Commission for Persons with Disabilities provide this Council with an update on the status of the Commission's fund.
40. Mayor's Request (ID # 28959) Requesting approval of an amendment to Ordinances 2-322 and 2-323 to update categories and associated salaries for non-union positions.
41. Officer's Communication (ID # 28949) Acting City Solicitor submitting amendments to the Code of Ordinances, Sections 11-125 and 11-164 regarding Water and Sewer Rate Setting.
42. License/Permit (ID # 28956) Public Event License, Arts Council Nepal Festival, Union Sq Plaza and city lot, June 25, 2:30PM-10PM (raindate June 26).
43. License/Permit (ID # 28957) Public Event License, Arts Council Fourth of July Celebration, Trum Field and Broadway from Cedar St to Medford St, June 30, 1PM-11PM (raindate July 1).
44. License/Permit (ID # 28958) Renewing Taxi Medallion License, LTK, Med #66.

**LATE ITEMS**

**ADJOURNMENT**