



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

City Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 12, 2026

7:00 PM

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1. OPENING CEREMONIES

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis.

- 1.1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
(ID # [26-0250](#))

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- 1.2. Remembrances Remembrances.
(ID # [26-0251](#))

Councilor Mbah requested a moment of silence in memory of Joyce Shortt.
Councilor Mbah requested a moment of silence in memory of Dave Kron.
Councilor Hardt requested a moment of silence in memory of Connie Moniz.
Councilor Clingan requested a moment of silence in memory of Kevin Murphy.
Councilor Clingan requested a moment of silence in memory of Donna Fazio.
Councilor Clingan requested a moment of silence in memory of Patrick Barry.
Councilor Clingan requested a moment of silence in memory of Stephen Hardy.
Councilor Clingan requested a moment of silence in memory of George Mazzeo.
Councilor Strezo requested a moment of silence in memory of Patricia

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RESULT: APPROVED

- 1.3. Minutes
(ID # [26-0252](#))

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 8, 2026.

RESULT: APPROVED

2. CITATIONS

- 2.1. Citation
(ID # [26-0194](#))

By Councilor Davis

Commending Dan Moore on the auspicious occasion of his retirement after 12 years of distinguished service in the Communications and Community Engagement Department.

Mr. Moore was unable to attend, but he sent remarks to the Council which were delivered by Deputy Director of Constituent Services Gabriela Portillo Perez. President Davis read the citation into the record.

RESULT: APPROVED

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 3.1. Grant of Location
(ID # [26-0174](#))

Comcast applying for a Grant of Location to install a total of 133 feet of conduit in Highland Avenue, from existing Manhole 44/164 to a point of pickup at 393 Highland Avenue.

Robert Rugman, representing Comcast, spoke in favor of the item and explained the purpose of the request. There being no further speakers, the Public Hearing was closed.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 3.2. Grant of Location
(ID # [26-0175](#))

Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install a total of 640 feet of conduit in Broadway, from existing Manhole 1798 to existing Manhole 24058 next to 167 Broadway.

Emy McSweeney, representing Eversource, spoke in favor of the item and explained the purpose of the request. There being no further speakers, the Public Hearing was closed.

Councilor Ewen-Campen spoke about a letter sent to all councilors about an inoperable streetlight, as noted in tonight's agenda item 10.7. He commented that, allegedly, Eversource has not responded to numerous calls regarding lines being cut during street excavation, saying that those actions are unacceptable. He asked Ms. McSweeney for assurances that the light in question, at 65 Holland Street, and others that the city may notify them about, be repaired. Ms. McSweeney stated that she would have the matter

addressed in the morning. Kelly-Ann Correia, from Eversource, spoke about weekly meetings between Eversource and the Department of Public Works and said that this matter will be addressed as soon as possible.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 3.3. Grant of Location (ID # [26-0176](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install a total of 54 feet of conduit in Benton Road, from Utility Pole 79/1 to a point of pickup at 2 Benton Road.

Emy McSweeney, representing Eversource, spoke in favor of the item and explained the purpose of the request. There being no further speakers, the Public Hearing was closed.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 3.4. Grant of Location (ID # [26-0177](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install a total of 25 feet of conduit in Oak Street, from Utility Pole 258/2 to a point of pickup at 10 Oak Street.

Emy McSweeney, representing Eversource, spoke in favor of the item and explained the purpose of the request. There being no further speakers, the Public Hearing was closed. Councilor Scott asked that this item be sent to committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

- 3.5. Grant of Location (ID # [26-0178](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install a total of 28 feet of conduit in Gilman Street, from Utility Pole 142/3 to a point of pickup at 13 Gilman Street.

Emy McSweeney, representing Eversource, spoke in favor of the item and explained the purpose of the request. There being no further speakers, the Public Hearing was closed.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 3.6. Grant of Location (ID # [26-0179](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install a total of 10.5 feet of conduit in Hudson Street, from Utility Pole 202/4 to a point of pickup at 17 Hudson Street.

