



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

City Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 28, 2025

7:00 PM

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1. OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis.
The City Council entered Executive Session at 8:04 PM and returned at 9:10 PM.

- 1.1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
(ID # [25-1359](#))

Councilor Strezo arrived at 7:06 PM.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

Present: City Councilor At Large Jake Wilson
 Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen
 Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott
 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

Remote: Ward Five City Councilor Naima Sait

- 1.2. Remembrances Remembrances.
(ID # [25-1360](#))

RESULT: **APPROVED**

- 1.3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 26, 2025.
(ID # [25-1361](#))

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

2. CITATIONS**3. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 3.1. Grant of Location (ID # [25-1310](#)) Cambridge Network Solutions applying for a Grant of Location to install a total of 88 feet of conduit in South Street, from Manhole 44/464 to a point of pickup at an existing manhole at the intersection of South Street and Earle Street.

Jeffrey Harrington, representing Cambridge Network Solutions, spoke in favor of the item and explained the purpose of the request. There being no further speakers, the Public Hearing was closed.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

- 3.2. Grant of Location (ID # [25-1311](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install a total of approximately 49 feet of conduit in Howard Street, from Utility Pole 183/1 to a point of pickup at 29 Thorndike Street.

Jacqui Duffy, representing Eversource, spoke in favor of the item and explained the purpose of the request. There being no further speakers, the Public Hearing was closed.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

4. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

- 4.1. Communication (ID # [25-1287](#)) By Councilor Davis
In his capacity as President, conveying this Council's updated Standing and Special Committee assignments and Commission appointments for 2025.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

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

4.2. Order
(ID # [25-1297](#))

By Councilor Strezo, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Mbah, Councilor Sait and Councilor Wilson

That the Director of Mobility appear before this Council to discuss how the city may apply for the state's Microtransit and Last Mile Program grant which is being funded through the FY 2025 Supplemental Education and Transportation Funds (ETF) budget.

Councilor Strezo suggested this as a way to collaborate with community businesses and she would like to explore the options.

RESULT: **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

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

4.3. Order
(ID # [25-1340](#))

By Councilor Strezo, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Burnley Jr.

That the Director of Emergency Management and Mayor inform City Councilors in real time when emergency events are occurring in the city, such as fires or emergency evacuations.

Councilor Strezo commented that this is not the first time this request has been made, and she would like the Administration to resolve this issue. Director Singh said there have been conversations about establishing a protocol to assist those in need during an emergency and noted that the Intergovernmental Affairs team does its best to notify ward Councilors of emergency situations, after they have addressed the emergency. Councilor Strezo asked why At-Large Councilors are not also notified, especially now, when Ward Seven does not have a representative on the City Council. She pointed out that real time notifications have been provided by prior administrations and Councilor Mbah commented that it's simply basic courtesy to inform councilors.

RESULT: **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

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

4.4. Resolution
(ID # [25-1296](#))

By Councilor Strezo, Councilor Davis, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Mbah, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Sait, Councilor Scott and Councilor Wilson
That the Mayor commit to and provide funds for installing a winter ice sheet for the 2025-2026 season at Founder's Rink for all Somerville residents to engage in winter activities such as hockey, curling, free skate, etc.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

4.5. Resolution
(ID # [25-1353](#))

By Councilor Strezo and Councilor Davis
That the Administration direct all relevant departments, including Health and Human Services, to appear before this City Council to discuss and update on current unhoused outreach efforts.

RESULT: **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

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

4.6. Resolution
(ID # [25-1341](#))

By Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson
Calling on MassHealth to enforce existing administrative regulations and statutory authority pertaining to the provision of Applied Behavioral Analysis services.

Councilor Strezo summarized the resolution saying this is an opportunity to open a process for a 3-tier model for autism related medical care and Councilor Wilson commented that the 3-tier intervention model has been

proven to work.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

RECUSED: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

4.7. Order
(ID # [25-1344](#))

By Councilor Mbah

That the Director of Finance provide a comprehensive accounting of all stabilization accounts that have remained unspent for three or more fiscal years and provide a report for each fund.

