



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

City Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 9, 2026

7:00 PM

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1. OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by At Large Councilor Wilfred Mbah
The City Council entered recess at 7:21 PM and returned at 7:24 PM
The City Council entered recess at 8:17 PM and returned at 8:24 PM
The City Council entered recess at 8:53 PM and returned at 8:55 PM
The City Council entered Executive Session at 10:24 PM
The City Council returned to Regular Meeting Session at 11:25 PM

- 1.1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
(ID # [26-1196](#))

Councilor Wheeler arrived at 7:03pm

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

Present: Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen
Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott
Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan
City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo
Ward Five City Councilor Naima Sait
City Councilor At Large Ben Wheeler
Ward Seven City Councilor Emily Hardt
Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin
City Councilor At Large Wilfred N. Mbah

Absent: Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis

Remote: City Councilor At Large Jon Link

- 1.2. Remembrances Remembrances.
(ID # [26-1197](#))

Councilor Clingan requested a moment of silence in memory of Scott Michael Macpherson.

Councilor Wheeler requested a moment of silence in memory of Fernanda Ferreira.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

- 1.3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 11, 2026.
(ID # [26-1198](#))

The minutes were amended to correct a scrivener's error and approved as amended.

RESULT: **APPROVED AS AMENDED**

2. CITATIONS

- 2.1. Citation By Councilor Mbah
(ID # [26-1193](#)) Commending Jenneen Pagliaro on the auspicious occasion of her retirement after over 38 years of dedicated service.

Ms. Pagliaro was not present to receive the citation, however, Chair Mbah read the citation into the record.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 3.1. Grant of Location Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 7 feet of conduit in
(ID # [26-1159](#)) Wheatland Street, from utility pole 141/2 to a point of pickup at 6 Wheatland 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. Councilor Strezo commented that some Ward 6 constituents have expressed concerns about Eversource's ability to supply continuous, reliable electricity to them during the summer months and she asked Ms. Duffy if there was a plan in place to meet energy needs. Ms. Duffy replied that she will bring the matter to the attention of the appropriate department. Councilor Clingan asked about the nature of the line at 6 Wheatland Street and Ms. Duffy explained that it is to supply power for a multi-family residential building. Councilor Clingan requested that the item be referred to the Licenses and Permits Committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

- 3.2. Grant of Location (ID # [26-1160](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 4.5 feet of conduit in Line Street, from utility pole 211/7 to a point of pickup at 62 Line Street.

Jacqui Duffy, representing Eversource, spoke in support of the item and explained the purpose of the request. There being no further speakers, the public hearing was declared closed. Councilor Scott inquired about the status of double pole 211/8. Ms. Duffy stated that she would review the matter and provide an update to Councilor Scott via email.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

- 3.3. Grant of Location (ID # [26-1161](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install a total of 199 feet of conduit in Elm Street, from utility pole 112/31 to manhole 18932, and additional conduit from manhole 18932 to a point of pickup at 199 Elm 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 Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

4. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

4.1. Resolution (ID # [26-1158](#))

By Councilor Strezo

That the Strategy and Development Department and all relevant city departments conduct an economic analysis on the potential impact to the city's finances, including investigating all potential service providers, the impact of the city's bond rating and the cost of enforcing the proposed Ordinance amendment to Chapter 2, Article 7, Division 1 of the Code of Ordinances.

Councilor Strezo requested that this be worked on over the summer and a report provided.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

4.2. Resolution (ID # [26-1181](#))

By Councilor Mbah, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Hardt, Councilor Link, Councilor Sait, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wheeler

In support of the nurses and healthcare workers of Mass General Brigham Home Care and Brigham and Women's Hospital.

Councilor McLaughlin assumed the chair.

Councilor Mbah spoke in support of the resolution and sponsored two speakers. Shannon Vieira, a nurse, and Karen Estee, a speech therapist, addressed the Council regarding ongoing negotiations for their first collective bargaining agreement, which began in March 2025. They stated that they are seeking productivity metrics, caseload limits, and competitive wages, and noted that while they receive an annual 2.5% salary increase, they do not receive cost-of-living adjustments. They thanked the Council for its support.

Councilor Mbah assumed the chair.