Emy McSweeney, representing Eversource, spoke in favor of the item and explained the purpose of the request. There being no further speakers, the Public Hearing was closed.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 3.7. Grant of Location (ID # [26-0180](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install a total of 35 feet of conduit in Belmont Street, from Utility Pole 27/9 to a point of pickup at 37 Belmont Street.
- Emy McSweeney, representing Eversource, spoke in favor of the item and explained the purpose of the request. There being no further speakers, the Public Hearing was closed.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 3.8. Grant of Location (ID # [26-0181](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install a total of 62 feet of conduit in Ivaloo Street, from Utility Pole 179/5 to a point of pickup at 38 Ivaloo Street.
- Emy McSweeney, representing Eversource, spoke in favor of the item and explained the purpose of the request. Chris Dwan asked that Eversource fix the poles currently on Ivaloo Street as a condition for approval. There being no further speakers, the Public Hearing was closed. Councilor Scott asked that this item be sent to committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee
- 3.9. Grant of Location (ID # [26-0183](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install a total of 12 feet of conduit in White Street, from Utility Pole 648/2 to a point of pickup at 44 White Street.
- Emy McSweeney, representing Eversource, spoke in favor of the item and explained the purpose of the request. There being no further speakers, the Public Hearing was closed.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 3.10. Grant of Location (ID # [26-0184](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install a total of 2 feet of conduit in Franklin Avenue, from Utility Pole 133/5 to a point of pickup at 60 Franklin Street.
- Emy McSweeney, representing Eversource, spoke in favor of the item and explained the purpose of the request. There being no further speakers, the Public Hearing was closed.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 3.11. Grant of Location (ID # [26-0185](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install a total of 75 feet of conduit in Prospect Street, from Utility Pole 291/12 to a point of pickup at 91 Prospect Street.

Councilor Scott asked that this item be sent to committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

- 3.12. Grant of Location (ID # [26-0186](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install a total of 452 feet of conduit and one new Manhole 32561 in Summer Street, from Utility Pole 325/28 to three points of pickup at 156, 157, and 162 Summer Street.

Emy McSweeney, representing Eversource, spoke in favor of the item and explained the purpose of the request. Kevin Foley spoke on the item, saying that he has been working with Eversource as this is a time sensitive matter. Kelly-Ann Correira, from Eversource, reported that a grant of location had been previously approved to cover a portion of this work, however, nothing has been installed yet. She explained that because of work done to the bike lane, the manhole can no longer be located where the initial approval was granted. After consultation with the Department of Public Works, this location was selected and this request encompasses the full scope of the work for this project. She stated that the sidewalk may be disrupted for about a week and that pedestrian traffic may have to be rerouted temporarily, adding that a police detail would be present during the work.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

- 3.13. Grant of Location (ID # [26-0187](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install a total of 40 feet of conduit in Leland Street, from Utility Pole 201/3 to a point of pickup at 321 Washington Street.

Emy McSweeney, representing Eversource, spoke in favor of the item and explained the purpose of the request. There being no further speakers, the Public Hearing was closed.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

- 4.1. Order (ID # [26-0147](#)) By Councilor Mbah and Councilor Scott
That the Chief of Police provide this Council with data on pedestrian and bicyclist enforcement activities in the city.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

- 4.2. Resolution (ID # [26-0148](#)) By Councilor Mbah, Councilor Scott and Councilor Link
That the Chief of Police annually review pedestrian and bicyclist enforcement data to identify disparities in enforcement patterns across demographic or neighborhood lines and submit this data to this City Council.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 4.3. Communication
(ID # [26-0233](#))

By Councilor Mbah
Conveying a report of the Job Creation and Retention Trust Fund.

Councilor Mbah highlighted a few items and advised that the full report is attached to the item.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- 4.4. Communication
(ID # [26-0146](#))

By Councilor Mbah
Conveying the year-end report of the Affordable Housing Trust.

Councilor Mbah presented his year-end report detailing that the full report is attached to the item.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- 4.5. Resolution
(ID # [26-0149](#))

By Councilor Sait and Councilor Mbah
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove snow from dead end streets, private ways and alleyways in a timely manner.

Councilor Sait asked that the city review its snow removal practices and advise residents of any changes that have been made. Councilor Wheeler commented that there is some confusion about the city's obligations regarding private ways. Mayor Wilson stated that some information about this was posted on social media. He also stated that the city fell short in its performance during the latest snowstorm and that the Department of Public Works is reviewing and modifying its procedures. Mayor Wilson explained that the city continues to sand and plow private ways, as a courtesy and for public safety, since it is not an obligation.

President Davis asked Legislative Liaison Raddassi to ensure that the social media information follows this item to committee.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Sustainability and Infrastructure Committee

- 4.6. Zoning Ordinance
(ID # [26-0234](#))

By Councilor Strezo, Councilor Mbah, Councilor Davis and Councilor Sait
Amending Sections 2.1.1 and 3.1.12 of the Zoning Ordinances regarding Accessory Dwelling Units.

