



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

City Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 11, 2024

7:00 PM

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1. OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen. The City Council entered recess at 7:45 PM and returned at 7:52 PM.

- 1.1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
(ID # [24-1049](#))

Councilor Mbah arrived at 7:05 PM.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

Present: Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin
 Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis
 City Councilor At Large Jake Wilson
 Ward Five City Councilor Naima Sait
 Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott
 City Councilor At Large Wilfred N. Mbah
 City Councilor At Large Willie Burnley Jr.
 City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo
 Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen

Absent: Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan
 Ward Seven City Councilor Judy Pineda Neufeld

- 1.2. Remembrances Remembrances.
(ID # [24-1050](#))

RESULT: **APPROVED**

- 1.3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of May 30, 2024.
(ID # [24-1051](#))

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

1.4. Minutes
(ID # [24-1052](#))

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 13, 2024.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

1.5. Minutes
(ID # [24-1053](#))

Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 20, 2024.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

1.6. Minutes
(ID # [24-1054](#))

Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 25, 2024.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

2. CITATIONS

2.1. Citation
(ID # [24-1030](#))

By Councilor Ewen-Campen
Commending Gene Brune on the auspicious occasion of his 95th birthday.

President Ewen-Campen spoke about former Mayor Brune's recent appearance before the City Council and wished him a happy birthday.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 3.1. Grant of Location (ID # [24-1012](#)) Comcast applying for a Grant of Location to install 55 feet of conduit in North Street, from Utility Pole 190/4 to a point of pickup at 34 North Street.

Dave Flewelling, 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

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 3.2. Grant of Location (ID # [24-1023](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install a total of 1,488 feet of conduit and three proposed manholes, as follows: Starting from MH25391, at the intersection of Prospect Street and Webster Avenue, to 169 Tremont Street; from proposed MH32362, located at the intersection of Tremont Street and Webster Avenue, to existing MH30846 located at the intersection of Windsor Place and Columbia Street; from MH32362 connecting conduit to existing MH13072 and existing MH4118 located at the intersection of Webster Avenue and Columbia Street.

Councilor Scott was recused as an abutter.

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

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

RECUSED: Ward Two City Councilor Scott

4. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

- 4.1. Order
(ID # [24-1029](#))
- By Councilor Mbah
That the Director of Parks and Recreation, the Director of SomerPromise and the Out of School Time Coordinator, report to the City Council on the status of children and teen participation in the summer recreation and education programs.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 4.2. Order
(ID # [24-1032](#))
- By Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Mbah, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Sait, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson
That the Director of Health and Human Services discuss with this Council how to serve residents through an ongoing transit equity program when the Taxi to Health program funding ends in October.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

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

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.3. Resolution
(ID # [24-1033](#))

By Councilor Strezo

That the Director of the Somerville Housing Authority discuss the Family Self Sufficiency Program, which assists public housing residents to reach financial goals, and how to expand its purpose, presence and usage.

Councilor Strezo noted that the Family Self Sufficiency Program is both a federal and state program that creates a fund that helps Section 8 voucher holders and public housing residents to save money for bigger things. The program already exists in Somerville, but she would like to know how well known it is and how many residents are using it. She's interested in learning if the city could create its own municipal program.

RESULT: **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

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

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

4.4. Order
(ID # [24-1034](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Davis

That the Director of Economic Development discuss outdoor seating policies and fees, especially pertaining to small businesses.

Councilor McLaughlin reported that East Somerville businesses are concerned about the fees being charged by the city and he would like to have a discussion on the matter.

RESULT: **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 4.5. Order
(ID # [24-1035](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Inspectional Services inspect the area at the intersection of Broadway and Glen Street for rodent activity.

RESULT: **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 4.6. Resolution
(ID # [24-1036](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Mbah, Councilor Sait, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson
That the Somerville City Council reaffirm its opposition to lateral hires in the Fire Department.

Councilor McLaughlin noted that this resolution has been approved by the City Solicitor's office. He acknowledged that the city agreed to stop the process during the summer, and he asked why, since the city claimed that lateral transfers were needed due to the urgency to fill positions for the Assembly Square fire station. He noted that the city asked for 21 names from the civil service list to fill 3 positions and said that if 12 additional names were pulled from the list, the city could have staffed the Assembly Square station. He asked that the resolution be approved and that a copy be sent to every city in the state that utilizes civil service lists.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 5.1. Mayor's Request
(ID # [24-0987](#))
- Requesting approval of a Deed and Maintenance Agreement for Leonard Grimes Park at 31 Tufts Street.

Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to substitute the documents in item 24-1028 to reflect the updated language. The motion was approved on a roll

call vote of 9 in favor (McLaughlin, Davis, Wilson, Sait, Scott, Mbah, Burnley, Strezo, Ewen-Campen), 0 opposed, 2 absent (Clingan, Pineda Neufeld).

Councilor McLaughlin commented that residents are excited about this park.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

6.A. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- 6.A.1. Committee Report (ID # [24-1024](#)) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on July 2, 2024.

