



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## City Council

### Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 27, 2024

7:00 PM

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#### 1. OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen.

- 1.1. Roll Call                      Call of the Roll.  
(ID # [24-0997](#))

**RESULT:**        **PLACED ON FILE**

**Present:**        Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin  
City Councilor At Large Jake Wilson  
Ward Five City Councilor Naima Sait  
City Councilor At Large Wilfred N. Mbah  
City Councilor At Large Willie Burnley Jr.  
Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan  
City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo  
Ward Seven City Councilor Judy Pineda Neufeld  
Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen

**Absent:**         Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis  
Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott

- 1.2. Remembrances              Remembrances.  
(ID # [24-0998](#))

**RESULT:**        **APPROVED**

- 1.3. Minutes                        Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 23, 2024.  
(ID # [24-0999](#))

**RESULT:**        **APPROVED**

**AYE:**            Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:**        Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

## 2. CITATIONS

- 2.1. Citation (ID # [24-0903](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Mbah, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Sait, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson  
Commending Arn Franzen on the occasion of his retirement from the Public Space and Urban Forestry Division after more than 20 years of distinguished service.

Councilor Ewen-Campen spoke about Mr. Franzen's 20-year career with the city and mentioned many of the parks Mr. Franzen has been involved with. Mr. Franzen addressed the Council and thanked them for this acknowledgement, thanked his colleagues in Public Space and Urban Forestry, and several other city departments. He said that together, parks, schoolyards and fields have been transformed for the benefit of the city's residents.

Councilor McLaughlin reflected on his meeting and interactions with Mr. Franzen and thanked him for listening to residents' concerns about parks. Councilor Wilson recounted how Mr. Franzen was always exhibiting grace under fire when dealing with staff and neighbors, especially when working on the schoolyard at the Healey School. Councilor Clingan noted how receptive Mr. Franzen was when approached about renaming a park in memory of Deanna Cremmin. Councilor Mbah thanked Mr. Franzen for his years of service and Councilor Pineda Neufeld said that Mr. Franzen's legacy will live on through the many parks in the city.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

## 3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 3.1. Grant of Location (ID # [24-0993](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 32 feet of conduit in Mount Pleasant Street, from Utility Pole 243/3 to a point of pickup at 24-28 Mount Pleasant 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:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

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

- 4.1. Order By Councilor Clingan  
(ID # [24-0972](#)) That the Director of Mobility install speed humps on Moreland Street from Main Street to Mystic Avenue.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

**AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

- 4.2. Order By Councilor Clingan  
(ID # [24-0973](#)) That the Director of Mobility install speed humps on Meacham Street from Edgar Avenue to Fremont Street.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

**AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

- 4.3. Order By Councilor Clingan  
(ID # [24-0974](#)) That the Director of Mobility install additional signage to address illegal turns up Moreland Street to access East Albion Street from Mystic Avenue.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

**AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

4.4. Order  
(ID # [24-0975](#))

By Councilor Clingan

That the Director of Mobility install solar powered YOUR SPEED IS signs on Moreland Street between Main Street and Meacham Street.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

**AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

4.5. Order  
(ID # [24-0976](#))

By Councilor Clingan

That the Director of Mobility install new, more visible STOP signs at the intersections of Meacham and Moreland Streets and Meacham and Fremont Streets to address drivers failing to stop.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

**AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

4.6. Order  
(ID # [24-0977](#))

By Councilor Clingan

That the Commissioner of Public Works install big belly trash barrels at the intersection of Meacham and Moreland Streets.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

**AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

4.7. Resolution  
(ID # [24-0978](#))

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

Celebrating the Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, recognizing July as Disability Pride Month and the 26th of July as Americans with Disabilities Act Day.

Councilor Clingan commented that it has taken too long to recognize those who advocated for people with disabilities. He sponsored former Mayor Eugene Brune to speak. Mayor Brune recalled speaking before a group of people and hearing about the lack of access to city hall by those in wheelchairs. The following day, he directed the Department of Public Works to begin work on two ramps for accessibility to city hall and soon thereafter, he established a committee to work on ways to assist people with disabilities. He expressed his appreciation for being involved in this recognition today. Councilor Clingan sponsored former Alderwoman Helen Corrigan to speak. Mrs. Corrigan said she is a member of the Commission for Persons with Disabilities in the city, and she thanked the Council for establishing this yearly honor and spoke briefly about how things were prior to the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Councilor Clingan informed everyone that there will be a celebratory flag raising at 5:00 PM on July 11th on the city hall concourse.