Councilor Strezo explained the aims of the amendments and requested that the item be sent to the Land Use Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

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- 4.7. Resolution (ID # [26-0235](#))
By Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Link
That the Director of Parks and Recreation discuss with this Council, options to create year-round indoor programming for kids and families.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Housing, Community Development and Equity Committee
- 4.8. Resolution (ID # [26-0236](#))
By Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Commissioner of Public Works discuss with this Council whether the sidewalk snow clearing pilot worked as intended this year, or whether there are other strategies to improve pedestrian mobility following a large snowstorm.
- Councilor Ewen-Campen would like to know if this approach was effective. Councilor Wheeler asked how the city leverages its efforts to ensure that sidewalks are clear of snow and/or that various requirements are being followed.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Sustainability and Infrastructure Committee
- 4.9. Resolution (ID # [26-0237](#))
By Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Commissioner of Public Works discuss with this Council lessons learned from the recent large snowfall about resources and policies needed to improve snow clearance, including Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) bus stops, business district sidewalks and parking, private ways and dead ends, accessible ramps and bike lanes.
- Councilor Ewen-Campen stated that he would like to get clarification regarding whose responsibility it is to clear bus stops.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Sustainability and Infrastructure Committee
- 4.10. Resolution (ID # [26-0238](#))
By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Hardt, Councilor Wheeler and Councilor Mbah
That the Administration increase publicity of the Senior Tax Deferral Program, which allows qualifying homeowners over 65 years of age to spend their income on living expenses rather than tax payments.
- Councilor Hardt informed the Council that the program is not being widely used, with only four people in the city taking advantage of it. She feels that there are many more who might be able to avail themselves of this program, therefore, she is requesting that the administration take steps to publicize the program to residents.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
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4.11. Resolution
(ID # [26-0245](#))

By Councilor Hardt, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Link, Councilor Mbah, Councilor Sait, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wheeler Supporting the fourth amendment rights provided in the Constitution of the United States.

Clerk Letellier read the Resolution into the record and Councilor Hardt spoke on the item, saying that it's important to affirm the rights afforded us by the U. S. Constitution and to know our rights under the Fourth Amendment. Councilor Hardt then sponsored several speakers. Acinia Alfaro, a union representative from Chelsea, spoke in favor of the item because many of her union's workers are living in fear and are afraid to go to work. Jack Kensla, political director for UFCW Local 1445 spoke about how careless U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents can be when apprehending some individuals and he believes that due process must be followed. He believes that businesses will have more confidence to speak up by having the city support this resolution. David Gibbs, from Community Action Agency of Somerville (CAAS), said that impacts have been noticed in the Head Start program, as three families have been deported and 20 families no longer participate in the program. He said that ICE is not following the rules, and he asked the city to consider what it means to support families and businesses in these circumstances. Councilor McLaughlin said it's clear that the Constitution is under attack. Councilor Ewen-Campen thinks it's important to know your rights and to document when rights are being violated. Councilor Strezo requested that the item be sent to the city's Economic Development Department so that they may collaborate with the Council on a plan. Councilor Mbah said he wonders what could be done to have a greater impact so that people can live and work without fear. He thinks that local law enforcement officers should be engaged and empowered to arrest anyone they deem suspicious. Councilor Clingan commented that administrative warrants were never intended to be used as they are now and that such warrants produced by ICE are invalid. Mayor Wilson commented that this Resolution aligns with the Executive Order that was signed last week and advised anyone with questions to reach out to the appropriate department head for answers.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Housing, Community Development and Equity Committee

4.12. Communication
(ID # [26-0244](#))

By Councilor Hardt
Conveying a report of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

Councilor Hardt highlighted the items discussed at tonight's Affordable Housing Trust Fund meeting.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- 4.13. Resolution
(ID # [26-0249](#))
- By Councilor Clingan and Councilor Strezo
That the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development discuss with this Council, the Homeowner Improvement Program (HIP) and the role of the city in disputes between homeowners and city-approved contractors.
- Councilor Clingan would like to address how disputes are resolved. Councilor Strezo asked if the program is run by the state or the federal government.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Housing, Community Development and Equity Committee
- 4.14. Order
(ID # [26-0243](#))
- By Councilor Link, Councilor Mbah and Councilor Scott
That the Director of Racial and Social Justice provide an update to this Council on the status of the Police Civilian Oversight Committee.
- Councilor Link would like to know the timeline for completion. Liaison Raddassi informed the Council that a presentation is being prepared detailing the work done to date.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee
- 4.15. Resolution
(ID # [26-0242](#))
- By Councilor Link
That this City Council commends the students at Somerville High School for their action and resolve in protesting Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) deportations in Somerville and across the nation.
- Councilor Link gave his thanks to the students who participated in this action.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- 4.16. Resolution
(ID # [26-0239](#))
- By Councilor Link, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Mbah
That the Director of Human Resources review the hiring for crossing guards, ensuring that the process and requirements are right-sized and not unnecessarily burdensome such that they deter qualified candidates.
- Councilor Strezo sponsored Maggie Joseph, a crossing guard, to speak on the item. Ms. Joseph told the councilors that the guards need more supplies, warmer gloves and that the areas where they operate should be clear and safe for them and those they're guarding. She also commented that a higher rate of pay would be appreciated.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

