



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

City Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 13, 2023

7:00 PM

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1. OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen. The Council entered Executive Session at 7:50 PM and returned at 8:53 PM.

- 1.1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
(ID # [23-1173](#))

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 Five City Councilor Beatriz Gomez Mouakad
Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis
Ward Seven City Councilor Judy Pineda Neufeld

Absent: Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan

- 1.2. Remembrances Remembrances.
(ID # [23-1174](#))

Councilor McLaughlin offered a remembrance for Bob Pettinelli.
Councilor McLaughlin offered a remembrance for Mike Ivy.
Councilor McLaughlin offered a remembrance for Chris White.
President Ewen-Campen offered a remembrance on behalf of Councilor Clingan and the entire Council for Evelyn "Evie" LeSage, Councilor Clingan's mother-in-law.
Councilor Wilson offered a remembrance on behalf of Councilor Clingan for James "Jimmy" McCallum, former Ward 4 Alderman and Housing Authority Commissioner.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

- 1.3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, June 8, 2023.
(ID # [23-1175](#))

RESULT: APPROVED

2. CITATIONS

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 3.1. Grant of Location Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 158 feet of conduit in Washington Street, from Utility Pole 358/18 to Manhole 15060 near the intersection of Knowlton Street, Tufts Street, and Washington Street.
(ID # [23-1132](#))

The President opened the public hearing.

Jacqueline Duffy, representing Eversource, presented the proposal to supply electric service to 121 Washington Street.

Robert Schofield requested information about the specific manhole location. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED

4. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

- 4.1. Withdrawn Withdrawn.
(ID # [23-1128](#))

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

- 4.2. Resolution By Councilor Ewen-Campen
(ID # [23-1162](#)) That the Chief of Police adopt a policy of de-prioritizing enforcement against cyclists who treat red lights as stop signs when it is safe to do so (the "Idaho Stop") in recognition of the compelling United States Department of Transportation data supporting this practice.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld assumed the Chair.

Councilor Ewen-Campen noted that he is not advocating to throw traffic laws out the window, but the Police Department has been issuing tickets to cyclists running red lights. He has learned that there are now 8 states that have legalized the "Idaho stop", which allows cyclists to treat a stop sign as a yield and a red light as a stop sign. In all cases, cyclists must still yield to pedestrians. The Department of Transportation has analyzed street safety data in the 8 states and concluded that the Idaho stop leads to an increase in safety and no increased risk for pedestrians, people using mobility devices, or vehicles. People not getting hurt is the most important issue.

Councilor Ewen-Campen noted that while the city does not have authority over the legality, it does have discretion around enforcement. Any decisions will be determined by the Mayor and Chief of Police, but this resolution is introduced to begin the important public conversation.

Councilor Ewen-Campen sponsored Alessandra Seiter to speak. Alessandra Seiter, Ward 5 resident, voiced strong support, noting recent efforts to de-criminalize jaywalking and de-prioritize enforcement of drug use and

possession. The Idaho stop is a common-sense, inexpensive, and immediate way to make streets safer.

Councilor Ewen-Campen sponsored Mark Chase to speak. Mark Chase, lecturer in transportation planning at Tufts University, highlighted that Somerville is a VisionZero city, and has limited resources. This is a valuable way to ensure safety of cyclists as well as pedestrians and a better use of resources.

Councilor McLaughlin expressed appreciation for giving a name to something that is frequently done. He emphasized common sense and safety. He also highlighted that the grant funding focused on fliers to educate people about bicycle safety.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

4.3. Resolution
(ID # [23-1164](#))

By Councilor Ewen-Campen

That the Administration immediately begin the design and community outreach process for the redesign of Highland Avenue from McGrath Highway to Central Street, which is the highest priority route on the Bike Network Plan that is under municipal control.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad assumed the chair.