Councilor McLaughlin commented that Mass General, despite its nonprofit status, is operating in a manner comparable to a for-profit Fortune 500 company

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

4.3. Communication
(ID # [26-1186](#))

By Councilor Davis

In his capacity as President, cancelling the Regular Meetings of this Council scheduled for July 23 and August 13, 2026.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

4.4. Resolution
(ID # [26-1190](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Hardt
Reaffirming this City Council's recognition of July as Disability Pride Month in light of the recent Supreme Court rulings and legal memorandum on the Olmstead decision from the Department of Justice.

Councilor McLaughlin spoke regarding the recent interpretation by the United States Department of Justice that the previous ruling of the United States Supreme Court does not apply uniformly to every state. He expressed concern that this interpretation could undermine decades of progress and encouraged the City to consider what actions it could take to address potential reductions in federal protections.

He sponsored Holly Simone, Chair and Commissioner of the Somerville Commission for Persons with Disabilities, to address the Council. Ms. Simone explained that the Olmstead decision is a landmark 1999 ruling of the Supreme Court that established the right of people with disabilities to live in their communities rather than being unnecessarily institutionalized. She stated that the Department of Justice's interpretation of the decision could result in people with disabilities once again being placed in institutional settings.

Ms. Simone discussed the ongoing efforts to protect and advance disability rights, noting that disability issues intersect with other policy areas, including affordable housing, where accessibility should be a key consideration. She expressed appreciation that the Somerville Commission for Persons with Disabilities would soon be fully staffed. She also stated that she would welcome greater support from the Council's leadership in

advancing the Commission's work and in considering its recommendations. Ms. Simione further noted that several features within the Council Chamber are not accessible to individuals with disabilities and stated that the Commission hopes to assist the Council in identifying and addressing accessibility barriers.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

4.5. Resolution
(ID # [26-1191](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin

In support of State Auditor Diana DiZoglio in her efforts to audit the General Court.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

4.6. Communication
(ID # [26-1157](#))

By Councilor Davis

Conveying support for formally recognizing the Davis Square Neighborhood Council.

Discussed with item #26-1165

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

- 4.7. Communication By Councilor Mbah
(ID # [26-1173](#)) Conveying the protocol for consideration of appointments by the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

6.A. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- 6.A.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel
(ID # [26-1177](#)) Matters, meeting on July 6, 2026.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

- 6.A.2. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Taylor Perkins to the Fair
(ID # [26-0655](#)) Housing Commission.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

6.A.3. Order
(ID # [26-1013](#))

By Councilor Davis

That this City Council appoints Rodrigo Badaro, Bea Gomez-Mouakad, Marianne Walles, Martin Sanchez, Yesenia Alfaro, and Marcy Goldstein-Gelb to the Wage Theft Advisory Committee.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

6.A.4. Mayor's Request
(ID # [26-1083](#))

Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jurett Mooltrey-Weathers to the Affordable Housing Trust.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

REMOTE: City Councilor At Large Link

6.A.5. Mayor's Request
(ID # [26-1085](#))

Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Calli Masters to the Fair Housing Commission.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

6.A.6. Mayor's Request
(ID # [26-1086](#))

Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Alexis Washburn to the Climate Action Commission.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

- 6.A.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1087](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Corey Donahue to the Climate Action Commission.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

- 6.A.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1088](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Courtney Koslow to the Climate Action Commission.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

- 6.A.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1089](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Kenzie Ballard to the Climate Action Commission.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

6.A.10. Mayor's Request
(ID # [26-1091](#))

Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Zahra Atti to the Climate Action Commission.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

6.A.11. Mayor's Request
(ID # [26-1092](#))

Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Lauren Gunther to the Climate Action Commission.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

6.A.12. Mayor's Request
(ID # [26-1093](#))

Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Ritika Philip to the Climate Action Commission.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

6.A.13. Mayor's Request
(ID # [26-1094](#))

Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Paxti Martinez to the Climate Action Commission.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

- 6.A.14.Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1095](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Larry Yu to the Climate Action Commission.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

- 6.A.15.Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1096](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Monte Allen to the Climate Action Commission.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

- 6.A.16.Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1097](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Sierra Moll to the Climate Action Commission.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

- 6.A.17.Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1098](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Bhavika Kalia to the Climate Action Commission.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

- 6.A.18. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1099](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Rio Hunter Black to the Climate Action Commission.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

6.B. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 6.B.1. Committee Report (ID # [26-1178](#)) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on July 7, 2026.