Councilor Mbah commented that some funds are drying up while others have not been used for years and he would like an accounting of these funds.

RESULT: **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

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

4.8. Order
(ID # [25-1345](#))

By Councilor Mbah

That the Director of Economic Development provide a report to this Council on the impact of Greentown Labs, including job creation, local economic activity, community engagement initiatives, climate and sustainability contributions, and equity and inclusion outcomes.

Councilor Mbah commented that the Council doesn't receive updates on Greentown Labs and he invited representatives to come before the Council to continue the conversation.

RESULT: **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

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

4.9. Order
(ID # [25-1346](#))

By Councilor Mbah

That the Director of Parks and Recreation install a clock on top of the Dilboy Pool building.

RESULT: **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

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

4.10. Resolution
(ID # [25-1347](#))

By Councilor Mbah, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Scott, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Davis
That Somerville establish a sister-city relationship with Pryluky, Ukraine.

Councilor Mbah spoke about meeting several people from Ukraine at a recent conference and said that he feels that, since Somerville is a welcoming city, establishing a sister-city relationship with Pryluky would be appropriate. He then sponsored Pryluky Mayor Olga Popenko to speak. Mayor Popenko, speaking through an interpreter, talked about the rich history of her city, its cultural character, its residents' love of freedom and Ukraine's fight for survival. She commented that the history of the United States is a history of equality and human rights, and as such, Ukrainians feel a sense of solidarity with America. The mayor went on to say that this sister-city relationship is a shining example of shared purposes. She spoke of her belief in educational exchange programs to expand students' horizons, adding that culture is a universal language that builds bridges. She stated that she is convinced that the communities of Somerville and Pryluky can learn much from each other through sharing. In closing, the mayor thanked the City of Somerville on behalf of the entire community of Pryluky and she expressed thanks for all the humanitarian support provided to Ukraine to rebuild its infrastructure.

Mayor Ballantyne, sponsored to speak by Councilor Mbah, thanked Councilor Mbah for putting this resolution forward. She spoke about the long-lasting scars of war and stated that Somerville stands ready to stand up to authoritarian regimes.

Councilor Scott spoke about the bravery of the Ukrainian forces in Pryluky. Councilor Ewen-Campen commented that actions like this can have a meaningful effect and Councilor Burnley pointed out that Ukrainian flags are often seen throughout Somerville.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

4.11. Communication
(ID # [25-1342](#))

By Councilor Mbah
Conveying a report of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

Councilor Mbah updated the Council on the recent actions of the fund.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

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

4.12. Communication
(ID # [25-1343](#))

By Councilor Mbah
Conveying a report of the Job Creation and Retention Trust Fund.

Councilor Mbah updated the Council on the recent actions of the fund.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

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

4.13. Order
(ID # [25-1350](#))

By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Mbah

That the Director of Health and Human Services create a summer job in the Mayor's Jobs Program by which youth can travel by bike to water public trees around the city.

Councilor Ewen-Campen spoke about a similar program provided by the city of Cambridge and Councilor Wilson commented that this could be good opportunity for older youth.

RESULT: **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

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

4.14. Order
(ID # [25-1349](#))

By Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Director of Mobility install a left turn signal for vehicles turning left from Somerville Avenue onto Bow Street.

RESULT: **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

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

4.15. Resolution
(ID # [25-1348](#))

By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Davis, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Scott, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Sait

That the Mayor explain to this Council why the community process for a redesigned Highland Avenue appears to have been postponed indefinitely, despite repeated statements that it was to begin during summer 2025, including the introductory statement on the city's dedicated "Highland Ave Redesign" website.

Councilor Ewen-Campen pointed out that the first community meeting for the re-design of Highland Avenue was held in October of 2021 and that nothing has happened since to move the project forward. He stated that the Administration paused the project, yet still included it in the Capital Improvement Plan. The city's dedicated website states that the community process would begin in July 2025, however it did not. Councilor Ewen-Campen stated that he has received no notifications from the Administration about this project, saying that he feels misled and believes that the mayor's office is not providing honest answers on the matter. He asked the Administration to stop putting out false information and to inform the City Council, as well as city residents, that the plan is being changed or cancelled.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

4.16. Order
(ID # [25-1354](#))

By Councilor Sait

That the Director of Mobility update this Council on when the speed limit signage and NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES signage will be installed along the Community Path and at its entrances.