Councilor Ewen-Campen expressed his frustrations with the delays to the Highland Ave reconstruction. He asked that the administration share his sense of urgency for the reconstruction considering Highland Ave's priority within the bike network plan.

Councilor Wilson shared similar frustrations as Councilor Ewen-Campen and was dismayed with the loss of two years of this project.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

4.4. Order
(ID # [23-1168](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin

That the Chief of Police and the Commissioner of Public Works address the dumping of trash, and the overgrowth of state properties near Maine Terrace, close to Interstate-93.

RESULT: APPROVED

4.5. Order
(ID # [23-1170](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works address the overgrowth along McGrath Highway that is impeding pedestrian use.

RESULT: APPROVED

4.6. Order
(ID # [23-1171](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works address the trash around 165 Broadway.

RESULT: APPROVED4.7. Resolution
(ID # [23-1169](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin

That the Administration consider working with the Commonwealth to utilize vacant, vegetated state lands close to Interstate-93 that are currently blighted, for open space and pollution mitigation.

Councilor McLaughlin stated there are small plots of land along the state street right up to I-93 that are owned by the state. Councilor McLaughlin believes the city should have the conversation regarding taking over the land for possible open space for the city.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee4.8. Resolution
(ID # [23-1166](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin

That this City Council declares Somerville a Purple Heart Community and recognizes August 7 annually as Purple Heart Day.

Councilor McLaughlin gave some history regarding the purple heart and its significance. Councilor McLaughlin shared his gratitude for Director of Veteran Services Ted Louis-Jacques and his work with the city. Director Louis-Jacques stated that he spent time with Tom Kelly, a purple heart recipient, and returned to his department with the desire to have the city recognize those who have received a purple heart.

RESULT: APPROVED4.9. Resolution
(ID # [23-1172](#))

By Councilor Kelly and Councilor McLaughlin

That the Administration update this Council on locations of sharps collection stations and work with the Commissioner of Public Works to install sharps collection stations in all public restrooms.

Councilor Kelly stated they did receive an update on the overdose prevention center. While receiving this update Councilor Kelly spoke about sharps collection stations being located in public spaces and the city is looking to include them in the new Portland loos. Councilor Kelly also requested that a list of where sharps collection stations currently exist for the public.

Councilor Wilson stated his support of this request as he has heard from constituents regarding their worries around needing spaces for injectables to be disposed of.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld also added to the conversation that this requests goes further than those who may be using drugs but also those who have medical reasons for sharps.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 5.1. Order (ID # [23-0922](#)) By Councilor Wilson
That the City Solicitor appear in executive session pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3) to update this council on the status of collective bargaining negotiations with all municipal bargaining units.
- The council returned from executive session at 8:53PM.
No votes were taken in executive session except the vote to return to open session.
- 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 Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld
- ABSENT:** Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

6.A. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- 6.A.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-1140](#)) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on July 10, 2023.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld reported on the actions taken by the committee. Councilor Pineda Neufeld stated the committee took up three appointments. One appointment with the Condominium Review Board and two appointments with the Biosafety Committee. The Biosafety Committee is currently going through a revamp which will change the structure of the committee to include seats for city department representatives.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.A.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1059](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Michael Switkez to the Biosafety Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.A.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1064](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Francine Rogers to the Biosafety Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.A.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1075](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Elizabeth Champion to the Condominium Review Board.

RESULT: APPROVED

6.B. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- 6.B.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on July 12, 2023.
(ID # [23-1159](#))

Councilor Davis reported on the actions taken by the Committee. Councilor Davis stated the committee proposed amendment to the condominium conversion ordinance. The committee made a few changes to the ordinance. Councilor Davis wanted to point out three primary objectives of the amendment. One being the introduction of an alternate member on the condo review board. The second objective is to provide improvements to the language as needed. The third objective is to remove the city's right to purchase a unit if a tenant elects not to exercise their right purchase a unit that will be converted. The ordinance was challenged in court and was mostly upheld except for the city's right to purchase a unit. Thus making that portion of the ordinance unenforceable. The Committee recommended the proposed amendment for approval as amended.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.B.2. Mayor's Request Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Sections 7-63 through 7-67 of the Code of Ordinances, the Condominium Conversion Ordinance.
(ID # [23-1104](#))