Councilor Wheeler summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that the committee had engaged in a lengthy discussion regarding a proposed body-worn camera program and the associated costs to the City in light of current fiscal constraints. He noted that the committee recommended that item #26-0378 not be approved. Councilor Wheeler requested that the item be severed from the committee report, stating that the Administration had indicated it would conduct a public hearing on the matter. He then moved to lay item #26-0378 on the table pending the public hearing.

The item was severed from the committee report and placed before the Council. Councilor Scott stated that public hearings on matters before the Council are scheduled by the City Council and/or its committee chairs and noted that a public hearing on the item was already scheduled for September. He stated that he saw no reason to lay the item on the table and was prepared to vote on the item.

The motion to lay item #26-0378 on the table was approved by a roll call vote of 8 in favor (Councilorss Ewen- Campen, Clingan, Strezo, Sait, Wheeler, Hardt, McLaughlin, Mbah), 2 against (Councilors Scott and Link), and 1 absent (Councilor Davis).

RESULT: **APPROVED****AYE:** Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis

6.B.2. Mayor's Request
(ID # [26-0378](#))

Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$231,635 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to the Police Department for a body-worn camera program.

RESULT: **LAI D ON THE TABLE****AYE:** Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah**NAY:** City Councilor At Large Link, and Ward Two City Councilor Scott**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis

6.C. HOUSING, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND EQUITY COMMITTEE

6.C.1. Committee Report (ID # [26-1175](#)) Report of the Committee on Housing, Community Development and Equity, meeting on July 1, 2026.

RESULT: **APPROVED****AYE:** Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah**ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis

6.C.2. Order
(ID # [26-0051](#))

By Councilor Strezo

That the Director of Parks and Recreation provide an update on upcoming inclusive playground accessibility plans and redesign projects.

RESULT: **WORK COMPLETED**

6.C.3. Order
(ID # [26-0052](#))

By Councilor Strezo

That the Commissioner of Public Works and relevant departments discuss the future community use of Founders Rink for 2026 and beyond.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.C.4. Order
(ID # [26-0059](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Strezo
That the Director of Mobility provide an update on the Kensington Connector.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.C.5. Order
(ID # [26-0082](#))

By Councilor Strezo
That the Director of Parks and Recreation report on the stock and condition of previously installed playground communication boards that assist nonverbal children in playtime.

Councilor Strezo moved to sever item #26-0082 from the committee report so that it could be marked “placed on file”. The item was severed and so marked.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah
ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

6.C.6. Officer's
Communication
(ID # [26-0973](#))

Director of Communications & Community Engagement conveying the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 Accessibility Compliance update for city website and digital assets.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.C.7. Order
(ID # [26-1078](#))

By Councilor Strezo, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Hardt, Councilor Link, Councilor Mbah, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Sait, Councilor Scott and Councilor Wheeler

That the Director of Parks and Recreation discuss the cost barriers and equity constraints that prevent low-income residents and local youth from accessing Somerville programs, such as public skate time at Veterans Memorial Rink on early school dismissal days.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.D. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

6.D.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on June 30, 2026.
(ID # [26-1174](#))

Councilor Scott reported that the committee discussed a Home Rule Petition regarding timelines for leases, notice to tenants of building sales, surveillance technology items, body-worn cameras and an ordinance amendment regarding the use of tax-payer funds for self-promotion. Councilor Scott moved to accept the Report of Legislative Matters.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

6.D.2. Ordinance
(ID # [25-1762](#))

By Councilor Davis and Mayor Wilson
That the Code of Ordinances be amended to prohibit the use of tax-payer funds for self-promotion.

RESULT: **ORDINANCE ORDAINED**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

6.D.3. Mayor's
Communication
(ID # [26-0302](#))

Conveying the 2025 Surveillance Technology Annual Report.

RESULT: **WORK COMPLETED**

6.D.4. Ordinance
(ID # [26-0522](#))

By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Link, Councilor Hardt, Councilor Scott and Councilor Clingan

Proposing an amendment to Section 2-6 of the Code of Ordinances, the Welcoming Communities Ordinance, to further enhance civil rights protections in Somerville.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

6.D.5. Mayor's Request
(ID # [26-0797](#))

Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to authorize the City of Somerville to regulate leases and tenancy at will agreements.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

6.D.6. Mayor's Request
(ID # [26-0878](#))

Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for the Smart Tree Inventory.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

6.D.7. Mayor's Request
(ID # [26-0882](#))

Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Chapter 7 and Section 1-11(b) of the Code of Ordinances to require property owners provide a notice of building sale to tenants.

