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Subject: Release of executive session minutes/video from City Council Jan 14, 2021

To the City of Somerville Clerk, Legal Department, and Public Records Office:

I am writing to inquire on the proper release of the minutes, notes, recordings or other materials used in the preparation of such minutes and all documents and exhibits used at the second of two executive sessions held by Somerville City Council on January 14 2021.

The Executive Session of interest is the one referenced by [Agenda Item 211181](#). Executive Session was entered for "public safety and security matters", which I understand to be a reference to [MA General Law Chapter 30A Section 21 paragraph a4](#):

> "To discuss the deployment of security personnel or devices, or strategies with respect thereto"

According to [MA General Law Chapter 30A Section 22](#), these materials may be withheld from disclosure to the public in their entirety as long as publication may defeat the lawful purposes of the executive session, **but no longer**.

I am requesting a response from the City of Somerville's legal representation which indicates a determination of whether those materials still fall under the lawful purposes of the executive session.

For clarity, this is not an official public records request nor an official complaint of violation of open meeting law. It is my hope that neither is necessary.

Thank you for your service towards public governance.

- Derrick Rice
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