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 Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

6.C. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- 6.C.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on July 12, 2023.
(ID # [23-1142](#))

Councilor Burnley reported on the actions taken by the committee. Councilor Burnley stated the committee took up four items although two items were not voted on as the applicant did not appear despite numerous attempts to contact them. There was also a vote on a new garage license with the condition that they reduce the number of cars the applicant can store outside.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.C.2. License Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 141 Beacon St.
(ID # [23-0582](#))

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.C.3. License New Garage License, New England Collision Center Inc, 224 Somerville Ave, 10 cars inside, 4 cars outside for mechanical repairs, autobody work, spray painting, and washing vehicles, Mon-Fri: 8am-6pm, Sat: 8am-2pm, and Sun: closed.
(ID # [23-1062](#))

3 cars outside and no vehicle may be on the sidewalk

RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

6.D. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- 6.D.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on July 10, 2023.
(ID # [23-1148](#))

Councilor Kelly reported on the actions taken by the committee. The committee discussed the methodology regarding pedestrian and cyclists stops. They received data regarding how many stops were made to pedestrians and cyclists, also how many written warnings were issued. Another issue discussed was the use of unmarked vehicles for traffic enforcement. There was a conversation in committee regarding a gun buy back program. The item regarding the pilot agreements was kept in committee. The item regarding traffic details was also kept in committee. The last issue discussed was the overdose prevention site. Councilor Kelly was grateful to hear that the administration is moving forward to have an overdose prevention site hopefully by the fall.

Councilor Davis added that the use of the new term of the Overdose Prevention Site is to emphasize that there are a lot of approaches hoping to be accomplished at the site. The Councilor was thrilled to hear there is a broader range of services that the city is looking to provide at the site.

Councilor Burnley voiced his gratitude to hear there is progress from the city on the site. Councilor Burnley stated that even with that progress being announced, he has heard from residents stating that the city should be moving even more quickly on the site. Councilor Burnley reiterated his desire that the city move quicker on the creation of the site. Councilor Burnley also stated his disagreement with the Chief of Police's statement that speaking on mental illness and doing targeted outreach is over-stigmatizing. The Councilor believes that without being intentional they will not attract the type of people the resolution was looking to attract. Although the city is looking to have a gun buy back program during the summer, Councilor Burnley stated the desire to have one during suicide prevention week.

RESULT: APPROVED

6.D.2. Order
(ID # [22-0367](#))

By Councilor Kelly and Councilor Pineda Neufeld
That this Council discuss the unmet public health needs that have been identified by Somerville's non-profits and service providers.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.D.3. Order
(ID # [23-0608](#))

By Councilor Wilson and Councilor Clingan
That the Chief of Police provide this Council with a report containing the information requested within for all incidents where a firearm was discharged since January 1, 2018.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.D.4. Order
(ID # [23-0616](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Davis
That the Chief of Police and the Director of Communications and Community Engagement discuss with this Council the viability of establishing a gun buyback event, focused on those who may be a danger to themselves, including strategic outreach involving community partners in the healthcare industry.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.D.5. Resolution
(ID # [23-0796](#))

By Councilor Kelly, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Davis and Councilor McLaughlin
That the Administration update this Council on the progress and timeline for establishing a safe consumption site.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.D.6. Order
(ID # [23-0912](#))

By Councilor Kelly
That the Chief of Police halt the use of unmarked patrol vehicles for all traffic enforcement.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.D.7. Order
(ID # [23-0913](#))

By Councilor Kelly
That the Chief of Police and the Director of Mobility report to this Council on the methodology used for pedestrian and cyclist stops made by Police Department officers.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.D.8. Resolution
(ID # [23-0921](#))