RESULT: **ORDINANCE ORDAINED**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

6.D.8. Mayor's
Communication
(ID # [26-0936](#))

Conveying the updated 2025 Surveillance Technology Annual Report.

Councilor Scott moved to sever item #26-0936 from the committee report and mark it “placed on file”. The motion passed with 10 in favor (Councilors Ewen- Campen, Link, Scott, Clingan, Strezo, Sait, Wheeler, Hardt, McLaughlin, Mbah) 1 absent (Councilor Davis).

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

6.D.9. Mayor's Request
(ID # [26-0999](#))

Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Body Worn Cameras.

Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to send this item back to the Committee on Legislative Matters. The motion passed with 10 in favor (Councilors Ewen-Campen, Link, Scott, Clingan, Strezo, Sait, Wheeler, Hardt, McLaughlin, Mbah) 1 absent (Councilor Davis).

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

NAY: City Councilor At Large Strezo

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

6.D.10. Mayor's Request
(ID # [26-1000](#))

Requesting approval of the Technology-Specific Surveillance Use Policy for Body Worn Cameras.

Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to send this item back to the Committee on Legislative Matters.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

NAY: City Councilor At Large Strezo

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

6.E. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- 6.E.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on
(ID # [26-1176](#)) July 1, 2026.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

- 6.E.2. Resolution
(ID # [26-0057](#)) By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Human Resources and the Chief of Police work with state officials to provide crossing guards on McGrath Highway.

RESULT: **WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.E.3. Resolution
(ID # [26-0098](#)) By Councilor Strezo
That the Director of Health and Human Services immediately install menstrual product dispensers that provide free menstrual products in all city owned bathrooms.

RESULT: **WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.E.4. Resolution
(ID # [26-0099](#)) By Councilor Strezo
That the Director of Health and Human Services immediately install menstrual product dispensers on each floor of City Hall that provide free menstrual products.

RESULT: **WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.E.5. Resolution
(ID # [26-0108](#)) By Councilor Strezo
That the Commissioner of Public Works install privacy film and replace the shades of the women's bathroom on the second floor of City Hall.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED6.E.6. Resolution
(ID # [26-0125](#))

By Councilor Strezo, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Link, Councilor Mbah, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Sait and Councilor Wheeler
That the City Council calls for an end to period poverty, and an end to barriers making it difficult for residents to be able to afford menstrual products in Somerville.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED6.E.7. Order
(ID # [26-0243](#))

By Councilor Link, Councilor Mbah and Councilor Scott
That the Director of Racial and Social Justice provide an update to this Council on the status of the Police Civilian Oversight Committee.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED6.E.8. Mayor's
Communication
(ID # [26-0348](#))

Conveying Public Safety for All findings and current initiatives.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED6.E.9. Resolution
(ID # [26-0647](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Administration update this Council on the ordering and maintenance of firefighter equipment such as fire engines, ladder trucks and all other fire apparatus.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED6.E.10. Resolution
(ID # [26-0824](#))

By Councilor Strezo and Councilor Clingan
That the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator submit a written report to this City Council regarding the timeline for ADA Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 under Title II, and the plan for its completion.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED6.E.11. Resolution
(ID # [26-0825](#))

By Councilor Strezo and Councilor Clingan
That the Administration submit a written report to this Council regarding the timeline and process for staffing the Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Coordinator role and update this Council on the plan to process ADA complaints and accessibility coordination when this position is vacant.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- 6.E.12. Resolution
(ID # [26-0838](#))
- By Councilor Link and Councilor Clingan
That the Chief Information Officer provide this Council with a summary report on the current accessibility status of city-operated digital properties including websites, platforms, and portals, and share any plans to ensure new properties comply with Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) using principles like “accessibility-first design.”

RESULT: **WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.E.13. Resolution
(ID # [26-0944](#))
- By Councilor Scott
That the Chief of Police provide documentation in writing regarding the circumstances surrounding cyclist traffic enforcement in Union Square on the morning of May 28.

RESULT: **WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.E.14. Resolution
(ID # [26-0972](#))
- By Councilor Sait, Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Mbah
That the Administration address the ongoing public health and safety concerns at the Broadway Salvation Army site.

