

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

August 27, 2020, 7:00 PM
Meeting by Remote Participation

NOTICE

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. C. 30A, s. 18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, as well as Mayor Curtatone's Declaration of Emergency, dated March 15, 2020, this meeting of the City Council will be conducted via remote participation. We will post an audio recording, audio-video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of these proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting on the City of Somerville website and local cable access government channels.

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<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2561339134055785741>.

OPENING CEREMONIES

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
(ID # 23378)

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
(ID # 23379)

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting on June
(ID # 23380) 19, 2020, and the Regular Meeting on June 25, 2020.

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. Grant of Submitted by TC Systems to install 490 feet of conduit
Location from existing Metro Media manhole #SOM6A in New
(ID # 23348) Washington Street to a proposed manhole in Inner Belt
 Road, then branching 97 feet to two proposed handholes
 in the Innerbelt Road sidewalk and 15 feet to an existing
 Cable TV manhole in Inner Belt Road.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

5. Withdrawn Withdrawn.
(ID # 23340)

6. Communication By City Councilor Strezo
(ID # 23339) Reporting on the number of rape kits administered in the past 5 years and how many of them were included as evidence in cases that went to court.
7. Communication By City Councilor Strezo
(ID # 23341) Reporting on the Affordable Housing Trust Fund meeting of August 13, 2020.
8. Resolution By City Councilor Niedergang
(ID # 23360) That the Administration update this Council on any discussions regarding a regional E-911 call center, and how such a center would impact the re-imagining of how emergency dispatch is done in Somerville.
9. Resolution By City Councilor Niedergang
(ID # 23361) That the Administration inform this Council about any proposals to integrate police and fire emergency dispatch operations, and, if there are no proposals, share its position on a centralized emergency dispatch system.
10. Order By City Councilor White Jr.
(ID # 23362) That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services, the City Treasurer and the City Solicitor appear before this Council, or appropriate committee, to discuss the implementation of Ordinance 8.3 as to the denial of building permits to those who have failed to pay City-imposed fines.
11. Ordinance By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
(ID # 23365) Proposing zoning map changes to 8 properties on McGrath Hwy between 368 and 414 McGrath Hwy, as listed within.
12. Order By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
(ID # 23364) That the Director of SPCD report to this Council the status and timeline-to-opening of the 3 cannabis dispensaries that have received licenses, and the status of subsequent rounds of applicants to the Marijuana Advisory Committee.
13. Communication By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Clingan
(ID # 23363) Updating this Council on community working group discussions on "re-imagining" Somerville's response to non-violent emergencies.
14. Order By City Councilor Mbah
(ID # 23366) That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the broken street light on Woods Avenue.

15. Order (ID # 23367) By City Councilor Clingan
That the Chief of Police provide to this Council the number of confirmed shootings since January 2018, including the dates, times, locations, number of rounds fired, and what or who those rounds hit.
16. Order (ID # 23368) By City Councilor Clingan
That the Chief of Police provide to this Council the number of times and locations that shot spotter has been triggered since January 2018.
17. Order (ID # 23369) By City Councilor Clingan
That the Chief of Police utilize social media, including Twitter, to let residents know when there have been shots fired or when the Police make a firearm arrest.
18. Order (ID # 23370) By City Councilor Clingan
That the Director of SPCD deploy traffic calming measures to reduce speeding vehicles on Heath Street from Moreland to Temple Streets, on Sycamore Street from Medford Street to Broadway, and on Shore Drive from Rts 16 to 38.
19. Order (ID # 23376) By City Councilor McLaughlin
Proposing the re-appointment of John Long to the position of City Clerk for a three-year term.
20. Communication (ID # 23359) By City Councilor Rossetti
Reporting on the August 17, 2020 meeting of the High School Building Committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

21. Resolution 209284 By City Councilor Scott, Ballantyne, Clingan, Davis, Strezo
Supporting House Resolution 702, The People's Justice Guarantee.
22. Resolution 210251 By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Mayor, the Chief of Police and the Director of Health and Human Services discuss with this Council, at its June 11, 2020 meeting, their declaration of Systemic Racism as a Public Safety and Health Emergency.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

23. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 23338) Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on August 17, 2020 as a Committee of the Whole.
- B. Resolution (ID # 23344) By City Councilor Rossetti That the Administration consider relief for local small businesses as it relates to their annual renewal of licenses and associated fees.
- C. Resolution (ID # 23345) By City Councilor White Jr. That the Administration work with this Council for a smooth transition of outdoor seating permits when they reach the Council for renewal beyond November 1.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 24. Mayor's Request (ID # 23305) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$47,572.46 using available funds in the Law Department's Legal Services Account for outside legal counsel services.
- 25. Mayor's Request (ID # 23347) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$130 using available funds in the Health and Human Services Professional & Technical Services Account for sign language interpreter services.
- 26. Mayor's Request (ID # 23356) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice for \$31.75 using available funds in the Inspectional Services Department's Credit Card Convenience Fee Account for online payment processing services.
- 27. Mayor's Request (ID # 23335) Requesting acceptance of a \$254,840 grant that requires a match, from the Dept. of Homeland Security to the Fire Department for hazardous materials training.
- 28. Mayor's Request (ID # 23306) Requesting acceptance of a \$3,418 grant with no new match required, from the MA Board of Library Commissioners to the Public Library to provide "Virtual Programming for Distance Learning" workshops and kits.
- 29. Mayor's Request (ID # 23337) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Hayley Bermel to the Commission for Women.