By Councilor Scott
Urging the Mayor to fill the two vacancies on the Biosafety Committee and restore it to a functional body.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**6.E. SCHOOL BUILDING FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE SPECIAL COMMITTEE**

- 6.E.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-1138](#)) Report of the Special Committee on School Building Facilities and Maintenance, meeting on June 28, 2023.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad reported on the actions taken by the committee. The committee reiterated the need to expedite the planning and design of the winter hill construction. The committee discussed the report on the building although it was only a structural and visual inspection. There is still more work to be done to do a more in-depth inspection. There was a conversation regarding request for proposals and a new project manager. The committee discussed whether the Department of Public Works needs more support to maintain city buildings. The Committee also received an update that there is a budget for an exterior envelope consultant to better understand building failures.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.E.2. Resolution (ID # [23-0972](#))

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

That the Administration expedite the planning, design and construction of the Winter Hill Community Innovation School to ensure the re-opening of said school as soon as possible.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- 6.E.3. Order (ID # [23-0984](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad

That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management and the Commissioner of Public Works present to this City Council, the building failures that took place in the Winter Hill Community Innovation School and a plan for assessing those failures.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- 6.E.4. Order (ID # [23-0985](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Wilson

That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management dedicate full time staff and/or create new position(s) to the planning, design and construction process for the Winter Hill Community Innovation School and the Benjamin Brown School and include this position in the FY 2024 budget.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- 6.E.5. Order
(ID # [23-0987](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Wilson That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management explain what Request for Proposals (RFP) will be necessary for consultant services for planning and architectural services for any future school building programming and planning, and expedite those RFPs.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.E.6. Resolution
(ID # [23-0989](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Wilson That the Administration create a permanent staff position for a Superintendent of School Buildings within the Department of Public Works to oversee all maintenance, repairs and assessments of school buildings, and include this position in the FY 2024 Budget.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.E.7. Resolution
(ID # [23-0990](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Wilson That the Administration evaluate the need to create permanent staff positions within the Department of Public Works for school buildings that address the highest needs of our school buildings including, but not limited to: mechanical systems, plumbing systems, fire alarm and electrical systems and exterior envelope and structural systems.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.E.8. Resolution
(ID # [23-0991](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Wilson That the Administration include in the FY 2024 budget, \$150,000 for an exterior envelope consultant to assess ongoing leaks in school buildings.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**
- 7.1. Mayor's Request
(ID # [23-0779](#))
- Requesting approval of a Sidewalk Easement and Maintenance Agreement at 100 Chestnut Street.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 and 7.3 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.2. Mayor's Request
(ID # [23-1156](#))
- Requesting the appropriation of \$119,032.68 from the Parks Stabilization Fund for additional construction services for Reavis Field at the High School.
- Director of Infrastructure & Asset Management, Rich Raiche, gave an update on the construction of Revis Field. Director Raiche stated the city is looking to change the crumb rubber infill material and underlying supporting pad to

an organic infill material.

Councilor Jake Wilson spoke in support of the request to pay for the change of infill material. Councilor Wilson stated the organic infill material will make a drastic difference and be extremely helpful.

Councilor Lance Davis stated that he was not in support of the decision to no longer build the field above a parking garage which would have provided parking for City and School staff. Councilor Davis stated his although he has opposed the construction of the field as it is currently planned with no parking, he will support the decision to replace the crumb rubber.

President Ewen-Campen asked for an expected date of completion for the field.

Director Raiche stated the expected date of completion for the field is September 26 although there is an expected completion date of November 13 for the entire project which includes the surrounding area of the field.

Director Raiche also stated they are aiming to open the bike path for the beginning of the school year on August 30 although no promises can be made.

