



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Public Health and Public Safety Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Thursday, October 30, 2025

6:30 PM

Virtual

This meeting was held via Zoom and was called to order by Chair McLaughlin at 6:34 pm and adjourned at 7:32 pm on a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Councilors Scott, Clingan, McLaughlin), 0 opposed, and 0 absent.

Others present: Council President - Lance Davis, Nikki Spencer - Chief of Staff, Michael Potere - Licensing Operations Manager, Andi Benvenuto - Community Health Worker Manager. Kimberley Hutter - Legislative Liaison, Rachel Nadkarni - Director of Economic Development, Madalyn Letellier - Legislative Services Manager.

Roll Call

Present: Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin, Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan and Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Public Health and Public Safety Committee Meeting of June 9, 2025. [25-1109](#)

Accepted

Aye: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Two City Councilor Scott

2. That the Administration provide data on needles found in and around Davis Square, outside of the designated receptacle box, including a breakdown by specific location, and used vs. unused. [25-1563](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Davis and Councilor Strezo

Recommended to be marked work completed

3. That the Administration discuss with this Council whether there is a need to create additional alternative locations for people to store their belongings. [25-1562](#)

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Recommended to be marked work completed

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4. That the Administration discuss with this Council the process for removing abandoned items from public spaces. [25-1561](#)
Sponsors: Councilor Davis, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson
Recommended to be marked work completed
5. 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. [25-1353](#)
Sponsors: Councilor Strezo and Councilor Davis
Recommended to be marked work completed
6. 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. [25-1340](#)
Sponsors: Councilor Strezo, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Burnley Jr.
Recommended to be marked work completed
7. That the Director of Economic Development and City Clerk discuss with this Council policies regarding outdoor seating and how the city may make it easier and less expensive for small businesses. [25-1180](#)
Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Davis, Councilor Mbah and Councilor Strezo
Recommended to be marked work completed
8. That the Director of Inspectional Services appear before this Council to discuss recent changes to business permitting in relation to "risk categorization" and the impact they may have on businesses. [25-0923](#)
Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin
Kept in committee
9. That the Director of Health and Human Services, Director of Housing, and Director of Housing Stability update this City Council regularly on progress towards addressing homelessness. [25-0087](#)
Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin
Kept in committee
10. That the Chief Fire Engineer and the Commissioner of Public Works discuss with this Council how to ensure Fire Department facilities are well maintained. [25-0064](#)
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Sponsors: Councilor Wilson, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Clingan and
Councilor Mbah

Recommended to be marked work completed

Referenced Documents:

- PHPS - 2025-10-30 Outdoor Dining Fees (with 25-1180)
- PHPS - 2025-10-30 SFD Facilities 10.30.25(with 25-0064)
- PHPS - 2025-10-30 Addressing Homelessness (with 25-0087)
- PHPS - 2025-10-30 Davis Sq sharps memo 10.29.25 (with 25-1563)
- PHPS - 2025-10-30 Davis Sq Sharps Pick Up Report 10.16.25 (with 25-1563)
- PHPS - 2025-10-30 Davis Square Hypodermic Needle Recovery SFD 10.30.25 (with 25-1563)