Councilor Strezo spoke about her personal experience in caring for her elderly grandmother and the challenges that they faced in everyday life. She is looking forward to additional changes that will be made to aid people with disabilities. Councilor Burnley said that Somerville has a long history of struggling to accommodate those with disabilities and he went on to say that living with a disability affects every day of a person's life. Councilor Mbah commented that there's still a way to go and thanked the commission for all their work. Councilor Clingan sponsored Holly Simione to speak. Ms. Simione introduced a youngster who wanted to have a swing at playgrounds that would accommodate her needs. She said that there will be 7 events for Disability Pride Month and said that a swing will be hung at each event in this youngster's honor.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

- 4.8. Communication By Councilor Ewen-Campen  
(ID # [24-0970](#)) In his capacity as President, cancelling this Council's Regular meetings scheduled for July 25 and August 8, 2024.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

**AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

## 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

## 6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### 6.A. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 6.A.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on June 25, 2024.  
(ID # [24-0981](#))

Councilor Wilson summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that 36 items were on the agenda. Items recommended for approval included funding transfers, payment of prior year invoices, grant acceptances and expenditures, a claim settlement, fee adjustments, appropriations and authorizations to borrow. Councilor McLaughlin was recused from all items having to do with the Police Department.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

6.A.2. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [24-0681](#))

Requesting approval of a transfer of \$40,000 from the Kennedy Pool Electricity Account to the Kennedy Pool Salaries & Wages Temporary Account to increase employees for programs.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

6.A.3. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [24-0697](#))

Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$385 using available funds in the Department of Racial and Social Justice Professional and Technical Services Account for transcription services.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

6.A.4. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [24-0698](#))

Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$250 using available funds in the Department of Racial and Social Justice Professional and Technical Services Account for translation/interpretation services.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

- 6.A.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0719](#)) Requesting approval to accept a gift valued at \$18,000, from Boston's Office of Emergency Management to the Department of Public Works for a generator.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

- 6.A.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0767](#)) Requesting approval to settle a claim for \$7,182 pursuant to Section 2-124 of the Code of Ordinances.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

- 6.A.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0768](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$7,182 from the Unemployment Compensation account to the Law Department Judgments and Settlements account to settle a pending claim.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

- 6.A.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0772](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$60,067 grant with no new match required, from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to the Police Department for the traffic safety program.

**RESULT:** APPROVED



**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

**RECUSED:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin

6.A.9. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [24-0773](#))

Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$100,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation to the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development Mobility Division for traffic safety improvements at the Alewife Brook Parkway and Broadway intersection.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

6.A.10. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [24-0774](#))

Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$75,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation to the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development Public Space and Urban Forestry Division for a multi-use trail at Blessing of the Bay park.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

6.A.11. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [24-0775](#))

Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$3,000 grant with no new match required, from the Barr Foundation to the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development Mobility Division for the National Association of City Transportation Officials Designing Cities 2024 Conference Registration.

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

6.A.12.Mayor's Request  
(ID # [24-0784](#))

Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$199.99 using available funds in the Police Department In Service Training account for public relations training for first responders.

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

6.A.13.Mayor's Request  
(ID # [24-0785](#))

Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$4,120 using available funds in the Police Department Professional and Technical account for random drug screening and breath alcohol testing.

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

6.A.14.Officer's  
Communication  
(ID # [24-0798](#))

City Clerk submitting recommendations for adjustments to certain fees charged by the City Clerk's Office, effective July 1, 2024.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

6.A.15.Mayor's Request  
(ID # [24-0852](#))

Requesting approval to accept and expend a non-monetary grant with no new match required, from the Department of Energy Resources to the Office of Sustainability and Environment for technical assistance for writing a municipal building decarbonization roadmap.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

6.A.16.Mayor's Request  
(ID # [24-0853](#))

Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$4,573.32 grant with no new match required, from the Department of Environmental Protection to the Department of Public Works (DPW) for the Recycling Dividend Program.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

6.A.17.Mayor's Request  
(ID # [24-0856](#))

Requesting approval of a transfer of \$78,148.40 from the Infrastructure and Asset Management (IAM)-Engineering & Architecture Account to the Street Reconstruction Stabilization Fund for continuing street, sidewalk, and pavement condition assessment and design services.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

6.A.18.Mayor's Request  
(ID # [24-0857](#))