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 Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

- 7.3. 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.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of items 7.1 and 7.3 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1. License (ID # [23-1129](#)) Renewing Billiards and Bowling License, Diesel Cafe, 257 Elm St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 - 9.20 and 10.8

- 10.12 and approve them tonight.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.2. License
(ID # [23-1158](#))

New Drainlayer's License, GVC Construction Inc.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 - 9.20 and 10.8 - 10.12 and approve them tonight.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.3. License
(ID # [23-1150](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Galway Excavation LLC.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 - 9.20 and 10.8 - 10.12 and approve them tonight.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.4. License
(ID # [23-1130](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, L.V.M.J. Corporation.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 - 9.20 and 10.8 - 10.12 and approve them tonight.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.5. License
(ID # [23-1131](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Tascon Corporation.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 - 9.20 and 10.8 - 10.12 and approve them tonight.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.6. License
(ID # [23-1152](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, W.L. French Excavating.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 - 9.20 and 10.8 - 10.12 and approve them tonight.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.7. License
(ID # [23-1137](#))

New Sign/Awning License, Gong Cha, 418 Highland Ave, replacing 1 awning cover.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 - 9.20 and 10.8 - 10.12 and approve them tonight.

RESULT: APPROVED

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- 9.8. Withdrawn (ID # [23-1154](#)) Withdrawn.
RESULT: WITHDRAWN
- 9.9. Public Event (ID # [23-1153](#)) Arts Council applying for a Public Event License for Mr. Ho's Orchestrotica Music in the Park on July 14 from 5pm to 9pm (raindate July 20).
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 - 9.20 and 10.8 - 10.12 and approve them tonight.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.10. Public Event (ID # [23-1151](#)) Arts Council applying for a Public Event License for ArtBeat: Pulse on July 15 from 8am to 11pm (raindate July 16).
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 - 9.20 and 10.8 - 10.12 and approve them tonight.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.11. Public Event (ID # [23-1161](#)) Dalbir Singh applying for a Public Event License for Shabeel on July 15 from 8am to 7pm (raindate July 22).
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 - 9.20 and 10.8 - 10.12 and approve them tonight.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.12. Public Event (ID # [23-1133](#)) Yessenia Lopez applying for a Public Event License for St Benedict Feast Day on July 16 from 8am to 12:30pm.
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 - 9.20 and 10.8 - 10.12 and approve them tonight.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.13. Public Event (ID # [23-1157](#)) Arts Council applying for a Public Event License for Anbdu on July 29 from 3pm to 9:30pm (raindate July 30).
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 - 9.20 and 10.8 - 10.12 and approve them tonight.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.14. Public Event (ID # [23-1134](#)) Richard Lawson applying for a Public Event License for Glendale Ave BP on August 12 from 11am to 6:30pm (raindate August 13).
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 - 9.20 and 10.8 - 10.12 and approve them tonight.
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RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.15. Public Event
(ID # [23-1135](#))

Cortney Kirk applying for a Public Event License for Spring St BP on August 13 from 11:30am to 4:30pm (raindate August 20).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 - 9.20 and 10.8 - 10.12 and approve them tonight.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.16. Public Event
(ID # [23-1136](#))

Anthony Leccese applying for a Public Event License for Procession for S.S. Comas & Damian on September 10 from 2:30pm to 6:30pm (raindate September 17).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 - 9.20 and 10.8 - 10.12 and approve them tonight.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.17. Public Event
(ID # [23-1155](#))

Megan Smith applying for a Public Event License for Adrian St/Joseph St BP on September 16 from 12pm to 6pm (raindate September 17).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 - 9.20 and 10.8 - 10.12 and approve them tonight.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.18. Public Event
(ID # [23-1167](#))

Arts Council applying for a Public Event License for SomerStreets: Strike up the Bands on September 17 from 12pm to 8pm.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 - 9.20 and 10.8 - 10.12 and approve them tonight.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.19. Public Event
(ID # [23-1163](#))

Arts Council applying for a Public Event License for What the Fluff? on September 23 from 12pm to 9pm (raindate September 24).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 - 9.20 and 10.8 - 10.12 and approve them tonight.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.20. Public Event
(ID # [23-1165](#))

Arts Council applying for a Public Event License for Ignite Festival on September 30 from 2pm to 11pm (raindate October 1).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 - 9.20 and 10.8 - 10.12 and approve them tonight.

