



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Public Health and Public Safety Committee

Regular Meeting Agenda

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Roll Call

1. Committee Minutes (ID # [25-1709](#)) **Agenda Ready:** Approval of the Minutes of the Public Health and Public Safety Committee Meeting of October 30, 2025.
2. Committee Minutes (ID # [25-1855](#)) **Agenda Ready:** Approval of the Minutes of the Rodent Issues Special Committee Meeting of December 1, 2025.
3. Resolution (ID # [26-1018](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Hardt and Councilor Mbah
That the Chief of Police report to this Council on the response to the recent upsurge in drug use and other drug-related activity in public spaces in and around Davis Square, including in Hodgkins-Curtin park.

4. Resolution (ID # [26-0972](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Sait, Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Mbah
That the Administration address the ongoing public health and safety concerns at the Broadway Salvation Army site.
5. Resolution (ID # [26-0944](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Scott
That the Chief of Police provide documentation in writing regarding the circumstances surrounding cyclist traffic enforcement in Union Square on the morning of May 28.
6. Public Communication (ID # [26-0914](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** Christopher Rosol submitting comments re: off leash dogs.
7. Resolution (ID # [26-0838](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Link and Councilor Clingan
That the Chief Information Officer provide this Council with a summary report on the current accessibility status of city-operated digital properties including websites, platforms, and portals, and share any plans to ensure new properties comply with Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) using principles like “accessibility-first design.”
8. Resolution (ID # [26-0825](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Strezo and Councilor Clingan
That the Administration submit a written report to this Council regarding the timeline and process for staffing the Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Coordinator role and update this Council on the plan to process ADA complaints and accessibility coordination when this position is vacant.
9. Resolution (ID # [26-0824](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Strezo and Councilor Clingan
That the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator submit a written report to this City Council regarding the timeline for ADA Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 under Title II, and the plan for its completion.
10. Resolution (ID # [26-0708](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Wheeler and Councilor Hardt
That the Commissioner of Public Works invest in trash barrels with latches to address rodent issues.

11. Resolution
(ID # [26-0647](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Administration update this Council on the ordering and maintenance of firefighter equipment such as fire engines, ladder trucks and all other fire apparatus.
12. Public
Communication
(ID # [26-0493](#)) **Referred for Recommendation:** Gilman Square
Neighborhood Council submitting comments re:
McGrath Boulevard.
13. Mayor's
Communication
(ID # [26-0348](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** Conveying Public Safety for All
findings and current initiatives.
14. Order
(ID # [26-0243](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Link, Councilor
Mbah and Councilor Scott
That the Director of Racial and Social Justice provide an update to this Council on the status of the Police Civilian Oversight Committee.
15. Resolution
(ID # [26-0125](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Strezo, Councilor
Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen,
Councilor Link, Councilor Mbah, Councilor
McLaughlin, Councilor Sait and Councilor Wheeler
That the City Council calls for an end to period poverty, and an end to barriers making it difficult for residents to be able to afford menstrual products in Somerville.
16. Resolution
(ID # [26-0108](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Strezo
That the Commissioner of Public Works install privacy film and replace the shades of the women's bathroom on the second floor of City Hall.
17. Resolution
(ID # [26-0106](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor McLaughlin and
Councilor Davis
That the Administration provide monthly updates to the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety on progress towards addressing homelessness in Somerville.
18. Resolution
(ID # [26-0099](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Strezo
That the Director of Health and Human Services immediately install menstrual product dispensers on each floor of City Hall that provide free menstrual products.

19. Resolution
(ID # [26-0098](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Strezo
That the Director of Health and Human Services immediately install menstrual product dispensers that provide free menstrual products in all city owned bathrooms.
20. Resolution
(ID # [26-0057](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Human Resources and the Chief of Police work with state officials to provide crossing guards on McGrath Highway.
21. Order
(ID # [25-1770](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Strezo
That this City Council discuss the safety of the Summer Street bike lane design around or near Putnam Street to Benton Road and how and if additional safety modifications can be made.