RESULT: **WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.E.15. Resolution
(ID # [26-1018](#))
- By Councilor Hardt and Councilor Mbah
That the Chief of Police report to this Council on the response to the recent upsurge in drug use and other drug-related activity in public spaces in and around Davis Square, including in Hodgkins-Curtin park.

RESULT: **WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.E.16. Order
(ID # [25-1770](#))
- By Councilor Strezo
That this City Council discuss the safety of the Summer Street bike lane design around or near Putnam Street to Benton Road and how and if additional safety modifications can be made.

RESULT: **WORK COMPLETED**

6.F. SUSTAINABILITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

- 6.F.1. Committee Report
(ID # [26-1154](#))
- Report of the Committee on Sustainability and Infrastructure, meeting on June 29, 2026.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

- 6.F.2. Public Communication (ID # [26-1084](#)) Michael Lenotto submitting comments re: item #26-0650, the draft Combined Sewer Overflow Plan.

RESULT: **WORK COMPLETED**

7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 7.1. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1187](#)) Requesting that this Council convene in Executive Session to discuss 90 Washington Street.

The Council voted to enter into Executive Session to discuss this matter after being advised by City Solicitor Cindy Amara that the item to be discussed meets the criteria set forth in the MA Open Meeting Law

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

- 7.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0956](#)) Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Section 2-323 of the Code of Ordinances to update categories and associated salaries for non-union positions.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

- 7.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1156](#)) Requesting authorization to borrow \$130,392,395 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount to participate in the Clean Water State Revolving Fund for the Morrison Avenue Linear Storage project.

Director of Infrastructure Richard Raiche gave a presentation outlining a major infrastructure project to install underground stormwater storage, upgrade sewer infrastructure, and reduce flooding and combined sewer overflow discharges in the Morrison Avenue, Davis Square, Packard

Avenue, and Jay Street areas. He summarized the project's components, anticipated flood reduction benefits, improvements to combined sewer overflow management, design features, funding, and the project schedule required to secure approval through the State Revolving Fund program.

Mr. Raiche also reported that the city had been approved to borrow up to \$130 million in federal funding through the State Revolving Fund at an interest rate of 2 percent over a 30-year term and may be eligible for partial loan forgiveness.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

7.4. Mayor's Request
(ID # [26-1153](#))

Requesting the appropriation of \$834,595.05 from the Facility Renovation Stabilization Fund for continuing building design and construction services.

This item was discussed in conjunction with Item 26-1152.

Director of Infrastructure Richard Raiche explained that, at the close of Fiscal Year 2026, the City Council approved the transfer of funds into this stabilization fund for use during Fiscal Year 2026. He stated that the current request is to transfer those funds out of the stabilization fund so they may be appropriated for expenditure.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

7.5. Mayor's Request
(ID # [26-1152](#))

Requesting the appropriation of \$185,357.58 from the Street Reconstruction Stabilization Fund for continuing street, sidewalk, and pavement condition assessment and design services.

Discussed with item # 26-1153.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

7.6. Mayor's Request
(ID # [26-1155](#))

Requesting approval to appropriate \$50,000 from the Salary & Wage Stabilization Fund to establish a Police Detail Revolving Fund for Superior Officers.

Assistant City Solicitor of Labor Counsel Matthew Sirigu explained that the request is intended to implement a provision of the Memorandum of Agreement between the city and the Superior Officers Union. He stated that the revolving fund would be used to pay officers for detail assignments, after which vendors would reimburse the city for the detail costs, thereby replenishing the fund.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

7.7. Mayor's Request
(ID # [26-1199](#))

Requesting the appropriation of \$204,400 from the Salary Contingency Salaries Account to the Department of Public Works School Custodians Personal Services Account to fund a Memorandum of Agreement with the Service Employees International Union Chapter 3 - School Custodians.

Assistant City Solicitor of Labor Counsel Matthew Sirigu explained that the requested funds would be used to satisfy the Fiscal Year 2027 obligations under the Memorandum of Agreement between the city and the school custodians. He stated that the agreement has a three-year term covering Fiscal Years 2026, 2027, and 2028. Councilor Scott moved approval of the item.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

- 7.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1166](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Rachael Drew to the Affordable Housing Trust.

Councilor Mbah moved to waive the readings of items 7.8 through 7.14 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

- 7.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1167](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Duncan Stuard to the Affordable Housing Trust.

