



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Public Health and Public Safety Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Monday, July 10, 2023

6:00 PM

Virtual

This meeting was held via Zoom and was called to order by Chair Kelly at 6:00 p.m. and adjourned at 7:22 p.m. on a Roll Call Vote: 3 in favor (Councilors McLaughlin, Davis, Kelly), 0 opposed, 0 absent.

Others present:

Michael Potere – Assistant Clerk of Committees; Neha Singh – Legislative Liaison; James Donovan – Captain, Somerville Police; Karin Carroll – Director of Health & Human Services.

Roll Call

Present: Chairperson Charlotte Kelly, Vice Chair Lance L. Davis and Matthew McLaughlin

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Public Health and Public Safety Committee Meeting of May 15, 2023. [23-0838](#)

Accepted

Aye: Chairperson Kelly, Vice Chair Davis and Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin

New Business

2. 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. [23-0913](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Kelly

Recommended to be marked work completed

3. That the Chief of Police halt the use of unmarked patrol vehicles for all traffic enforcement. [23-0912](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Kelly

Recommended to be marked work completed

4. Urging the Mayor to fill the two vacancies on the Biosafety Committee and restore it to a functional body. [23-0921](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Scott

Recommended to be marked work completed

5. That the Director of Health & Human Services work with this Council and community partners to determine if the city has a current PILOT agreement with Mass General Brigham and other healthcare providers, and how mental health services can be a component of such agreements, particularly as part of a mental health gun buyback program. [23-0618](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Burnley Jr.

Kept in committee

6. 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. [23-0616](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Davis

Recommended to be marked work completed

Old Business

7. That the Chief of Police report to this Council, the percentage of requested traffic details for construction projects that have been filled by Somerville Police Department officers, filled by non-Somerville police officers, and unfilled, for the past three years. [22-2111](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Wilson

Kept in committee

8. That the Administration update this Council on the progress and timeline for establishing a safe consumption site. [23-0796](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Kelly, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Davis and Councilor McLaughlin

Recommended to be marked work completed

Housekeeping

9. 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. [23-0608](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Wilson and Councilor Clingan

Recommended to be marked work completed

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

[22-0367](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Kelly and Councilor Pineda Neufeld

Recommended to be marked work completed

Referenced Documents:

- PHPS - 2023-07-10 SPD Memo