Councilor Sait commented that a similar request was made one year ago and that an update has yet to be received.

RESULT: **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

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

4.17. Order
(ID # [25-1355](#))

By Councilor Sait

That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management update this Council on when the school buildings maintenance project website will be available to the public.

Councilor Sait commented that parents of school-aged children have been asking for this for years, with no action taken by the city.

RESULT: **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

FOLLOWUP: School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee

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

4.18. Order
(ID # [25-1357](#))

By Councilor Sait

That the Commissioner of Public Works clear the overgrowth on the sidewalk at 19 Elm Street and that the Director of Inspectional Services cite the property owner accordingly.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

4.19. Resolution
(ID # [25-1356](#))

By Councilor Sait, Councilor Davis, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Scott, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Mbah and Councilor Strezo

That the Administration release the report on the School Department composting pilot program and that the Commissioner of Public Works update this Council on any plans to re-introduce composting in the schools.

RESULT: **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

FOLLOWUP: School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee

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

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1. Mayor's Request
(ID # [25-1237](#))

Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Sections 7-64, 7-65 and 7-68 of the Code of Ordinances to reduce displacement of tenants and update relocation payments.

President Davis noted that the Council has not received any additional information regarding these items. Director Galligani explained that these amendments will increase costs for developers and may result in less housing being created, but he doesn't think it will collapse the real estate market, therefore he thinks that the item should be approved. Councilor Ewen-Campen stated his support of the item and stressed that, contrary to what some opponents of the measure have stated, it is not the city's policy to make it easier to evict people from their homes.

RESULT: **ORDINANCE ORDAINED**

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

5.2. Public
Communication
(ID # [25-1236](#))

Dan Casparriello submitting comments re: item #25-1044, amendments to Sections 7-64 and 7-65 of the Code of Ordinances to reduce displacement of tenants and update relocation payments.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

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

5.3. Public
Communication
(ID # [25-1264](#))

The Somerville Chamber of Commerce submitting comments re: item #25-1044, amendments to Sections 7-64 and 7-65 of the Code of Ordinances to reduce displacement of tenants and update relocation payments.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

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

5.4. Public
Communication
(ID # [25-1265](#))

John M. (Jack) Connolly submitting comments re: item #25-1044, amendments to Sections 7-64 and 7-65 of the Code of Ordinances to reduce displacement of tenants and update relocation payments.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

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

- 5.5. Public Communication (ID # [25-1266](#)) Fernando Bento and Niranjan Gawli submitting comments re: item #25-1044, amendments to Sections 7-64 and 7-65 of the Code of Ordinances to reduce displacement of tenants and update relocation payments.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

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

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

- 7.1. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1358](#)) Requesting that this Council convene in Executive Session to discuss techniques for incentivizing tenant recruitment to vacant laboratory space.

The Council voted to enter into Executive Session to discuss this matter after being advised by City Solicitor Amara that said action meets the criteria set forth in the Open Meeting Law.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM and the members moved into Executive Session.

The regular meeting was reconvened at 9:10 PM. President Davis announced that no votes were taken in Executive Session, other than the vote to adjourn.

RESULT: APPROVED

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

- 7.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1290](#)) Requesting approval to appropriate \$1,238,000 from the Open Space Stabilization Fund to pay additional costs of purchasing the parcel of land known as 217 Somerville Avenue (Ken Kelly Park).

Special Counsel Catherine Lester Salchert gave a brief explanation of the eminent domain taking saying that the city took the parcel after making a \$1.3 million pro tanto payment. The value of the property was disputed and after negotiations, a new price was agreed upon and the requested amount is needed to meet that negotiated price.