Councilor Mbah moved to waive the readings of items 7.8 through 7.14 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

- 7.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1168](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Danielle O'Hearn to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.

Councilor Mbah moved to waive the readings of items 7.8 through 7.14 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

7.11. Mayor's Request
(ID # [26-1169](#))

Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jessica Resendes to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.

Councilor Mbah moved to waive the readings of items 7.8 through 7.14 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

7.12. Mayor's Request
(ID # [26-1170](#))

Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Katie Andalcio to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.

Councilor Mbah moved to waive the readings of items 7.8 through 7.14 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

7.13. Mayor's Request
(ID # [26-1171](#))

Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Phoenix Stoddard to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.

Councilor Mbah moved to waive the readings of items 7.8 through 7.14 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

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- 7.14. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1172](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jessie Gerson-Nieder to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.
- Councilor Mbah moved to waive the readings of items 7.8 through 7.14 and approve them this evening.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- AYE:** Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah
- ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis
- 7.15. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1189](#)) Requesting approval of the Technology-Specific Surveillance Use Policy for Body Worn Cameras.
- This item was discussed in conjunction with item #26-1192.
Councilor Scott moved that the item be referred to the Legislative Matters Committee.
Director of Intergovernmental Affairs Amanda Nagim-Williams explained that these items are resubmissions of previously submitted items and address questions and concerns raised by councilors during the June 30, 2026 meeting of the Legislative Matters Committee. She requested that the items be laid on the table pending consideration at a special meeting.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee
- AYE:** Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah
- ABSENT:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis
- 7.16. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-1192](#)) Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Body Worn Cameras.
- Discussed with item #26-1189.
Councilor Scott moved that this item be sent to the Legislative Matters Committee. The motion was approved.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee
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AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

7.17. Mayor's
Communication
(ID # [26-1195](#))

Proclaiming July 2026 to be Disability Pride Month.

Discussed with item #26-1190

Mayor Wilson spoke of the importance of making people feel that they matter in this city.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

7.18. Mayor's
Communication
(ID # [26-1194](#))

Conveying responses to questions discussed by the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on June 30, 2026.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

8.1. Officer's
Communication
(ID # [26-1179](#))

Director of Economic Development conveying an update on the 90 Washington Street Request for Proposals.

Senior Planner Ben Demers provided an update on the request for proposals process to select a developer for the redevelopment of 90 Washington Street.

He reported that Wood Partners is the sole remaining respondent to the city's request for proposals after North River Leerink withdrew during the Best and Final Offer period.

Mr. Demers stated that staff reviewed the original proposals from both teams with the Civic Advisory Committee and the City Council, gathered feedback, and negotiated improvements. He reported that Wood Partners submitted an updated proposal on June 29, which includes increased housing, expanded community space, reduced parking, modifications to the building massing to improve pedestrian access, and an option allowing the city to reclaim a portion of the site. He noted that the proposal was undergoing final review by the Civic Advisory Committee, City Council, and Somerville Redevelopment Authority prior to a July 13 selection decision.

Councilor McLaughlin inquired about the necessity of constructing a new access road at the site, citing concerns regarding the potential loss of green space, and expressed concerns regarding the inclusion of Building 2. Councilor Strezo advocated for the inclusion of a laundromat, small grocery or convenience store, and banking facility within the project's retail space. Councilor Clingan inquired about the availability of affordable and accessible residential units. Councilor Scott asked about a specific financial aspect of the proposal, and Mr. Demers stated that he was unable to discuss that matter in an open session.

Councilor Scott expressed the opinion that the proposal should be rejected by the Somerville Redevelopment Authority and stated that the city should use its leverage to advance housing opportunities that benefit the greatest number of residents.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

8.2. Officer's
Communication
(ID # [26-1180](#))

Chief of Police conveying a bi-annual report, pursuant to Section 2-6(g) of the Code of Ordinances.

Councilor Scott stated that five Immigration and Customs Enforcement detainer requests were submitted but were not honored by the Police Department. He noted that, while he believed the Police Department acted appropriately, the situation raised questions regarding how Immigration and Customs Enforcement became aware of individuals in the Department's

custody.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

- 8.3. Officer's
Communication
(ID # [26-1188](#))

City Clerk conveying Block Party Licenses issued.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1. Public Event
(ID # [26-1162](#))

Arts Council applying for a Public Event License for Global Grooves: Rhythms of the Game on July 11 from 10am to 6pm (raindate July 12).