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- 4.17. Resolution (ID # [26-0240](#))
By Councilor Link
That the Director of Inspectional Services review the rules for short-term rentals and inform this Council what enforcement tools are available and how the city may take action against known violations.
RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee
- 4.18. Resolution (ID # [26-0241](#))
By Councilor Link and Councilor Mbah
That the Administration provide the Committee on School Building Facilities and Maintenance with regular updates on the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) process for the Winter Hill and Brown Schools.
RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: School Building Facilities and Maintenance Committee
- 4.19. Resolution (ID # [26-0246](#))
By Councilor Wheeler, Councilor Link, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Hardt, Councilor Davis, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Clingan
In support of House Bill H.1588 and Senate Bill S.1122, an Act relative to immigration detention and collaboration agreements.
Councilor Wheeler said that this would clarify the distinct and separate roles of federal agencies and local law enforcement facilities.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 4.20. Resolution (ID # [26-0247](#))
By Councilor Wheeler, Councilor Link, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Hardt, Councilor Davis, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Sait, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Mbah
In support of proposed House Bill, the PROTECT Act, an Act promoting rule of law, oversight, trust, and equal constitutional treatment.
Councilor Wheeler said that this would provide equal treatment, under the law, to all residents of Massachusetts and clarify which personal information should be kept private and what information must be transparent.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 4.21. Communication (ID # [26-0248](#))
By Councilor Wheeler
In his capacity as Chair of the Committee on Finance, conveying information on the FY 27 budget review process.
Councilor Wheeler asked his colleagues to prepare summaries of their FY27 budget priorities by March 9. The plan is to hold a Finance Committee of the Whole meeting on March 24 to prepare a formal submission to the Mayor.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
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5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 5.1. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0079](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$1,000,000 from the Community Preservation Act Open Space Reserve for construction of improvements to the Kennedy Schoolyard.
- Councilor Wheeler moved to waive the reading of items 5.1 through 5.5 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 5.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0080](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$480,000 from the Community Preservation Act Fund Budgeted Reserve to the Somerville Hispanic Association for Community Development for continued preservation of 59 Cross Street.
- Councilor Wheeler moved to waive the reading of items 5.1 through 5.5 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 5.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0075](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$420,566 from the Community Preservation Act Historic Preservation Reserve to the Elizabeth Peabody House for continued restoration of 277 Broadway.
- Councilor Wheeler moved to waive the reading of items 5.1 through 5.5 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 5.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0081](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$74,365 from the Community Preservation Act Historic Preservation Reserve to Nicole Bairos for preservation of Buddy's Diner.
- Councilor Wheeler moved to waive the reading of items 5.1 through 5.5 and refer them to the Finance Committee
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 5.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0084](#)) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,000,000 in a bond for financing a portion of the Kennedy Schoolyard Renovation Project, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee.
- Councilor Wheeler moved to waive the reading of items 5.1 through 5.5 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
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6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**6.A. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE**

- 6.A.1. Committee Report (ID # [26-0158](#)) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on February 2, 2026.

Councilor Mbah summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that the positions of Chief Administrative Officer, Director of Parks and Recreation, Police Lieutenant, and Police Captain were recommended for approval. The two members of the Police Department receiving promotions came forward and the Assistant City Clerk administered the oath of office.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.A.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0016](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Kimberly Wells as Chief Administrative Officer.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.A.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0021](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Ohemeng Kyeremateng as Director of Parks and Recreation.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.A.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0073](#)) Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Samir Messaoudi to the position of Police Lieutenant.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.A.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0074](#)) Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Diogo deOliveira to the position of Police Captain.

RESULT: APPROVED

6.B. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 6.B.1. Committee Report (ID # [26-0218](#)) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on February 10, 2026.

Councilor Wheeler summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that the committee held a public hearing on the community's Fiscal Year 2027 budget priorities.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.B.2. Communication By Councilor Wheeler
(ID # [26-0114](#)) Conveying that, pursuant to Section 6-2 of the City Charter, this City Council will hold a public hearing on the community's Fiscal Year 2027 budget priorities in the Committee on Finance on February 10, 2026.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.C. HOUSING, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND EQUITY COMMITTEE

- 6.C.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Housing, Community Development and Equity,
(ID # [26-0150](#)) meeting on January 28, 2026.