RESULT: APPROVED

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

7.3. Mayor's Request
(ID # [25-1278](#))

Requesting approval to appropriate \$591,190 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for Information Technology equipment relating to workstation setups, network devices, and other hardware.

Information Technology Director David Goodridge explained why the funds are needed and Director of Intergovernmental Affairs Neha Singh told the members that a related memo is on the city's website as part of the budget book.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

7.4. Mayor's Request
(ID # [25-1352](#))

Requesting approval to appropriate \$73,750 from the Salary & Wage Stabilization Fund to the Department of Public Works School Custodians Other Lump Sum Payments Account to fund the retrospective portion of a Memorandum of Agreement with the Service Employees International Union Local 3 - School Custodians.

Labor Counsel Matt Sirigu explained that the funds will be used to fund a negotiated wage boost for FY 2025.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

7.5. Mayor's Request
(ID # [25-1289](#))

Requesting approval to appropriate \$56,601 from the Salary & Wage Stabilization Fund to the Non-Contributory Pension Account to fund an increased pension amount.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.7 and

7.9 through 7.26 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1280](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$2,630,071 from the Community Preservation Act Affordable Housing Reserve to the Affordable Housing Trust.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.7 and 7.9 through 7.26 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1303](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$240,664.10 from the Receipts Reserved-Transportation Network Company Revenue Fund to the Transportation Network Company Special Revenue Fund for Vision Zero safety efforts.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.7 and 7.9 through 7.26 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1351](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$448,180 from the Salary Contingency account to various departmental Salaries accounts to fund FY 2026 Non-Union employee step increases.

Director Mastrobuoni explained that the funds are needed to effectuate the step raises that were previously approved during the FY 2026 budget process.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

- 7.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1299](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$5,777 from the Police Overtime Account to the Police Grant Match Account for the FY 2025 Shannon Grant match requirement.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.7 and 7.9 through 7.26 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1339](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$1,100,000 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Gaming Commission to the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development and Police Department for the development of the Union Square Plaza and Streetscape Phase 1.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.7 and 7.9 through 7.26 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.11. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1285](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$212,842.26 grant with no new match required, from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council to the Health and Human Services Department for a Shared Services Coordinator and a Clinical Community Health Worker.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.7 and 7.9 through 7.26 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.12. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1300](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$128,500 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for target hardening at the Police Department headquarters.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.7 and 7.9 through 7.26 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.13. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1304](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$55,000 grant with no new match required, from the Department of Mental Health to the Police Department for Crisis Intervention Training and technical assistance for personnel and program expenses.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.7 and 7.9 through 7.26 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.14. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1305](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$10,000 grant with no new match required, from the Department of Mental Health to the Police Department for Jail Diversion Program personnel expenses.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.7 and 7.9 through 7.26 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.15. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1279](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$19,188.01 using available funds in the Information Technology Maintenance Software and Computer Equipment Accounts for monitoring software and Uninterruptible Power Supply hardware.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.7 and 7.9 through 7.26 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.16. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1298](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$8,748.66 using available funds in the Police Department Maintenance Software, Professional & Technical Services, and In-State Travel accounts for various items.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.7 and 7.9 through 7.26 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.17. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1301](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$4,015 using available funds in the Human Resources Professional and Technical Services Account for medical screening services.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.7 and 7.9 through 7.26 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.18. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1283](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$1,497.50 using available funds in the Communications Department Food Supplies & Refreshment Account for Civic Day event food.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.7 and 7.9 through 7.26 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.19. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1284](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$925 using available funds in the Parks & Recreation Equipment Rental Account for equipment rentals during Family Fun Day event.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.7 and 7.9 through 7.26 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.20. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1274](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$840 using available funds in the Communications Department Food Supplies & Refreshment Account for Slice of the City events pizza orders.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.7 and 7.9 through 7.26 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.21. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1271](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$323.75 using available funds in the CityTV R&M - Audio/Visual Equipment Account for on-site engineering services and travel expenses.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.7 and 7.9 through 7.26 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.22. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1302](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$100.08 using available funds in the Human Resources Professional and Technical Services Account for confidential shredding services.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.7 and 7.9 through 7.26 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.23. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1286](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$98.39 using available funds in the Parks & Recreation Athletic Supplies Account for tag belts for a teen flag football program.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.7 and 7.9 through 7.26 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.24. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1277](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$91.62 using available funds in the Office of Immigrant Affairs Neighborhood Improvement Council Account for snacks for Community Get Together event.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.7 and 7.9 through 7.26 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.25. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1332](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$71.88 using available funds in the Emergency Management Office Supplies Account for office supplies.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.7 and 7.9 through 7.26 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.26. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1309](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$25.69 using available funds in the Emergency Management Office Supplies Account for office supplies.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.7 and 7.9 through 7.26 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.27. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1293](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Olivia Mobayed to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee
- 7.28. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1291](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Suzanne Warner to the Urban Forestry Committee.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- AYE:** City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis
- 7.29. Mayor's Communication (ID # [25-1333](#)) Conveying an update regarding work completed during Summer 2025 on Somerville Public Schools buildings.
- RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**
- FOLLOWUP:** School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee

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

7.30. Mayor's
Communication
(ID # [25-1336](#))

Conveying an update on the status of the charter for the City of Somerville.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

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

7.31. Mayor's
Communication
(ID # [25-1337](#))

Proclaiming that the week of September 12 through September 21, 2025 is Welcoming Week.

Mayor Ballantyne spoke about the proclamation, saying it's about courage at a time when some voices try to divide us and she stated that "welcoming" in Somerville is a year-round event.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

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

7.32. Withdrawn
(ID # [25-1292](#))

Withdrawn.

RESULT: **WITHDRAWN**

7.33. Withdrawn
(ID # [25-1306](#))

Withdrawn.

RESULT: **WITHDRAWN**

- 7.34. Withdrawn
(ID # [25-1307](#))

Withdrawn.

RESULT: **WITHDRAWN**

- 7.35. Withdrawn
(ID # [25-1308](#))

Withdrawn.

RESULT: **WITHDRAWN**

8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 8.1. Officer's
Communication
(ID # [25-1282](#))

City Clerk requesting approval of her Public Official's Bond.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

- 8.2. Officer's
Communication
(ID # [25-1317](#))

Licensing Commission requesting the acceptance of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 138, Section 12D, to allow current wine and malt beverages license holders to apply to convert to a non-transferable all forms alcohol license.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

- 8.3. Officer's
Communication
(ID # [25-1338](#))

City Clerk conveying Block Party Licenses issued.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

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

9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1. License New Drainlayer's License, A.R. Belli, Inc.
(ID # [25-1312](#))

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.4, 9.7 through 9.19 and 10.9 through 10.12 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

- 9.2. License New Drainlayer's License, DJ Morris Contracting.
(ID # [25-1313](#))

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.4, 9.7 through 9.19 and 10.9 through 10.12 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

- 9.3. License New Drainlayer's License, Genesis Utilities Corporation.
(ID # [25-1314](#))

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.4, 9.7 through 9.19 and 10.9 through 10.12 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

- 9.4. License Renewing Drainlayer's License, Doherty Excavating Inc.
(ID # [25-1315](#))

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.4, 9.7 through 9.19 and 10.9 through 10.12 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

- 9.5. License
(ID # [25-1316](#))

New Extended Operating Hours License, Mint Indian Eatery, 868 Broadway, for in-store, take-out, and delivery services until 4am.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

- 9.6. License
(ID # [25-1318](#))

New Flammables License, POAH Clarendon LLC, 20 Stephenson Aman Street, storing 1,001 gallons.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and refer this item to the Committee on Licenses and Permits.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

- 9.7. License
(ID # [25-1319](#))

New Outdoor Goods License, Villari's Martial Arts Center, 54 Union Square.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.4, 9.7 through 9.19 and 10.9 through 10.12 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

- 9.8. License
(ID # [25-1320](#))

New Sign/Awning License, Brancato Barber Co LLC, 282A Broadway, 2 signs.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.4, 9.7 through 9.19 and 10.9 through 10.12 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