RESULT: APPROVED

10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 10.1. Order
(ID # [23-1183](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad
That the Director of Water and Sewer and the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management explain what maintenance will be required for the new Poplar Street Pump Station and Spring Hill Sewer Separation Project, and how these maintenance requirements will be staffed to ensure their proper upkeep.
- Councilor Gomez Mouakad stated the desire for a discussion to understand what the plans are to maintain the projects especially regarding staff needs.
RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
- 10.2. Order
(ID # [23-1184](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad
That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management report on recent air conditioning failures in City Hall and what repairs have been or will be completed to address those issues.
- Councilor Gomez Mouakad has heard that there are issues with air conditioning in city hall and would like some updates as to what is occurring.
RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
- 10.3. Resolution
(ID # [23-1185](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad
That this Council and the Administration, resolve to support all programs to ensure that all youth reach their full potential and to eliminate all academic gaps between our white students and our students of color, starting at the early stages of development.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee
- 10.4. Resolution
(ID # [23-1186](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Administration utilize city and community space for cooling centers this summer for homeless community members while we await long term warming and cooling centers.
- Councilor McLaughlin stated this comes from conversations held with residents addressing homelessness issues and there was a focus on warming centers during the winter and now the need for identifying cooling centers for the homeless community.
RESULT: APPROVED
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- 10.5. Order
(ID # [23-1187](#))
- By Councilor Burnley Jr.
That the Commissioner of Public Works appear before this Council to discuss what actions have and can be taken to ensure that trash and recycling barrels do not obstruct sidewalks after pick-up.
- Councilor Burnley stated the desire to have a conversation on how to approach this issue with the director whether that be using contractors or city staff.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
- 10.6. Withdrawn
(ID # [23-0697](#))
- Withdrawn.
- RESULT:** WITHDRAWN
- 10.7. Withdrawn
(ID # [23-1124](#))
- Withdrawn.
- RESULT:** WITHDRAWN
- 10.8. Public Event
(ID # [23-1182](#))
- Emma Garfinkel applying for a Public Event License for Pomi's at the Park on July 15 from 8am to 2pm.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 - 9.20 and 10.8 - 10.12 and approve them tonight.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- 10.9. Public Event
(ID # [23-1176](#))
- Noah Pestana applying for a Public Event License for OnPoint Improv on July 23 and July 30 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm (raindates July 26 and August 2).
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 - 9.20 and 10.8 - 10.12 and approve them tonight.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- 10.10. Public Event
(ID # [23-1180](#))
- Rob Moir applying for a Public Event License for Climate Action Table on July 25 from 1:30pm to 5:30pm (raindate July 26).
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 - 9.20 and 10.8 - 10.12 and approve them tonight.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- 10.11. Public Event
(ID # [23-1179](#))
- Hannah O'Brien applying for a Public Event License for Pan Mass Challenge X SmartBear on August 3 from 2:45pm to 5:15pm (raindate August 8).
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 - 9.20 and 10.8
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- 10.12 and approve them tonight.

RESULT: APPROVED

10.12. Public Event
(ID # [23-1181](#))

Council on Aging applying for a Public Event License for Mayor Ballantyne's Senior Picnic on August 8 from 8:30am to 2pm (raindate August 9).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 - 9.20 and 10.8 - 10.12 and approve them tonight.

RESULT: APPROVED

10.13. Public
Communication
(ID # [23-1178](#))

Aaron Kaplowitz submitting comments re: item #23-1162, a resolution regarding the "Idaho Stop".

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

11. LATE ITEMS

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:30 PM.