Requesting approval of a transfer of \$927,590.89 from the Infrastructure and Asset Management (IAM)-Capital Projects Engineering & Architecture Account to the Facility Renovation Stabilization Fund for continuing building design services.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

6.A.19.Mayor's Request  
(ID # [24-0858](#))

Requesting approval of a transfer of \$74,160 from the Infrastructure and Asset Management (IAM)-Capital Projects Professional & Technical Account to the Facility Renovation Stabilization Fund for continuing building design services.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

6.A.20.Mayor's Request  
(ID # [24-0859](#))

Requesting the appropriation of \$1,001,750.89 from the Facility Renovation Stabilization Fund for continuing building design services.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

6.A.21. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [24-0860](#))

Requesting the appropriation of \$78,148.40 from the Street Reconstruction Stabilization Fund for continuing street, sidewalk, and pavement condition assessment and design services.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

6.A.22. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [24-0876](#))

Requesting authorization to borrow \$1,271,785 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for the purchase of Fire Pumper apparatus.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

6.A.23. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [24-0896](#))

Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$750 using available funds in the Human Resources Advertising account for advertising costs of vacant positions.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

6.A.24.Mayor's Request  
(ID # [24-0897](#))

Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$181.92 using available funds in the Human Resources Professional and Technical Services account for confidential paper shredding services.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

6.A.25.Mayor's Request  
(ID # [24-0900](#))

Requesting approval of a transfer of \$109,428 from the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD) Planning, Preservation and Zoning Division Professional Services account to the OSPCD Administration Division Legal Services account to pay outstanding legal fees related to the 90 Washington Street litigation.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

6.A.26.Mayor's Request  
(ID # [24-0905](#))

Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$3,847.47 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Buildings Natural Gas account for Edgerly School natural gas.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

6.A.27. Resolution  
(ID # [24-0910](#))

By Councilor Clingan  
That the Administration provide this Council with an up-to-date report on the financial activity of the Handicapped Parking Violation Fees fund.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

6.B. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

6.B.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on June 24, 2024.  
(ID # [24-0980](#))

Councilor Burnley summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that a drone demonstration will be conducted by Boston Police Department staff for a Junior Police Academy class.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

6.B.2. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for use of an Unmanned Aerial System at the 2024 Somerville Police Department Junior Police Academy.  
(ID # [24-0912](#))

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

6.B.3. Order  
(ID # [24-1010](#))

By Councilor Davis

That the Committee on Legislative Matters recommends that this Council approve a new submission of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for exterior cameras at fire stations that is consistent with the draft discussed in Committee on June 24, 2024.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

6.C. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

6.C.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on June 26,  
(ID # [24-0982](#)) 2024.

Councilor Burnley summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that the sole item on the agenda was recommended for approval.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

6.C.2. License  
(ID # [24-0793](#))

New Flammables License, Building 2 Owner LLC, 808 Windsor Street, storing 3,549 gallons.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott



6.D. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

- 6.D.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on June 24, 2024.  
(ID # [24-0979](#))

Councilor Sait summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that the committee discussed the timing of the traffic signal at Broadway and Main Street, traffic issues on Benton Road, daylighting the corner of Maple Avenue and School Street, traffic concerns on Alston Street and restricted parking during construction. A request for an increase in taxicab meter rates was also recommended for approval.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

- 6.D.2. Order  
(ID # [24-0662](#))

By Councilor Clingan

That the Director of Engineering assess the timing of the traffic light at Main Street and Broadway and consider lengthening the cycle time.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

- 6.D.3. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [24-0701](#))

Green Cab Company, Inc. requesting an increase in the taxicab meter rate to \$3.80 for the first 1/8 of a mile, \$0.50 for each additional 1/8 of a mile and \$32 per hour waiting time.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

- 6.D.4. Order  
(ID # [24-0791](#))

By Councilor Ewen-Campen

That the Director of Mobility begin a public process to determine how to manage traffic issues on Benton Road in light of the upcoming change of Central Street to a one-way from Summer Street to Highland Avenue.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.D.5. Order  
(ID # [24-0901](#))
- By Councilor Clingan and Councilor Wilson  
That the Director of Mobility daylight the corner of Maple Avenue and School Street.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.D.6. Order  
(ID # [24-0922](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Director of Parking place SLOW CHILDREN and NOT A THROUGH STREET signs on Alston Street by the corner of Cross Street.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.D.7. Order  
(ID # [24-0925](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Director of Parking discuss the policy around restricted parking signs during construction and how to limit negative impacts in the community.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

## 7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 7.1. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [24-0987](#))
- Requesting approval of a Deed and Maintenance Agreement for Leonard Grimes Park at 31 Tufts Street.

**RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE**

- 7.2. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [24-0971](#))
- Requesting approval to appropriate \$40,662.50 from the Street Tree Stabilization Fund for the Tree Inventory Update project.

Legislative Liaison Kimberley Hutter told the Council that the last tree inventory was performed in 2018 and that the requested funds are needed to complete the remainder of an inventory.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

- 7.3. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [24-0956](#))
- Requesting approval to accept and expend an \$8,500 grant with no new match required, from the Department of Fire Services to the Fire Department for the Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) Program.

Liaison Hutter informed the Council that the city has been receiving this grant for a number of years and that the funds will be used to educate students about fire safety.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

7.4. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [24-0957](#))

Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$2,900 grant with no new match required, from Department of Fire Services to the Fire Department for the Senior Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) Program.

Liaison Hutter informed the Council that the funds will be used to educate senior citizens about fire safety, conduct home inspections, and to provide smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

7.5. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [24-0988](#))

Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for exterior cameras at fire stations.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

## 8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 8.1. Officer's Communication (ID # [24-0995](#)) City Clerk submitting an amendment to Section 13-6.1 of the Code of Ordinances to increase taxicab meter rates.

Councilor Mbah asked how taxi fares compare to those of Uber and Lyft and Councilor McLaughlin explained that Uber and Lyft are not accountable to the city but that taxis are, so approval is required for them to raise fares.

**RESULT:** **ORDINANCE ORDAINED**

**AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1. License (ID # [24-0955](#)) Renewing Drainlayer's License, K.B. Aruda Construction Inc.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.13 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

- 9.2. License (ID # [24-0994](#)) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Vinny Mofford Excavation LLC.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.13 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

9.3. Public Event  
(ID # [24-0992](#))

Somerville Museum applying for a Public Event License for Docent Openings for various dates between June 22 and October 31.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.13 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

9.4. Public Event  
(ID # [24-0991](#))

Mutual Aid Medford and Somerville applying for a Public Event License for MAMAS East Somerville neighborhood party on June 30 from 12pm to 6pm.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.13 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

9.5. Public Event  
(ID # [24-0958](#))

Department of Racial and Social Justice applying for a Public Event License for Disability Pride Flag Commemoration on July 11 from 4pm to 6:30pm (raindate July 24).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.13 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

9.6. Public Event  
(ID # [24-0990](#))

Portuguese-American Civic League applying for a Public Event License for Annual Holy Ghost Feast Procession on July 12 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.13 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

9.7. Public Event  
(ID # [24-0963](#))

Portuguese-American Civic League applying for a Public Event License for Annual Holy Ghost Feast on July 12 and July 13 from 6pm to 12am and on July 14 from 10am to 12am.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.13 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

9.8. Public Event  
(ID # [24-0989](#))

Dan Flynn applying for a Public Event License for Ivaloo/Harrison/Kent Streets BP on July 13 from 12pm to 5pm.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.13 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

9.9. Public Event  
(ID # [24-0996](#))

Melissa Kelly applying for a Public Event License for Alpine/Princeton Street BP on July 20 from 12pm to 8pm (raindate July 27).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.13 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

9.10. Public Event  
(ID # [24-0959](#))

Get to the Gig Boston applying for a Public Event License for NICE, a fest Vendor Market on July 26, July 27, and July 28 from 10am to 11pm.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.13 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

9.11. Public Event  
(ID # [24-0960](#))

Get To The Gig Boston applying for a Public Event License for NICE, a fest Vendor Market #2 on July 27 from 10am to 11pm (raindate July 28).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.13 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

9.12. Public Event  
(ID # [24-0961](#))

Macy Coffey applying for a Public Event License for Lowden Ave BP on July 27 from 12pm to 8:30pm (raindate July 28).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.13 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

9.13. Public Event  
(ID # [24-0962](#))

The Queer Theatre Project applying for a Public Event License for Shakesqueer in the Park! on August 24 and August 25 from 12pm to 8pm (raindate September 7 and September 8).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.13 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

9.14. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [24-0965](#))

Bridget Duffy and Naticia Hutchins submitting comments re: road safety grant.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

**AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen



**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

9.15. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [24-0966](#))

Donald Cronin and Nathanael Clauser submitting comments re: Somerville Municipal Employees Association.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

**AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

9.16. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [24-0967](#))

Felix Katzman submitting comments re: the Jewish community.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

**AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

9.17. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [24-0968](#))

Pedestrian and Transit Advisory Committee submitting comments re: McGrath Boulevard.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

**AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

## 10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

10.1. Order  
(ID # [24-1004](#))

By Councilor Clingan

That the Director of Mobility change the intersection of Meacham and Fremont Streets to a 4 WAY STOP.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

**AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

10.2. Order  
(ID # [24-1005](#))

By Councilor Clingan

That the ADA Coordinator provide this Council with an update on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan Task Force.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

**FOLLOWUP:** Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee

**AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

10.3. Order  
(ID # [24-1008](#))

By Councilor Pineda Neufeld

That the Director of Economic Development discuss with this Council ways to provide small businesses with financial and technical support when impacted by construction and other emergencies.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld pointed out that there are no established programs to assist with this.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

**AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

10.4. Resolution  
(ID # [24-1009](#))

By Councilor Wilson, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Burnley Jr.

That the Administration work with the vendor to review the certification and re-certification processes for affordable housing units and identify ways to streamline the process and make it less onerous for residents.

Councilor Wilson commented that the process is onerous and that the threshold is low, resulting in many people being disqualified. He noted that vendors are following the guidelines, but he would like to change them in order to raise the threshold. Councilor Pineda Neufeld noted that the city is bearing the cost for document translation and that she hopes that other agencies and language justice organizations get involved.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

**AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

10.5. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [24-1007](#))

Requesting the appropriation of \$103,190 from the FY 2025 Salary Contingency, Salaries Account to various Fire Alarm Personal Services Accounts to fund the Memorandum of Agreement between the City and Firefighters Association of Somerville, Local 76, Fire Alarm Unit.

Labor Counsel Matthew Sirigu reviewed the highlights of the agreement including compensation, wage scales, cost of living adjustments, increases in stipends, schedule changes, transitioned vacation time and the addition of paid family medical leave. Juneteenth was added as a paid holiday in exchange for the birthdays of employees.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

- 10.6. Officer's Communication (ID # [24-1006](#)) Finance Director responding to item #24-0910, a Resolution requesting an up-to-date report on the financial activity of the Handicapped Parking Violation Fees fund.
- RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE
- AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen
- ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott
- 10.7. Public Communication (ID # [24-1000](#)) Christopher Rosol submitting comments re: cyclist safety.
- RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE
- AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen
- ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott
- 10.8. Public Communication (ID # [24-1001](#)) Derek DuPont and Samantha Caveny submitting comments re: road safety grant.
- RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE
- AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen
- ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott
- 10.9. Public Communication (ID # [24-1002](#)) Michael Femia submitting comments re: police funding.
- RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

**AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

10.10. Public Communication (ID # [24-1003](#))

Jenn Harrington submitting comments re: city leadership.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

**AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

11. LATE ITEMS

11.1. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0720](#))

Requesting approval to execute the Third Amendment to the lease agreement with Dana Family Series, LLC, for the Grove Street parking lot, through June 30, 2025.

Councilor Wilson moved to discharge item #24-0720 from the Committee on Finance and take it up tonight. The motion was approved on a roll call vote of 8 in favor (McLaughlin, Wilson, Sait, Mbah, Burnley, Strezo, Pineda Neufeld, Ewen-Campen), 0 opposed, 3 absent (Davis, Scott, Clingan). Parking Director Suzanne Rinfret explained that the rent has not increased and that the city will continue to manage the parking lot.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

11.2. Order  
(ID # [24-1011](#))

By Councilor Clingan

That the Somerville Police Department increase patrols in and around the Mystic View Residences for July and August.

Councilor Clingan commented that he submitted this item in response to the recent shooting incidents in the city over the last few days and that he wants to make sure these areas are shored up to prevent further incidents.

**RESULT:**        **APPROVED**

**AYE:**            Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**ABSENT:**        Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

## 12.    ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 8:28 PM on a roll call vote of 9 in favor (McLaughlin, Wilson, Sait, Mbah, Burnley, Clingan, Strezo, Pineda Neufeld, Ewen-Campen), 0 opposed, 2 absent (Davis, Scott).