9.9. License
(ID # [25-1321](#))

New Sign/Awning License, The Brow Lab Somerville, 595 Somerville Avenue, 1 sign.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.4, 9.7 through 9.19 and 10.9 through 10.12 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

9.10. License
(ID # [25-1322](#))

New Sign/Awning License, Ethereal Ink, 321 Broadway, 1 sign.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.4, 9.7 through 9.19 and 10.9 through 10.12 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

9.11. Public Event
(ID # [25-1323](#))

Office of Immigrant Affairs applying for a Public Event License for Brazilian Flag Raising on September 4 from 2:30pm to 4:30pm (raindate September 8).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.4, 9.7 through 9.19 and 10.9 through 10.12 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

9.12. Public Event
(ID # [25-1324](#))

Akiva Jackson applying for a Public Event License for Challapalooza on September 7 from 8am to 8pm.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.4, 9.7 through 9.19 and 10.9 through 10.12 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

9.13. Public Event
(ID # [25-1325](#))

East Somerville Main Streets applying for a Public Event License for Foodie Crawl on September 9 from 2pm to 9:30pm (raindate September 10).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.4, 9.7 through 9.19 and 10.9 through 10.12 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

9.14. Public Event
(ID # [25-1328](#))

Arts Council applying for a Public Event License for Gilman Square Fest on September 13 from 10am to 7pm (raindate September 14).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.4, 9.7 through 9.19 and 10.9 through 10.12 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

9.15. Public Event
(ID # [25-1329](#))

Veterans Services Department applying for a Public Event License for Health and Wellness 2025 on September 20 from 10am to 4pm.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.4, 9.7 through 9.19 and 10.9 through 10.12 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

9.16. Public Event
(ID # [25-1326](#))

Arts Council applying for a Public Event License for Forever Fluff on September 20 from 11am to 8pm (raindate September 21).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.4, 9.7 through 9.19 and 10.9 through 10.12 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

9.17. Public Event
(ID # [25-1327](#))

Somerville Garden Club applying for a Public Event License for Somerville Garden Club Plant Sale on September 21 from 8am to 4pm.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.4, 9.7 through 9.19 and 10.9 through 10.12 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

9.18. Public Event
(ID # [25-1331](#))

Somerville Homeless Coalition applying for a Public Event License for Somerville 5k Road Race on October 4 from 6am to 11am.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.4, 9.7 through 9.19 and 10.9 through 10.12 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

9.19. Public Event
(ID # [25-1330](#))

Office of Immigrant Affairs applying for a Public Event License for Italian Flag Raising on October 9 from 4:30pm to 6:30pm.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.4, 9.7 through 9.19 and 10.9 through 10.12 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

9.20. Public
Communication
(ID # [25-1281](#))

Massachusetts Attorney General issuing a determination re: item #25-0105, an Open Meeting Law complaint filed against this Council by Laura Ortiz on January 11, 2025.

President Davis noted that all records associated with the determination have been provided and are attached to the item.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

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

9.21. Public
Communication
(ID # [25-1288](#))

Jonah Abrams submitting comments re: Davis Square.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

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

9.22. Public
Communication
(ID # [25-1334](#))

Thouis Jones submitting comments re: bike lanes.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

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

9.23. Public
Communication
(ID # [25-1335](#))

Former Mayor Eugene C. Brune, former Mayor Dorothy Kelly Gay, and former Alderman John "Jack" Connolly submitting comments re: Chapter 53, Section 18B of the Massachusetts General Laws.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

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

10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**10.1. Citation
(ID # [25-1366](#))**

By Councilor Clingan and Councilor Wilson

Commending Stephanie Estrela for leadership and support during a recent house fire.

Councilor Clingan noted that the city experienced several fires over the summer, and he spoke about the recent fire on Wheatland Street that displaced 27 tenants. Health Inspector Stephanie Estrela arrived on scene and took control of gathering essential information and providing assistance to those tenants and directing them to the proper resources. Councilor Wilson spoke about the remarkable impact Inspector Estrela had on those affected by the fire and Mayor Ballantyne also thanked the inspector. Inspector Estrela spoke briefly about the work that the Inspectional Services Department performs during emergencies and she thanked everyone for the citation.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, 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

**10.2. Order
(ID # [25-1363](#))**

By Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Wilson, Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Mbah

That the Director of Engineering respond to the Pedestrian and Transit Advisory Committee's recently released walk audit, and how the city will implement its short-term recommendations.

