

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.

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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

Sponsors:

Councilor Davis and Councilor Strezo

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.			
	Sponsors :	Councilor Davis, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson		
	Recommended to	be marked work completed		
5.		tration direct all relevant departments, including Health and to appear before this City Council to discuss and update on outreach efforts.	<u>25-1353</u>	
	Sponsors :	Councilor Strezo and Councilor Davis		
	Recommended to	be marked work completed		
6.	That the Director of Councilors in real as fires or emerger	<u>25-1340</u>		
	Sponsors :	Councilor Strezo, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Clingan and Co Burnley Jr.	ouncilor	
	Recommended to	be marked work completed		
7.	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.			
	Sponsors :	Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor I Councilor Mbah and Councilor Strezo	Davis,	
	Recommended to be marked work completed			
8.	discuss recent cha	of Inspectional Services appear before this Council to nges to business permitting in relation to "risk d the impact they may have on businesses.	<u>25-0923</u>	
	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 owards addressing homelessness.		<u>25-0087</u>	
	Sponsors :	Councilor McLaughlin		
	Kept in committee			
10.		e Engineer and the Commissioner of Public Works discuss how to ensure Fire Department facilities are well	<u>25-0064</u>	

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)