



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Monday, November 13, 2023

6:00 PM

Virtual

This meeting was held via Zoom and was called to order by Chair Clingan at 6:03 pm and adjourned at 7:21 with a roll call vote of all in favor (Councilor Kelly, Councilor Wilson, and Chair Clingan), none opposed, and none absent.

President Ewen-Campen appointed Councilor Wilson to replace Councilor Gomez Mouakad on the Committee for this meeting only.

Others present: Hannah Carrillo – Mayor’s Office, Rich Raiche – IAM, Stephanie Widzowski – Clerk of Committees.

Roll Call

Present: Chairperson Jesse Clingan, Charlotte Kelly and Jake Wilson

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Public Utilities and Public Works Committee Meeting of October 2, 2023. [23-1503](#)

Accepted

Aye: Chairperson Clingan, City Councilor At Large Kelly and Wilson

2. That the Commissioner of Public Works install a water fountain for people and dogs at Nunziato field. [23-1596](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Ewen-Campen

Kept in committee

3. That the Administration report on capacity to allow parallel staffing and funding for the development of the 1895 Building, School Building Master Plan and the Fire Department Master Plan Building Study. [23-1437](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Ewen-Campen

Kept in committee

4. That the Administration collaborate with the School Department on determining the best and future use of the 1895 Building. [23-1436](#)

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- Sponsors:** Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Ewen-Campen
Kept in committee
5. That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management report on ongoing deficiencies of City Hall and the City Hall Annex that could impair the future use of these buildings. [23-1435](#)
- Sponsors:** Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Ewen-Campen
Kept in committee
6. That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management report on recent damages to the City Hall clock tower and share any concerns regarding potential damage to the building structure. [23-1434](#)
- Sponsors:** Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Ewen-Campen
Recommended to be marked work completed
7. That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management provide an update on the repairs of the Teele Square Fire Station, including a timeline for such repairs. [23-1433](#)
- Sponsors:** Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Strezo
Recommended to be marked work completed
8. That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management provide a report on the status of the Fire Department Master Planning Study, including projected timelines for the feasibility study, design, bidding and construction, and prioritization strategies. [23-1432](#)
- Sponsors:** Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Davis
Recommended to be marked work completed
9. That the Administration report to this Council on the ability to require further repairs on Highland Ave, and if none, an explanation on whether that complies with road engineering regulations. [23-1399](#)
- Sponsors:** Councilor Davis
Recommended to be marked work completed
10. That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management update this Council on the sewer separation work and any opportunities for prioritizing problematic areas of the city. [23-1397](#)
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Sponsors: Councilor Wilson and Councilor Pineda Neufeld

Recommended to be marked work completed

11. That the Director of Engineering re-pave Highland Avenue from Central Street to Walnut Street this year instead of waiting until 2024. [23-1355](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson

Recommended to be marked work completed

12. That the Commissioner of Public Works appear before this Council to discuss what actions have and can be taken to ensure that trash and recycling barrels do not obstruct sidewalks after pick-up. [23-1187](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Burnley Jr.

Recommended to be marked work completed

13. That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management report on recent air conditioning failures in City Hall and what repairs have been or will be completed to address those issues. [23-1184](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Gomez Mouakad

Recommended to be marked work completed

14. That the Director of Water and Sewer and the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management explain what maintenance will be required for the new Poplar Street Pump Station and Spring Hill Sewer Separation Project, and how these maintenance requirements will be staffed to ensure their proper upkeep. [23-1183](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Gomez Mouakad

Kept in committee

15. That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the tree wells in front of 173 Broadway for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). [23-0891](#)

Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin

Recommended to be marked work completed

16. That the Commissioner of Public Works report on leaks and building system failures that have caused the shutdown of municipal buildings, excluding school buildings, in the last five years. [23-0610](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Wilson

Recommended to be marked work completed

Referenced Documents:

- PUPW - 2023-11-13 Highland Paving (with 23-1355, 23-1399)
- PUPW - 2023-11-13 CCPUPW Sewer Priorities (with 23-1397)
- PUPW - 2023-11-13 IAM Order Responses (with 23-1423, 23-1433)
- PUPW - 2023-11-13 CC Response (with 23-0891, 23-1184, 23-1187)