RESULT: **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

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

**10.3. Resolution
(ID # [25-1362](#))**

By Councilor Burnley Jr.

In support of innovation in East Somerville.

Councilor Burnley explained that the property at 161 Broadway presents an opportunity for the city to become an innovation hub, creating more jobs and civic space in the city. The sticking point is that the property is currently

licensed for garage use and the current owner does not want to give up the license in case the new business doesn't last. Councilor Burnley noted that licenses are renewed yearly in the city.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

10.4. Order
(ID # [25-1373](#))

By Councilor Mbah

That the City of Somerville hereby accepts the provisions of Chapter 53 Section 18B of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Councilor Mbah said that this is in regard to changes to the charter. Adopting this provision would ensure that an electorate has the opportunity to review documents before voting on them. He sponsored Harriotte Ranvig to speak on the matter. Ms. Ranvig stated that she believes that it's the duty of the city to make information readily available, in plain language and in Braille.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

10.5. Order
(ID # [25-1375](#))

By Councilor Wilson, Councilor Scott, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Mbah

That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management and the Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry update this Council on the status of ArtFarm and the funding for the project.

RESULT: **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

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

10.6. Order
(ID # [25-1376](#))

By Councilor Wilson

That the Commissioner of Public Works update this Council on the policy for mattress recycling for residents of buildings with seven or more units.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

- 10.7. Officer's Communication (ID # [25-1364](#)) Director of Emergency Management conveying information about the recent Local Recovery Resources Center.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

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

- 10.8. License (ID # [25-1367](#)) New Dog Kennel License, Pup Yard, 321 Somerville Avenue, 30 dogs maximum, commercial boarding/training.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

- 10.9. License (ID # [25-1368](#)) New Sign/Awning License, Build Equity Investment Home LLC, 76 Franklin Street, 1 awning.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.4, 9.7 through 9.19 and 10.9 through 10.12 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

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

- 10.10. Public Event (ID # [25-1370](#)) Somerville Museum applying for a Public Event License for History in the Park: 251 Powder Alarm Anniversary on September 6 from 8am to 1pm (raindate September 13).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.4, 9.7 through 9.19 and 10.9 through 10.12 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

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

10.11. Public Event
(ID # [25-1372](#))

Council on Aging applying for a Public Event License for Mayor's Senior Picnic on September 9 from 8am to 2:30pm (raindate September 10).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.4, 9.7 through 9.19 and 10.9 through 10.12 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

10.12. Public Event
(ID # [25-1369](#))

Veterans Services Department applying for a Public Event License for 9/11 Ceremony on September 11 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.4, 9.7 through 9.19 and 10.9 through 10.12 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

10.13. Public
Communication
(ID # [25-1377](#))

Scott Peterson submitting comments re: community fridges.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

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

10.14. Public
Communication
(ID # [25-1378](#))

Pedestrian and Transit Advisory Committee, Somerville Alliance for Safe Streets, Commission for Persons with Disabilities, Groundwork Somerville Green Team and Union Square Main Streets submitting comments re: Union Square Walk Audit.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

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

10.15. Public
Communication
(ID # [25-1379](#))

Ruth Kearns submitting comments re: sidewalks.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

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

10.16. Public
Communication
(ID # [25-1380](#))

Nicholas Kelton submitting comments re: balcony solar.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

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

10.17. Public
Communication
(ID # [25-1381](#))

Christopher Beland submitting comments re: item #25-1311, Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install a total of approximately 49 feet of conduit in Howard Street.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

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

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:32 PM on a roll call vote of 10 in favor (Wilson, Ewen-Campen, Scott, McLaughlin, Burnley, Sait, Strezo, Clingan, Mbah, Davis), 0 opposed.