Councilor Strezo summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that among the items discussed were ways to support local businesses in East Somerville, the findings from the recent U.S. Surgeon General Advisory on the Mental Health and Well-Being of Parents, and new housing units approved for development.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.C.2. Resolution By Councilor McLaughlin
(ID # [26-0058](#)) That the Administration collaborate with East Somerville Main Streets and the Ward 1 City Councilor to promote Eat Out in East to support East Somerville immigrant-owned businesses.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.D. LICENSES AND PERMITS

- 6.D.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on February 11,
(ID # [26-0219](#)) 2026.

Councilor Hardt summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that a Grant of Location to Eversource was recommended for approval and that item #26-0115, a New Used Car Dealer Class 2 License was kept in committee so that adequate notice may be published for a public hearing on the item.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.D.2. Grant of Location Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install a total of 38 feet of
(ID # [25-1754](#)) conduit in Warwick Street, from Utility Pole 357/3 to a point of pickup at 16 Warwick Street.

RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

6.E. SUSTAINABILITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- 6.E.1. Committee Report (ID # [26-0215](#)) Report of the Committee on Sustainability and Infrastructure, meeting on February 9, 2026.

Councilor Clingan summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that the warming center items regarding waste receptacles, regular litter clean-ups and parking lot vs. Prescott Street parking issues were resolved.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.E.2. Resolution (ID # [26-0066](#)) By Councilor Link
That the Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry develop and report on a standardized green score for public parks and identify appropriate benchmarks and expectations for publicly owned parkland.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- 6.E.3. Resolution (ID # [26-0118](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Commissioner of Public Works install waste receptacles near the entrance of the Warming Center on Prescott Street.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- 6.E.4. Resolution (ID # [26-0119](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Commissioner of Public Works perform regular litter clean-ups along Prescott Street near the Warming Center.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- 6.E.5. Resolution (ID # [26-0120](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Administration investigate the possibility that deliveries, emergency vehicles, pick-ups, etc., occur in the Cummings School parking lot rather than on Prescott Street.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 7.1. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0200](#)) Requesting that this Council convene in Executive Session to discuss the matter of Joseph A. Sater, Trustee of Highland Avenue Realty Trust v. City of Somerville.

Assistant City Solicitor Matthew Sirigu advised that this item meets the criteria set forth in the Open Meeting Law to enter executive session. The Council entered Executive Session at 8:44 PM. The meeting reconvened at 9:02 PM. President Davis announced that no

votes were taken in Executive Session, other than the vote to adjourn.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

- 7.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0144](#)) Requesting acceptance of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22I, to authorize an annual cost of living adjustment increase in the exemption amount granted under Chapter 59, Section 5, Clauses 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22E and 22F.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

- 7.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0145](#)) Requesting acceptance of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22J, to authorize an increase in the exemption amount granted under Chapter 59, Section 5, Clauses 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22E and 22F.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

- 7.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0161](#)) Requesting the acceptance of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 13E, to establish a Special Education Reserve Fund.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

- 7.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0160](#)) Requesting approval of a Pedestrian Access Sidewalk Easement and Maintenance License at 16-20 Medford Street.

Councilor Wheeler moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.12, 7.14, 7.16 through 7.21, 7.23 through 7.32, and 7.35 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0162](#)) Requesting authorization to borrow \$1,530,000 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for the annual FY 2026 Sewer System Evaluation and Infiltration/Inflow Assessment.

Councilor Wheeler moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.12, 7.14, 7.16 through 7.21, 7.23 through 7.32, and 7.35 and refer them to the

Finance Committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0172](#)) Requesting approval to appropriate \$324,360 from the Medicinal Marijuana Stabilization Fund for the salary and fringe of four positions related to youth in FY 2027.

Councilor Wheeler moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.12, 7.14, 7.16 through 7.21, 7.23 through 7.32, and 7.35 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0188](#)) Requesting approval to appropriate \$299,910 from the Energy Stabilization Fund for a heat pump replacement project at 133 Holland Street.

Councilor Wheeler moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.12, 7.14, 7.16 through 7.21, 7.23 through 7.32, and 7.35 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0199](#)) Requesting approval to appropriate \$299,460 from the Energy Stabilization Fund to replace the lighting at Dilboy Field.

Councilor Wheeler moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.12, 7.14, 7.16 through 7.21, 7.23 through 7.32, and 7.35 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0197](#)) Requesting approval to appropriate \$210,525 from the Energy Stabilization Fund to replace lighting at Trum Field.

Councilor Wheeler moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.12, 7.14, 7.16 through 7.21, 7.23 through 7.32, and 7.35 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.11. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0196](#)) Requesting approval to appropriate \$179,349 from the Energy Stabilization Fund for the addition of a solar array to the new roof of 133 Holland Street.