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

- 9.2. Public Event
(ID # [26-1164](#))

Paul Morgan applying for a Public Event License for Summer Cargo Bike Test Drive Event on July 26 from 9:30am to 12:30pm (raindate August 2).

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.2 through 9.3 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

9.3. Public Event
(ID # [26-1163](#))

Mutual Aid Medford and Somerville applying for a Public Event License for Mutual Aid Medford and Somerville Free Clothing Store on August 22 from 7:30am to 4pm (raindate August 23).

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 9.2 through 9.3 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

9.4. Public
Communication
(ID # [26-1165](#))

Davis Square Neighborhood Council submitting comments re: formal recognition by this Council as a neighborhood council under Chapter 7, Article IX of the Code of Ordinances.

Discussed with item #26-1157

Davis Square Neighborhood Council (DSNC) President Elaine F. Almquist, Vice President Chris Beland and Treasurer Peter (PJ) Kim-Santos gave a presentation on the DSNC, explaining who they are, how they were formed and what they work for on behalf of the neighborhood. Ms. Almquist spoke about the road to recognition and about building social bonds in the community. Councilor Scott stated his intention to hold a public hearing on this matter at the first available opportunity following the Council's summer recess.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

- 9.5. Public
Communication
(ID # [26-1185](#))

74 registered voters submitting a petition requesting a public hearing regarding the proposed ethical procurement ordinance, pursuant to Section 2-11 of the City Charter.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

- 9.6. Public
Communication
(ID # [26-1182](#))

Ten individuals, including four residents, submitting comments re: body-worn cameras.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

- 9.7. Public
Communication
(ID # [26-1183](#))

Pedestrian and Transit Advisory Committee submitting comments re: bus network redesign.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

- 9.8. Public Communication (ID # [26-1184](#)) Joel Paul submitting comments re: Davis Square neighborhood plan.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 10.1. License (ID # [26-1203](#)) Renewing Garage License, Assembly Square Auto Sales, 37 Mystic Avenue.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 10.1 through 10.7 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

- 10.2. License (ID # [26-1205](#)) New Livery License, Boston Elite Limo Service LLC, 20 Franklin Avenue, operating 1 vehicle.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 10.1 through 10.7 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

10.3. License
(ID # [26-1204](#))

New Livery License, Centurion Executive Transport, 139 Broadway, operating 1 vehicle.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 10.1 through 10.7 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

10.4. License
(ID # [26-1206](#))

Renewing Taxi Medallion License, BAETDA Transportation Services LLC, Med. #51,73,77,87.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 10.1 through 10.7 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

10.5. Public Event
(ID # [26-1207](#))

Public Library applying for a Public Event License for Comixcon 2026: Game On! on July 25 from 9am to 5pm (raindate August 1).

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 10.1 through 10.7 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

10.6. Public Event
(ID # [26-1216](#))

Office of Immigrant Affairs applying for a Public Event License for Somerville Nepali Street Food Festival on September 5 from 11:30am to 9:30pm (raindate September 6).

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 10.1 through 10.7 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

10.7. Public Event
(ID # [26-1215](#))

Communications & Public Engagement Department applying for a Public Event License for Civic Day on September 10 from 3pm to 7:30pm.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the readings of items 10.1 through 10.7 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

10.8. Public
Communication
(ID # [26-1200](#))

Kate Doolittle submitting comments re: Mass General Brigham strike.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

- 10.9. Public
Communication
(ID # [26-1201](#))

Henry Edward Hardy submitting comments re: body-worn cameras.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

- 10.10. Public
Communication
(ID # [26-1202](#))

Kevin McIntosh and Gabrielle Wirth submitting comments re: item #26-1165, Davis Square Neighborhood Council recognition.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

- 10.11. Public
Communication
(ID # [26-1208](#))

Christopher Rosol submitting comments re: off leash dogs.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, and City Councilor At Large Mbah

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

11. ADJOURNMENT

The motion on adjournment was passed with 10 Councilors in favor (Councilor Ewen- Campen, Link, Scott, Clingan, Strezo, Sait, Wheeler, Hardt, McLaughlin, Mbah), 1 absent (Councilor Davis).

The meeting was Adjourned at 12:07 AM.