- 30. Mayor's Request (ID # 23350) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Kerri Connolly to the Memorialization Committee.
- 31. Mayor's Request (ID # 23351) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Sara Marx to the Memorialization Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 32. Officer's Communication (ID # 23346) Police Chief responding to #210436 re: 911 emergency call policies and procedures.

NEW BUSINESS

- 33. License/Permit (ID # 23357) New Drainlayer's License, JBC Utility LLC.
- 34. License/Permit (ID # 23349) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Environic Solutions.
- 35. License/Permit (ID # 23352) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Baystate Engineering.
- 36. Public Communication (ID # 23377) 11 citizens submitting comments re: Tufts plans to re-open its campus in the fall.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 37. Order (ID # 23422) By City Councilor McLaughlin In his capacity as President, Recommending the appointment of Councilor Wilfred Mbah to the Memorialization Committee.
- 38. Communication (ID # 23381) By City Councilor Scott, Davis, Mbah, Ewen-Campen Updating this Council on the status of the creation of a Police Commission and Community Police Review Agency.
- 39. Order (ID # 23383) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Scott That the Chief of Police, the Director of Parking and the Director of SPCD discuss enforcement to eliminate delivery and other vehicles from parking on the Beacon Street cycle track, in order to provide a safe biking route for bicyclists.

40. Resolution (ID # 23384) By City Councilor Strezo
That the Middlesex County District Attorney provide this Council with the number of rape kits tested and the number used as evidence in Somerville court cases over the past 5 years, and explain how they are handled once received by the District Attorney's Office.
41. Order (ID # 23423) By City Councilor Davis
That #210331 be discharged from the Committee on Legislative Matters for action by this Council.
42. Mayor's Request (ID # 23382) Requesting approval of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to the standards of Subsection 9.2.4.d for Cannabis Retail Sales uses.
43. License/Permit (ID # 23385) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 136 Curtis St.
44. License/Permit (ID # 23386) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 176 Curtis St.
45. License/Permit (ID # 23387) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 90-92-94 Curtis St.
46. License/Permit (ID # 23388) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 12 Dearborn Rd.
47. License/Permit (ID # 23389) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 32 Dearborn Rd.
48. License/Permit (ID # 23390) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 98 Packard Ave.
49. License/Permit (ID # 23391) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 125 Powderhouse Blvd.
50. License/Permit (ID # 23392) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 8 Professors Row.
51. License/Permit (ID # 23393) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 14 Professors Row.
52. License/Permit (ID # 23394) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 28 Professors Row.
53. License/Permit (ID # 23395) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 92 Professors Row.

- 54. License/Permit (ID # 23396) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 106 Professors Row.
- 55. License/Permit (ID # 23397) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 56-64 Professors Row.
- 56. License/Permit (ID # 23398) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 13 Sawyer Ave.
- 57. License/Permit (ID # 23399) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 37 Sawyer Ave.
- 58. License/Permit (ID # 23400) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 45 Sawyer Ave.
- 59. License/Permit (ID # 23401) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 9-11 Sunset Rd.
- 60. License/Permit (ID # 23402) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 101 Talbot Ave.
- 61. License/Permit (ID # 23403) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 13-15 Talbot Ave.
- 62. License/Permit (ID # 23404) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 8 Whitfield Rd.
- 63. License/Permit (ID # 23405) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 21 Whitfield Rd.
- 64. License/Permit (ID # 23410) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 15 Whitfield Rd.
- 65. License/Permit (ID # 23411) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 100 Talbot Ave.
- 66. License/Permit (ID # 23412) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 45 Talbot Ave.
- 67. License/Permit (ID # 23413) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 40A-F Latin Way.
- 68. License/Permit (ID # 23414) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 73 Powderhouse Blvd.

- 69. License/Permit (ID # 23415) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 29 Latin Way.
- 70. License/Permit (ID # 23416) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 43 Latin Way.
- 71. License/Permit (ID # 23417) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 39R Latin Way.
- 72. License/Permit (ID # 23418) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 75-85 Packard Ave.
- 73. License/Permit (ID # 23421) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 123 Packard Ave.
- 74. License/Permit (ID # 23406) Renewing Lodging House License, Walnut Hill Properties Theta Chi, 100 Packard Ave.
- 75. License/Permit (ID # 23407) Renewing Lodging House License, Walnut Hill Properties Alpha Phi, 14 Sawyer Ave.
- 76. License/Permit (ID # 23408) Renewing Lodging House License, Walnut Hill Properties Alpha Omicron Pi, 25 Whitfield Rd.
- 77. License/Permit (ID # 23419) Renewing Lodging House License, Walnut Hill Properties Zeta Beta Tau, 126 Packard Ave.
- 78. License/Permit (ID # 23409) Renewing Lodging House License, Alpha Tau Omega, 134 Professors Row.
- 79. License/Permit (ID # 23420) Renewing Lodging House License, Delta Tau Delta, 98 Professors Row.

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT