



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

City Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 28, 2023

7:00 PM

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1. OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen. The City Council entered into recess at 8:38 PM and returned at 8:49 PM.

- 1.1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
(ID # [23-1467](#))

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

Present: City Councilor At Large Willie Burnley Jr.
City Councilor At Large Charlotte Kelly
City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo
City Councilor At Large Jake Wilson
Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin
Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott
Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen
Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan
Ward Five City Councilor Beatriz Gomez Mouakad
Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis
Ward Seven City Councilor Judy Pineda Neufeld

- 1.2. Remembrances Remembrances.
(ID # [23-1468](#))

Councilor Scott requested a moment of silence in memory of Rose Caterino. President Ewen-Campen requested a moment of silence in memory of John Nunziato.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

- 1.3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, August 24, 2023.
(ID # [23-1469](#))

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

1.4. Minutes
(ID # [23-1470](#))

Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting, August 31, 2023.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

2. **CITATIONS**

3. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

4. **ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

4.1. Resolution
(ID # [23-1428](#))

By Councilor Wilson and Councilor Pineda Neufeld
That the City of Somerville observe World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims.

Councilor Wilson noted that there were two instances of Somerville residents being struck crossing the street during September.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.2. Order
(ID # [23-1429](#))

By Councilor Scott, Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Wilson
That the Director of Mobility implement a quick-build safety treatment for the intersection of Prospect and Webster Streets.

Councilor Scott said this intersection has been a chronic problem and is extremely dangerous. He thinks that this problem could be addressed sooner than later. President Ewen-Campen noted that there are five streets converging at this location, which is very confusing, and he doesn't think that it's a situation that can wait for a long term solution.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.3. Resolution
(ID # [23-1430](#))

By Councilor Strezo and Councilor Burnley Jr.
That the Administration brief the City Council on how a 2023 federal government funding shutdown could impact Somerville.

Councilor Strezo would like to have a conversation on this and noted that SNAP benefits would cease for 125,000 families in MA and 7,000 federal workers in our region would be furloughed. Liaison Singh said city departments are gathering information to assess the impacts to the city and its residents. Councilor Burnley commented that the Head Start Program would be impacted also, along with child care.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.4. Communication
(ID # [23-1431](#))

By Councilor Strezo
Conveying a report of the Children's Cabinet meeting.

Councilor Strezo reported that the Cabinet has been working on out of school time programs as much as possible and noted that transportation remains a problem for after school programs. She went on to say that a coordinator position has been filled, that additional programming is coming,

and that the Youth Services Division is in place. The Cabinet has also had discussions about workforce development and a policy that appears to her to be poverty shaming.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.5. Order
(ID # [23-1432](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Davis

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.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad said projections won't be available until 2024-2025, but she thinks it's important to keep the study on track.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.6. Order
(ID # [23-1433](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Strezo

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.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.7. Order
(ID # [23-1434](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Ewen-Campen

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.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad spoke about other deficiencies with the building, saying that things are at the point where they have to be fixed.

RESULT: **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.8. Order
(ID # [23-1435](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Ewen-Campen

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.

RESULT: **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.9. Order
(ID # [23-1438](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Strezo
That the Chief of Police report on the training, education and policies established for officers to address violence against LGBTQ and gender non-conforming individuals.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad said she wants to make sure that officers have the proper training to address incidents involving violence against LGBTQ and gender non-conforming individuals.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.10. Order
(ID # [23-1439](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Davis
That the Director of Mobility, the Director of Engineering, and the Commissioner of Public Works consider integrating the installation of bike racks in sidewalks when conducting repairs to such sidewalks, including infill of trees that have been removed.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.11. Resolution
(ID # [23-1436](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Administration collaborate with the School Department on determining the best and future use of the 1895 Building.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad expressed concern that some city buildings aren't getting the focus they deserve.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.12. Resolution
(ID # [23-1437](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Ewen-Campen
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.

RESULT: **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.13. Order
(ID # [23-1441](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works address the sewage smell around 85 Washington Street.

Councilor McLaughlin moved to waive the reading of item 4.13 through 4.32 and asked that they be approved.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.14. Order
(ID # [23-1442](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works place an "Illegal Dumping" sign by the vacant lot on Maine Avenue, parallel to Interstate-93.

Councilor McLaughlin moved to waive the reading of item 4.13 through 4.32 and asked that they be approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.15. Order
(ID # [23-1443](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works ensure that the trash bin and adjacent trash outside of the Edgerly School on Otis Street is disposed of regularly and that rodent mitigation efforts are implemented.

Councilor McLaughlin moved to waive the reading of item 4.13 through 4.32 and asked that they be approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.16. Order
(ID # [23-1444](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works ensure that Knowlton Street is cleaned of any trash not picked up by street sweepers due to cars not having moved on street sweeping day.

Councilor McLaughlin moved to waive the reading of item 4.13 through 4.32 and asked that they be approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.17. Order
(ID # [23-1445](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the sidewalks on Knowlton Street and make repairs to ensure Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance.

Councilor McLaughlin moved to waive the reading of item 4.13 through 4.32 and asked that they be approved.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.18. Order
(ID # [23-1446](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works address the potholes on Benedict Avenue.

Councilor McLaughlin moved to waive the reading of item 4.13 through 4.32 and asked that they be approved.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.19. Order
(ID # [23-1447](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works pick up the multiple bags of trash at the intersection of Broadway, Mt. Vernon Street and Lombardi Way.

Councilor McLaughlin moved to waive the reading of item 4.13 through 4.32 and asked that they be approved.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.20. Order
(ID # [23-1448](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works conduct regular maintenance of trash and weed removal at the underpass from Broadway into Assembly Row.

Councilor McLaughlin moved to waive the reading of item 4.13 through 4.32 and asked that they be approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.21. Order
(ID # [23-1449](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair or replace the wooden barrier along Grand Union Blvd, behind the former Circuit City, and pick up the pile of wood in the vicinity.

Councilor McLaughlin moved to waive the reading of item 4.13 through 4.32 and asked that they be approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.22. Order
(ID # [23-1450](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works conduct regular maintenance along the medians on East Broadway.

Councilor McLaughlin moved to waive the reading of item 4.13 through 4.32 and asked that they be approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.23. Order
(ID # [23-1471](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works repaint the artificial curb extension on Myrtle Street.

Councilor McLaughlin moved to waive the reading of item 4.13 through 4.32 and asked that they be approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.24. Order
(ID # [23-1472](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the empty tree well in front of 38 Pearl Street and install a new tree.

Councilor McLaughlin moved to waive the reading of item 4.13 through 4.32 and asked that they be approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.25. Order
(ID # [23-1473](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Water and Sewer address the leaky fire hydrant by Pinckney and Pearl Streets.

Councilor McLaughlin moved to waive the reading of item 4.13 through 4.32 and asked that they be approved.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.26. Order
(ID # [23-1451](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin

That the Director of Inspectional Services address the excessive light pollution and after-hours activity at the car wash at 31 Washington Street and report back to the Ward 1 Councilor.

Councilor McLaughlin moved to waive the reading of item 4.13 through 4.32 and asked that they be approved.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.27. Order
(ID # [23-1452](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin

That the Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry inspect the trees on Mt. Vernon Street, close to Broadway, that are intertwined with wires, and take appropriate measures.

Councilor McLaughlin moved to waive the reading of item 4.13 through 4.32 and asked that they be approved.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.28. Order
(ID # [23-1453](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry inspect the tree at 29 Knowlton Street and determine if it is dead and needs to be cut down.

Councilor McLaughlin moved to waive the reading of item 4.13 through 4.32 and asked that they be approved.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.29. Order
(ID # [23-1454](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Engineering implement additional traffic calming measures near the Edgerly school on Cross, Otis and Bonair Streets, to include speed bumps and street paint.

Councilor McLaughlin moved to waive the reading of item 4.13 through 4.32 and asked that they be approved.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.30. Order
(ID # [23-1455](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Engineering address the water drainage issues at the intersection of Cross, Ellsworth and Otis Streets.

Councilor McLaughlin moved to waive the reading of item 4.13 through 4.32 and asked that they be approved.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.31. Order
(ID # [23-1456](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin

That the Director of Engineering install a speed hump and curb extension on Myrtle Street to address speeding traffic.

Councilor McLaughlin moved to waive the reading of item 4.13 through 4.32 and asked that they be approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.32. Order
(ID # [23-1457](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin

That the Director of Engineering install speed bumps on Mt. Vernon Street.

Councilor McLaughlin moved to waive the reading of item 4.13 through 4.32 and asked that they be approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.33. Resolution
(ID # [23-1440](#))

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

In recognition of the trend to curtail access to books and other resources.

Councilor McLaughlin spoke about the 1st Amendment and said that books banned in years past are accepted reading today. He sponsored Laura Saunders to speak, who said that there has been an exponential rise in challenges to books and that it's happening all over the country and it prevents people from getting information. Over 30 states have passed or are trying to pass legislation to facilitate banning books. Councilor McLaughlin also sponsored Christina Ciampa to speak on the matter. She is a vendor with the library and schools in the city for LGBTQ books. She spoke about the hate and resistance to having different views about how people live and

said that librarians and teachers need to be protected from banning books.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.34. Ordinance
(ID # [23-1461](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr.

Amending Section 12-116 of the Code of Ordinances to create a Safe Streets ordinance, to expedite protected bike lanes.

Councilor Burnley said that this is about making residents safe. He commented that he understands that a thoughtful approach to this matter is necessary and that additional regular working sessions will be held to work out any problems that may arise. Councilor Davis requested that this item be sent to the Law Department for review in preparation for discussions in committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

4.35. Order
(ID # [23-1460](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Ewen-Campen

That the Director of Planning, Preservation and Zoning discuss with this Council the potential benefits and detriments of removing all parking minimums.

Councilor Burnley noted that there is a deep desire to remove parking minimums from our society and explained that this just says that the city won't force someone to build parking at a certain level.

RESULT: **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.36. Resolution
(ID # [23-1458](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Kelly, Councilor Scott, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Davis
In support of a prison moratorium and elder parole.

Councilor Burnley spoke in support of two bills (S.1979/H.1795) that would require a five-year prison and jail construction moratorium. He noted that MA has seen a rapid decline in the number of incarcerated women over the last decade and that approximately 20% of women incarcerated at MCI-Framingham are pre-trial detainees from Middlesex County who can't afford to pay the freedom extortion, i.e., bail. He also spoke about a way that MA could continue to maximize pathways for release through implementing elder parole by passing an Act which would make people ages 55 and older eligible to see the Parole Board after they have served half of their sentence or at least 15 years.

He sponsored Evan Drucker Chardle and Michaela Kaplan, who said that many rabbis are supporting this effort and that 200 Somerville residents have also acted in support. A 5-year pause would allow time to focus on decarceration and ways to reimagine communities, not prisons. Councilor Burnley asked that a copy of the Resolution be sent to the Governor's Office.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.37. Resolution
(ID # [23-1459](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Kelly and Councilor Scott
In opposition to "Cop City".

Councilor Burnley sponsored Barka Bendhadi to speak, who said that as a Somerville resident, she refuses to let voices be silenced in the midst of ecological destruction, rampant police violence, and the brutal obstruction of protest and descent and said that affiliation with Cop City should be opposed in any way possible. She stated that a single tree struck down in Atlanta is a threat to clean air for all of us here and that deforestation of the Weelaunee Forest increases everybody's vulnerability to the climate crisis. Additionally, she said that militarized police forces have formed the backbone of oppression against black, brown, trans and queer communities in our country for centuries. Ms. Bendhadi said that if Cop City is allowed to be built, police forces from around the country will be invited to come to Atlanta to learn better ways to attack, harass, terrorize and even kill members of neighborhoods under the guise of public safety. She went on to speak about those who had been arrested for protesting Cop City and said that no one should have to spend their time in a cage for anything.

Councilor Burnley stated that Cop City would impact everyone and that supporting this Resolution is a stand against militarized policing and a stand for the environment. Councilor Scott spoke about following up at a future

point to ensure that no Somerville Police Department personnel attend training at the facility. Councilor McLaughlin asked to be recorded as voting 'no' on the Resolution, saying that he feels that this has nothing to do with the City of Somerville and is of no consequence, adding that he's tired of issues of no consequence being put before the City Council. Councilor Pineda Neufeld expressed her concern about quality of life issues in the city and wants to spend her time working for city residents. She also asked to be recorded as voting 'no' on the Resolution. Councilor Gomez Mouakad asked to be recorded as voting 'no' on the Resolution and spoke about kids being caged at the border, adding that there are people in this community who are struggling and that's where the City Council's efforts should be focused. Councilor Kelly apologized to the speakers for the disrespect shown for their concerns and noted that Somerville is designing a \$100 million cop city of its own in competition to Atlanta's. Councilor McLaughlin stated that he is not disrespecting anyone and that he's just saying that the City Council has no role voting on issues in Atlanta. That, he said, is disrespectful to Atlanta's citizens and is pandering.

Councilor Davis agreed that there will be no positive impact from this resolution but noted that the City Council often supports resolutions as symbolic actions. He expressed concern that a roll call vote on this item isn't helpful to anyone and he suggested that it be referred to the Committee on Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations. Councilor Davis said that, although he supports the spirit of the item, he has concerns with some of the language. Councilor Burnley said that the subject matter has directly impacted members of our community and that he doesn't care if other Councilors feel that discussing this Resolution makes it impossible for them to deal with other issues. He said the behavior of some Councilors tonight was atrocious and that he wasn't entirely surprised by it. Councilor Burnley asked that a roll call vote be taken on the item. Councilor Gomez Mouakad said that she takes responsibility if she was disrespectful and commented that time, money and resources are finite. Councilor Davis requested that the City Solicitor provide an opinion regarding Somerville Police Department personnel going to Cop City. He asked Councilor Burnley if he would remove the words "accepting trainees from" from the Resolution as having them on record might come into play at a future point in time. Councilor Burnley opted to keep the language as is and Councilor Davis commented that the language is unwise.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

NAY: City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 5.1. Grant of Location Eversource applying for an amendment to License BL22-000036, a Grant of Location for 205 Beacon Street.
(ID # [23-1391](#))

Jacqueline Duffy, representing Eversource, was available for questions. Councilor Scott said the concern is that accepting some requests and denying others might be viewed as discriminatory. In this particular case, his inclination is to recommend approval of the item.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

6.A. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 6.A.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on September 26, 2023.
(ID # [23-1413](#))

Councilor Wilson presented the Committee Report and said that a number of items were discussed, among them, acceptance and expenditure of grants, appropriations, payment of prior invoices, departmental transfers, and a contract extension.

Councilor Scott said that he had asked the administration for additional information regarding grants to the Police Department and noted that he has received some material but is still somewhat vexed. He's ok with severing the items and returning them to the Finance Committee.

Councilor Kelly said that the committee voted to approve the items predicated on receiving the info tonight. She asked to sever item #23-1263 and return it to the committee.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 6.A.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1127](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend an additional \$300,000, with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Infectious Disease & Laboratory Sciences to the Health and Human Services Department for COVID-19 case investigation and contact tracing.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 6.A.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1160](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$3,867.08 using available funds in the Health and Human Services Professional & Technical Services Account for revenue management consulting services.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 6.A.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1204](#)) Requesting approval to appropriate \$150,000 from the Salary & Wage Stabilization Fund to the Police Department - Personnel Services - Other Lump Sum Benefits Account to settle pending litigation.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 6.A.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1234](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$250,000 grant with no new match required, from MA Department of Housing and Community Development to the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development Mobility Division for the study/design of sound walls for interstate-93 near the Mystic housing developments.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 6.A.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1244](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$61,710 grant that requires a match, from Metro North Regional Employment Board to the Health and Human Services Department for YouthWorks Summer Program.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 6.A.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1246](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$3,867.08 using available funds in the Health and Human Services Professional and Technical Services Account for Public Consulting Group for Medicaid billing services.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 6.A.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1251](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$2,684 using available funds in the Health and Human Services Professional and Technical Services Account for The Throne Depot for portable restrooms.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld
- 6.A.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1252](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$3,830 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General to the Health and Human Services Department for the FY 2024 Healthy Summer Youth Jobs program.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld
- 6.A.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1260](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$2,105.53 from the Salary Contingency Account to the Medicare Account for Medicare tax reimbursement.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld
- 6.A.11. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1262](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$13,616.79 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for the purchase of ten motorcycle operator headsets that include microphones.
- RESULT:** APPROVED

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

6.A.12.Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1263](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$75,000 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department to support the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) sustainability and upgrades.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

6.A.13.Resolution (ID # [23-1291](#)) By Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Ewen-Campen
 That the Administration update this Council regarding progress toward Portland Loos.

RESULT: **WORK COMPLETED**

6.A.14.Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1298](#)) Requesting approval to appropriate \$513,421 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to replace seven police vehicles.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

6.A.15.Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1316](#)) Requesting approval to extend and amend a contract with Warner Larson Incorporated for an additional three years, and a revised amount of \$123,683.35, for the redesign and improvements of the Auxiliary Sports Fields at Dilboy Park.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

6.A.16. Mayor's Request
(ID # [23-1348](#))

Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$118.44 using available funds in the Department of Infrastructure and Management Office Supplies Account for office supplies.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

6.A.17. Mayor's Request
(ID # [23-1351](#))

Requesting approval to appropriate \$100,000 from the Encore Artist and Cultural Support Stabilization Fund to support Local Cultural Council grants to artists, organizations, and schools.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

6.B. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

6.B.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-1411](#)) Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on September 20, 2023.

Councilor Strezo presented the Committee Report. Among the items discussed by the committee were the planning process for the Armory Building, the hiring process and staffing numbers for crossing guards and ways to attract candidates for crossing guard positions.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

6.B.2. Order
(ID # [23-1308](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Strezo
That the Director of the Arts Council and the Director of Economic Development take the steps outlined within, relative to the Armory building.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.B.3. Order
(ID # [22-1566](#))

By Councilor Strezo, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Burnley Jr.

That the Director of Human Resources update this Council on the hiring process and staffing numbers for crossing guards for the 2022-2023 school year.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.B.4. Order
(ID # [22-1567](#))

By Councilor Strezo, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Burnley Jr.

That the Director of Human Resources discuss the possibility of modernizing crossing guard positions to attract candidates and increase hiring.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.C. LAND USE COMMITTEE

6.C.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on September 21, 2023.
(ID # [23-1412](#))

Councilor McLaughlin presented the Committee Report and said that a 'down zoning' item was approved and that an item for White Street Place was discharged w/no recommendation so that the Ward Five councilor could weigh in. Councilor Gomez Mouakad explained the situation and asked that the item be tabled for two weeks to give her time to hear from constituents.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

6.C.2. Public
Communication
(ID # [23-1033](#))

David Einis requesting the adoption of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Map to change the zoning district of 0 White Street Place from Mid-Rise 4 (MR4) to Urban Residential (UR) and 14 White Street Place from Neighborhood Residential (NR) to UR.

RESULT: **LAID ON THE TABLE**

6.C.3. Public
Communication
(ID # [23-1070](#))

Daniel C. and Lieba R. Savitt requesting an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Map to change the zoning district of 113 Prospect Street from Urban Residence (UR) to Neighborhood Residence (NR).

RESULT: **ORDINANCE ORDAINED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

6.D. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

6.D.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-1410](#)) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on September 19, 2023.

Councilor Davis presented the Committee Report and spoke about two surveillance technology items that were kept in committee awaiting additional information from the administration.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 6.D.2. Public Communication (ID # [23-0219](#)) Bicycle Advisory Committee submitting comments re: ticketing by 311.

RESULT: **WORK COMPLETED**

6.E. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

- 6.E.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-1409](#)) Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on September 18, 2023.

Councilor Gome Mouakad presented the Committee Report and spoke about the discussion of the Citywide Bicycle Network Plan, which took up most of the meeting.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 6.E.2. Order (ID # [23-0289](#)) By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Commissioner of Public Works install high visibility flexible bollards at all entrances to the Community Path from a vehicular road, to prevent the entry of non-authorized vehicles into the path.

RESULT: **WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.E.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0585](#)) Requesting approval of the Citywide Bicycle Network Plan.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 6.E.4. Order
(ID # [23-0900](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad
That the Director of Mobility and the Director of Engineering integrate traffic calming measures on Hudson and Summer Streets and plan for the work to be implemented prior to the start of the Highland Avenue improvement construction.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.E.5. Order
(ID # [23-0901](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad
That the Director of Mobility develop a strategy for the implementation of speed radar detectors on north-south cut-through streets throughout the city, including but not limited to Central Street and Cedar Street.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.E.6. Order
(ID # [23-1297](#))
- By Councilor Wilson
That the Director of Mobility work with relevant departments and divisions to install wayfinding signage on the Community Path, including freeway exit-style signage on the Community Path Extension, given that segment's limited access.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.E.7. Order
(ID # [23-1312](#))
- By Councilor Wilson, Councilor Davis and Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Director of Mobility update this Council on plans to expand bicycle parking in the city, with a focus on Davis Square and Union Square including potentially using intersection daylighting spaces for bike racks.
- That the Director of Mobility update this Council on plans to expand bicycle parking in the city, with a focus on Davis Square, Union Square, and Ball Square including potentially using intersection daylighting spaces for bike racks.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**
- 7.1. Mayor's Request
(ID # [23-1407](#))
- Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Section 2-373 of the Code of Ordinances, to establish a Vaccine Revolving Fund.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.2 and 7.4 through 7.12 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.2. Mayor's Request
(ID # [23-1408](#))
- Requesting approval to authorize a FY 2024 expenditure limitation of \$60,000 for the Vaccine Revolving Fund.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.2 and

7.4 through 7.12 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

7.3. Mayor's Request
(ID # [23-1400](#))

Requesting authorization to borrow \$973,985 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for the cost of acquiring a custom Fire Pumper.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

7.4. Mayor's Request
(ID # [23-1401](#))

Requesting approval of a transfer of \$29,780 from the Health and Human Services Professional and Technical Services Account to the Council on Aging Professional and Technical Services Account for nutritional counseling and education at the Senior Center.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.2 and 7.4 through 7.12 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

7.5. Mayor's Request
(ID # [23-1398](#))

Requesting the use of \$1,500 in available funds in the Inspectional Services Staff Development Account to establish a Food and Refreshments Account, to provide food and refreshments for staff during quarterly training sessions.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.2 and 7.4 through 7.12 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

7.6. Mayor's Request
(ID # [23-1341](#))

Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$220,560 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to the Health and Human Services Department for Tobacco Control Prevention.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.2 and 7.4 through 7.12 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1402](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$75,000 grant with no new match required, from MA Department of Housing and Community Development to the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development Administration Division for a partnership with the City of Medford to examine the zoning and economic development potential of the parcels along Broadway that are split by the municipal boundary.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.2 and 7.4 through 7.12 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1424](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend an \$18,400 grant with no new match required, from Mass Cultural Council to the Arts Council for unrestricted operating support.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.2 and 7.4 through 7.12 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1427](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$2,298.83 using available funds in the Human Resources Arbitration Services Account for arbitration transcription services.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.2 and 7.4 through 7.12 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1425](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$2,250 using available funds in the Human Resources Arbitration Services Account for arbitration services.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.2 and 7.4 through 7.12 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.11. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1419](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$2,207.50 using available funds in the Fire Department Professional & Technical Account for medical case management costs.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.2 and 7.4 through 7.12 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.12. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1426](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$440 using available funds in the Human Resources Professional & Technical Services Account for language testing services.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 through 7.2 and 7.4 through 7.12 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 8.1. Officer's Communication (ID # [23-1353](#)) City Clerk requesting approval to release thirteen sets of Executive Session minutes as described within.

President Ewen-Campen stated that City Solicitor has approved the release of these minutes. City Clerk Wells explained that this is a normal procedure governed by the Rules of the Council.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

- 8.2. Officer's Communication (ID # [23-1396](#)) Fair Housing Commission conveying the Fiscal Year 2022 Fair Housing Commission Annual Report.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 8.3. Officer's Communication (ID # [23-1405](#)) School Committee Chair conveying the appointment of Emily Ackman to the PILOT Advisory Task Force.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**
AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

8.4. Officer's Communication (ID # [23-1406](#))

School Committee Chair conveying the appointment of Matthew Caughey to the PILOT Advisory Task Force.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**
AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1. License (ID # [23-1420](#))

New Drainlayer's License, JF Excavation Corp.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.7 and 10.17 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.2. License (ID # [23-1421](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, McGue Excavating LLC.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.7 and 10.17 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.3. License
(ID # [23-1422](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Meninno Construction Co. Inc.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.7 and 10.17 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.4. License
(ID # [23-1423](#))

Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Sam's Falafel and Shawarma, 215 Highland Ave.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.7 and 10.17 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.5. License
(ID # [23-1465](#))

Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Sadel and G Transportation, Inc, Med #70.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.7 and 10.17 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.6. Public Event
(ID # [23-1462](#))

Tareq Rantisi applying for a Public Event License for World Music Concert Series: Celebrate Diverse Somerville on October 15 from 11:30am to 4:30pm. (raindate October 22).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.7 and 10.17 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.7. Public Event
(ID # [23-1463](#))

East Somerville Main Streets applying for a Public Event License for Halloween BP & Pet Parade on October 28 from 1pm to 7pm (raindate October 29).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.7 and 10.17 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.8. Public
Communication
(ID # [23-1381](#))

Four residents submitting comments re: item #23-0791, amending the Zoning Ordinances to include vegetated roofs.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.9. Public
Communication
(ID # [23-1464](#))

Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) conveying the alteration of a location of a section of State highway.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

10.1. Order
(ID # [23-1476](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Mobility place NOT A THROUGH STREET signs on the Washington Street side of Franklin and Washington Avenues.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

10.2. Order
(ID # [23-1477](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Water and Sewer clean the sewers along Chester Avenue.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

10.3. Order
(ID # [23-1480](#))

By Councilor Scott

That the Chief of Police provide a written explanation, and any accompanying documentation, of the Police Department's receipt of GrayKey surveillance technology from Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI)/Boston without requiring a grant acceptance from the City Council.

Councilor Scott said that he wants to understand the funding source.

RESULT: **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

10.4. Order
(ID # [23-1481](#))

By Councilor Scott

That the Commissioner of Public Works clear the low-hanging plant growth overhanging the Prospect Street sidewalk over the rail right-of-way, opposite the Union Square stop.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

10.5. Order
(ID # [23-1482](#))

By Councilor Scott

That the Director of Inspectional Services issue any appropriate citations for overgrowth at 50 Webster Avenue blocking the northbound sidewalk, and arrange for the Public Works Department to clear the growth if not removed by the property owner by Friday September 29, 2023.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

10.6. Order
(ID # [23-1483](#))

By Councilor Scott

That the Commissioner of Public Works clear weeds and vegetation on the north fence line of the city-owned lot at 217 Somerville Avenue.

Councilor Scott said residents in the area are complaining about this situation.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

10.7. Order
(ID # [23-1484](#))

By Councilor Scott

That the Director of Engineering, in conjunction with the Mayor, schedule a meeting with the Duck Village and Perry Park neighborhoods about continuing flooding problems.

Councilor Scott said this has been an ongoing problem for years and he would like a commitment from the Administration to deal with it.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 10.8. Order
(ID # [23-1485](#))
- By Councilor Scott
That the Chief of Police share with this Council, copies of any reports of noise complaints for Sally O'Brien's at 335 Somerville Avenue, during 2023.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 10.9. Order
(ID # [23-1486](#))
- By Councilor Scott
That the Director of Inspectional Services, the Chief of Police and the City Clerk meet with this Council to discuss the operation of duly licensed live music venues in the city, and the applicability of the Noise Ordinance as written.

Councilor Scott commented that the ordinance isn't to penalize any business, but he would like to make sure that everyone is on the same page.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 10.10. Order
(ID # [23-1487](#))
- By Councilor Scott
That the City Solicitor and the Director of Planning, Preservation and Zoning assist in drafting an ordinance amendment prohibiting the placement of transformers and other electrical transmission infrastructure above ground within the city limits without specific approval by a Special Permit Granting Authority, or other appropriate mechanism.

Councilor Scott said most transformer requests go through a site plan review. The problem is that in some cases the equipment can't be run off pole, so a transformer needs to be placed underground or above ground. The city's policy is to not allow above ground installations. The right of way legislation (MGL Chapter 166 Sections 22A-N) details ways that a municipality may prevent above ground installations. Councilor Scott

submitted a corresponding motion, (see item #23-1494).

RESULT: **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

10.11. Mayor's Request
(ID # [23-1198](#))

Requesting ordainment of an amendment to the Somerville Zoning Ordinances, Sections 3.1 Neighborhood Residence and 3.2 Urban Residence, to permit the house and triple decker building types without any conditions, and to repeal the lot depth, dwelling units per lot, and development benefits requirements.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

10.12. Mayor's Request
(ID # [23-1489](#))

Requesting ordainment of an amendment to the Somerville Zoning Ordinances to replace the text of Section 9.1.11 Residential Use Categories and revise Table 9.1.1 Permitted Uses and the corresponding permitted use table of each zoning district, in accordance with changes to Table 9.1.1, to replace the two residential use categories.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

10.13. Mayor's Request
(ID # [23-1478](#))

Requesting the time only extension of two months, to November 30, 2023, for the Inspectional Services Residential Property Rodent Control Program contract.

Director Antanavica clarified that this is for the residential program.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 10.14. Officer's Communication (ID # [23-1466](#)) Licensing Commission conveying a change to the Rules and Regulations of the Somerville Licensing Commission regarding closed captioning.
- RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE
- AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld
- 10.15. Officer's Communication (ID # [23-1490](#)) Chief of Police conveying supplemental information regarding items #23-1262 and #23-1263, grants from Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Management.
- RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE
- AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld
- 10.16. License (ID # [23-1479](#)) New Extended Operating Hours License, Dumpling Garden, 273 Broadway, opening Sunday-Saturday from 10am to 2am for in-store, take-out and delivery service.
- RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
- FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee
- 10.17. Public Event (ID # [23-1491](#)) Daniel Wong applying for a Public Event License for Oak Street BP on September 30 from 1pm to 7pm (raindate October 1).
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.7 and 10.17 and approve them this evening.
- RESULT:** APPROVED

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

10.18. Public Communication (ID # [23-1488](#))

1,136 individuals (556 residents) submitting comments re: Armory building.

Stephanie Scherpf, Executive Director of Arts at the Armory said that a community meeting was held and a petition created and delivered to the city urging that four actions be taken. 1) abandon the present model, 2) adopt a 3rd party model, 3) develop an RFP, and 4) work with a consultant. To date, a response from the city has not been received. The members of the Arts community have given Arts at the Armory the mandate to carry the future of building forward. Director Scherpf said that the petitioners don't think that the city has the ability to carry out the process without their input. She commented that she recently spoke at a Housing and Community Development Committee meeting and left frustrated. She believes that the city's approach has been to hold up the process, noting that this matter has been going on for over two years. She said that the building is already a success and that her organization wants to help the city and she thinks that the Armory Master Plan needs to be re-started. Councilor Gomez Mouakad agrees that the process needs to start over with input from the tenants. President Ewen-Campen noted that the reason the city took the building by eminent domain was to protect the artist community and he believes that the issue will be worked out.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

11. LATE ITEMS

11.1. Order
(ID # [23-1494](#))

By Councilor Scott

That the Planning Board consider whether the public safety, health, convenience or welfare would be advanced by implementation of a program (a) prohibiting new installation or construction of or (b) requiring progressive removal of poles and overhead wires and associated overhead structures within all or any part or parts of the municipality, in accordance with MGL Chapter 166 Sections 22A-N.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:22 PM.