Councilor Wheeler moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.12, 7.14, 7.16 through 7.21, 7.23 through 7.32, and 7.35 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.12. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0195](#)) Requesting approval to appropriate \$26,759 from the Energy Stabilization Fund for weatherizing the basement and envelope of 133 Holland Street.

Councilor Wheeler moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.12, 7.14, 7.16 through 7.21, 7.23 through 7.32, and 7.35 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.13. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0182](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$3,500,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Law Department Judgments and Settlements Account to fund the settlement of Joseph A. Sater, Trustee of Highland Armory Realty Trust v. City of Somerville.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 7.14. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0163](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$430,965 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Special Education Reserve Fund.

Councilor Wheeler moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.12, 7.14, 7.16 through 7.21, 7.23 through 7.32, and 7.35 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.15. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0205](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$167,168 from the Salary Contingency account to various departmental Personal Services accounts to fund a collective bargaining agreement with the Somerville Municipal Employees Union, Unit D.

Assistant City Solicitor Matthew Sirigu explained that these funds will be used to fund a collective bargaining agreement. Councilor Scott sponsored Ed Halloran, Somerville Municipal Employees Association (SMEA) union president, to address the Council. Mr. Halloran thanked this administration and the previous administrations for their work on this and other agreements.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 7.16. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0166](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$154,136 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation-Settlement of Claims Account to the School Department Legal Settlement Account for an insurance settlement.

Councilor Wheeler moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.12, 7.14, 7.16 through 7.21, 7.23 through 7.32, and 7.35 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.17. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0152](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$306,250 from the Community Preservation Act Historic Preservation Reserve for restoration of the Veterans Memorial Cemetery and veterans monuments.

Councilor Wheeler moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.12, 7.14, 7.16 through 7.21, 7.23 through 7.32, and 7.35 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.18. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0154](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$150,000 from the Community Preservation Act Historic Preservation Reserve to Vida Real Church for exterior restoration of the building at 404 Broadway.

Councilor Wheeler moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.12, 7.14, 7.16 through 7.21, 7.23 through 7.32, and 7.35 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.19. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0153](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$124,331 from the Community Preservation Act Fund for improvements to Blessing of the Bay Linear Park.

Councilor Wheeler moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.12, 7.14, 7.16 through 7.21, 7.23 through 7.32, and 7.35 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.20. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0155](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$50,000 from the Community Preservation Act Budgeted Reserve to the Somerville Housing Authority for improvements to the open space at the Mystic River/View developments.

Councilor Wheeler moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.12, 7.14, 7.16 through 7.21, 7.23 through 7.32, and 7.35 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.21. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0151](#)) Requesting the approval of a transfer of \$237,250 from the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Undesignated Fund Balance to the CPA Historic Preservation Reserve.

Councilor Wheeler moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.12,

7.14, 7.16 through 7.21, 7.23 through 7.32, and 7.35 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

7.22. Mayor's Request
(ID # [26-0198](#))

Requesting approval of a transfer of \$30,000 from the Health and Human Services Salaries Account to the Professional and Technical Services Account to fund increased costs associated with the FY 2026 Warming Center.

Karin Carroll, Director of Health and Human Services, told the councilors that the city has seen higher activity at the warming center than what was anticipated or budgeted for, resulting in issues with food and transportation. Additionally, security was increased and some hours were extended.

RESULT: APPROVED

7.23. Mayor's Request
(ID # [26-0089](#))

Requesting approval of a transfer of \$3,000 from the Communications Department Professional and Technical Services Account to the Somerville Public Schools Professional Salaries Account for consulting services related to the inaugural event.

Councilor Wheeler moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.12, 7.14, 7.16 through 7.21, 7.23 through 7.32, and 7.35 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

7.24. Mayor's Request
(ID # [26-0132](#))

Requesting approval of a time-only extension until 6/30/2027 for the contract with EB Rotondi & Sons Inc. for repairs to water main gate valves and appurtenances.

Councilor Wheeler moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.12, 7.14, 7.16 through 7.21, 7.23 through 7.32, and 7.35 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

7.25. Mayor's Request
(ID # [26-0133](#))

Requesting approval of a time-only extension until 6/30/2027 for the contract with N. Granese & Sons Inc. for water distribution system maintenance and repair.

Councilor Wheeler moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.12, 7.14, 7.16 through 7.21, 7.23 through 7.32, and 7.35 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.26. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0164](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$87,848 grant with no new match required, from the Executive Office of Aging and Independence to the Council on Aging for health, wellness, social, and educational programming.
- Councilor Wheeler moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.12, 7.14, 7.16 through 7.21, 7.23 through 7.32, and 7.35 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.27. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0168](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$50,000 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for target hardening at the Police Department headquarters.
- Councilor Wheeler moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.12, 7.14, 7.16 through 7.21, 7.23 through 7.32, and 7.35 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.28. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0156](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$48,000 grant with no new match required, from Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) to the Fire Department for the replacement of security cameras at fire headquarters.
- Councilor Wheeler moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.12, 7.14, 7.16 through 7.21, 7.23 through 7.32, and 7.35 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.29. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0169](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$43,000 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for software.
- Councilor Wheeler moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.12, 7.14, 7.16 through 7.21, 7.23 through 7.32, and 7.35 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.30. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0117](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$28,000 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection to the Department of Public Works for the Recycling Dividends Program.
- Councilor Wheeler moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.12,

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- 7.14, 7.16 through 7.21, 7.23 through 7.32, and 7.35 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.31. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0113](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$15,000 grant that requires a match from the Massachusetts General Court and the State Historical Records Advisory Board to the Veterans Services Department for support of the Veterans Memorial Cemetery and the archival digitization project.
Councilor Wheeler moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.12, 7.14, 7.16 through 7.21, 7.23 through 7.32, and 7.35 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.32. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0112](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$5,000 grant with no new match required, from the Department of Environmental Protection to the Department of Public Works for the Sustainable Materials Recovery Program.
Councilor Wheeler moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.12, 7.14, 7.16 through 7.21, 7.23 through 7.32, and 7.35 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.33. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0165](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$100 donation from the Massachusetts Councils On Aging to the Somerville Council on Aging for the Active Aging Kick Off Party.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 7.34. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0170](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$149 using available funds in the Human Resources Professional and Technical Services Account for medical screening services.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 7.35. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0167](#)) Requesting approval for settlement of a claim for \$10,400 pursuant to Section 2-124 of the Code of Ordinances.
Councilor Wheeler moved to waive the reading of items 7.5 through 7.12, 7.14, 7.16 through 7.21, 7.23 through 7.32, and 7.35 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
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8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 8.1. Officer's Communication (ID # [26-0096](#)) Chief Assessor responding to item #26-0062, an Order requesting an inventory of city-owned parcels.

Councilor Strezo requested that this item be sent to the Committee on Housing, Community Development and Equity. Liaison Radassi informed the Council that she had spoken to Councilor Link about this response to his earlier request and was hopeful that this would satisfy his request. Councilor Link stated that he is satisfied with the response.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Housing, Community Development and Equity Committee

- 8.2. Officer's Communication (ID # [26-0201](#)) Director of Economic Development conveying the potential use of an Urban Center Housing Tax Increment Financing Tool (UCH-TIF) to incentivize housing production.

President Davis stated his intent to send this item to the Finance Committee, however Councilor Strezo commented that she wanted to have a conversation about this in the Housing, Community Development and Equity Committee (HCDE) as well. President Davis explained that, under the Rules of the City Council, an item may only be sent to one committee at a time. He explained the mechanism available to have this item referred to HCDE after the Finance Committee disposes of it. Liaison Raddassi stated that the idea was to discuss the item in the Finance Committee prior to presenting a proposal to the full Council.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 8.3. Officer's Communication (ID # [26-0141](#)) Fair Housing Commission conveying the FY 2024 Annual Report pursuant to Section 17-7 of the Code of Ordinances.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Housing, Community Development and Equity Committee

9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1. License (ID # [26-0206](#)) New Lodging House License, Tufts University, 91 Professors Row, 50 residents.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.28 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

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- 9.2. License (ID # [26-0207](#)) New Lodging House License, Tufts University, 93 Professors Row, 50 residents.
Councilor Hardt moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.28 and approve them this evening.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.3. License (ID # [26-0208](#)) New Lodging House License, Tufts University, 95 Professors Row, 50 residents.
Councilor Hardt moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.28 and approve them this evening.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.4. License (ID # [26-0213](#)) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 90-92-94 Curtis Street.
Councilor Hardt moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.28 and approve them this evening.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.5. License (ID # [26-0231](#)) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 136 Curtis Street.
Councilor Hardt moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.28 and approve them this evening.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.6. License (ID # [26-0216](#)) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 176 Curtis Street.
Councilor Hardt moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.28 and approve them this evening.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.7. License (ID # [26-0227](#)) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 40A Latin Way.
Councilor Hardt moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.28 and approve them this evening.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.8. License (ID # [26-0226](#)) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 43 Latin Way.
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Councilor Hardt moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.28 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.9. License
(ID # [26-0224](#))

Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 98 Packard Avenue.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.28 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.10. License
(ID # [26-0225](#))

Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 73 Powderhouse Boulevard.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.28 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.11. License
(ID # [26-0221](#))

Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 125 Powderhouse Boulevard.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.28 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.12. License
(ID # [26-0220](#))

Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 8 Professors Row.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.28 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.13. License
(ID # [26-0209](#))

Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 92 Professors Row.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.28 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.14. License
(ID # [26-0223](#))

Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 98 Professors Row.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.28 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.15. License
(ID # [26-0222](#))

Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 106 Professors Row.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.28 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.16. License
(ID # [26-0211](#))

Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 13 Sawyer Avenue.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.28 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.17. License
(ID # [26-0217](#))

Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 37 Sawyer Avenue.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.28 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.18. License
(ID # [26-0212](#))

Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 45 Sawyer Avenue.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.28 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.19. License
(ID # [26-0210](#))

Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 9-11 Sunset Road.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.28 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.20. License
(ID # [26-0229](#))

Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 13-15 Talbot Avenue.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.28 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.21. License
(ID # [26-0230](#))

Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 45 Talbot Avenue.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.28 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.22. License
(ID # [26-0214](#))

Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 101 Talbot Avenue.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.28 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.23. License
(ID # [26-0228](#))

Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 15 Whitfield Road.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.28 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.24. License
(ID # [26-0232](#))

Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 21 Whitfield Road.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.28 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.25. License
(ID # [26-0189](#))

Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Automotive Transport Service Inc, 40 Joy Street.

Councilor Hardt moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.28 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.26. Public Event
(ID # [26-0191](#))

Somerville Community Growing Center applying for a Public Event License for SCGC Maple Boil Project and Boil 2026 on March 6 and 7 from 7:30am to 8pm (raindate March 13 and 14).

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- Councilor Hardt moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.28 and approve them this evening.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.27. Public Event
(ID # [26-0190](#)) Elizabeth Babriecki applying for a Public Event License for 5k Charity Walk/Run for Boston Community Pediatrics on March 28 from 6:30am to 3pm.
- Councilor Hardt moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.28 and approve them this evening.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.28. Public Event
(ID # [26-0192](#)) Tufts University Graduate Student Council applying for a Public Event License for Tufts University 30th Annual 5K Charity Race on April 11 from 7am to 2pm.
- Councilor Hardt moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.28 and approve them this evening.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.29. Public
Communication
(ID # [26-0159](#)) Anjana Sukumar submitting comments re: Winter Hill.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**
- 9.30. Public
Communication
(ID # [26-0173](#)) McGrath Coalition Steering Committee submitting comments re: McGrath Boulevard.
- Councilor Wheeler summarized a few key points of the communication, specifically about speed limits and traffic signalization.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**
- 9.31. Public
Communication
(ID # [26-0193](#)) Crystal Huff and Amy Pollard submitting comments re: U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 10.1. Resolution (ID # [26-0253](#)) By Councilor Link and Councilor Ewen-Campen
That this City Council commends the Fire Department for its fast and professional emergency response to the recent fire at 26 Summer Street.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 10.2. Public Communication (ID # [26-0257](#)) Union 2 Associates, LLC requesting a Zoning Map Amendment to change the zoning district of 2 and 9 Union Square, 286, 290, and 298 Somerville Avenue from Commercial Core 5 (CC5) to Mid-Rise 6 (MR6).
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee
- 10.3. Public Communication (ID # [26-0254](#)) Cole Rainey-Slavick submitting comments re: U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
- 10.4. Public Communication (ID # [26-0255](#)) Four residents submitting comments re: Israel boycott.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
- 10.5. Public Communication (ID # [26-0256](#)) Elizabeth Schaul submitting comments re: snow removal.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
- 10.6. Public Communication (ID # [26-0258](#)) Noa Cohen Hughes and Crystal Huff submitting comments re: item #26-0114, Fiscal Year 2027 budget priorities.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
- 10.7. Public Communication (ID # [26-0259](#)) Christopher Beland submitting comments re: items #26-0175, #26-0176, #26-0177, #26-0178, #26-0179, #26-0180, #26-0181, #26-0182, #26-0183, #26-0184, #26-0185, #26-0186, and #26-0187, Eversource applying for Grants of Location.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Sustainability and Infrastructure Committee
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11. LATE ITEMS

- 11.1. Public Communication (ID # [26-0265](#))
- That this City Council hold a public hearing on the petition submitted by 52 registered voters regarding Out of the Blue Community Arts Space at Arts at the Armory, pursuant to Section 2-11 of the City Charter.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Housing, Community Development and Equity Committee

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:30 PM.