Councilor McLaughlin summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that one appointment to the Fire Department and one promotion in the Police Department were recommended for approval. The candidates were then sworn in by the City Clerk.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 6.A.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0894](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Christopher Johnson to the position of Firefighter.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 6.A.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-0895](#)) Requesting confirmation of the promotion of James M. Donovan to the position of Deputy Police Chief.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

6.B. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- 6.B.1. Committee Report (ID # [24-1025](#)) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting in Joint Session with the Planning Board on July 9, 2024.

Councilor McLaughlin summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that the committee met in joint session with the Planning Board and conducted 5 public hearings, attended by approximately 200 people. Issues discussed included a proposal for SomerNova to change zoning from 6 to 9 stories, an Interim Planning Overlay District (IPOD) for Brickbottom sub-area to change zoning from 4 to 6 stories, a zoning map change for 5 Homer Square, a zoning change to expand to MR6 for the proposed new YMCA facility, and a petition to change from MR4 to MR6 for several addresses.

Councilor Burnley commented that a Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) is being negotiated for SomerNova. Councilor Scott asked that when these items go before committee again, that the meeting be held as a Committee of the Whole. He spoke about Allen Street in Ward 2, saying that an IPOD would have been beneficial for that site, however, the developer evicted the immigrant tenants living there in order to get the development built. Councilor Davis noted that any development in the IPOD area would need a special permit.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 7.1. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-1055](#)) Requesting approval of an exemption for Indira Evora under MGL c268A, s20(b).

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 7.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-1056](#)) Requesting approval of an exemption for Gabrielle Vieira under MGL c268A, s20(b).

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 7.3. Mayor's Communication (ID # [24-1028](#)) Conveying updates to item 24-0987, Mayor requesting approval of a Deed and Maintenance Agreement for Leonard Grimes Park at 31 Tufts Street.

See 24-0987.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

7.4. Mayor's
Communication
(ID # [24-1037](#))

Conveying a memorandum regarding items 24-0216 and 24-0988.

Councilor Wilson moved to discharge item 24-0216 from the Committee on Finance, as it is related to this information. See 24-0216.

Councilor Wilson commented that he received questions from Local 76 and that he spoke to the Administration about it and noted that this would have to be collectively bargained before implementation.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

7.5. Mayor's
Communication
(ID # [24-1038](#))

Conveying a proposal to increase the Community Preservation Act surcharge.

Roberta Cameron, Community Preservation Act (CPA) Manager, gave presentation on a proposed ballot question to increase the CPA surcharge from 1.5% to 3% and explained how the CPA came about and what the funds are used for., e.g., affordable housing, housing assistance programs, open space, historic preservation. Since 2014, \$24 million in local revenue has been collected via the CPA. The surcharge increase is being sought because:

- funding requests exceed the available revenue,
- there are urgent needs for affordable housing,
- land and construction costs have increased, and
- the increase would allow the city to take full advantage of available tools.

The estimated 3% surcharge would amount to an increase of \$38.03 to \$218.17 yearly, depending on the type of property, bringing the total surcharge amounts to \$76.06 to \$436.35. Ms. Cameron noted that low income property owners and low to moderate income seniors can apply annually to be exempted from the CPA surcharge and that the exemptions do not change under the proposed surcharge increase.

Councilor Wilson inquired if the Administration feels that there's a better chance of this ballot question passing by being presented at the same time as ballot questions on the City Charter and debt exclusion for the high school.

Director of Intergovernmental Affairs Neha Singh replied that the Administration wants to give residents the option of voting on the ballot question. Councilor Burnley asked what steps the Administration is taking to

1) make sure the public understands what is being asked and the needs for this change, and 2) make those who may qualify for exemption aware of their ability to opt in. Ms. Cameron replied that there will be multiple outreach efforts and engagement with the public, beginning next month, and recruitment to fill vacant board positions. Councilor Sait asked if the outreach will be in multiple languages and Ms. Cameron replied that it would. Director Singh said that staff has been engaging with stakeholders to ensure that this is a successful initiative and noted that there are some legal restrictions on what municipal employees may do. Councilor Burnley commented that asking people to tax themselves more money is a hard sell and said that he believes that the CPA is important for the community. Councilor Mbah asked how many exemptions have been granted in the past and Ms. Cameron will try to get the information from the Assessing Department. Councilor Scott noted that this item is only to allow the request to appear on the ballot. He also commented that the proposed increase is minor, and he's surprised that the Administration isn't pushing harder to get it approved tonight. President Ewen-Campen clarified that there is nothing to vote on since the item is only a memo. Councilor McLaughlin stated his support for letting voters decide the question and said that it would be great to have a charter reform question on the ballot, as well.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1. License (ID # [24-1039](#)) Renewing Drainlayer's License, D&R General Contracting.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.2, 9.4 through 9.20, and 10.6 through 10.14 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.2. License
(ID # [24-1040](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Environic Solutions Inc.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.2, 9.4 through 9.20, and 10.6 through 10.14 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.3. License
(ID # [24-1043](#))

New Garage License, Building 2 Owner LLC, 808 Windsor St, 242 vehicles inside, 0 vehicles outside for storing vehicles only, 7 days a week 24 hours.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

9.4. License
(ID # [24-1041](#))

Renewing Garage License, GE Auto Repair, 631 Somerville Ave.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.2, 9.4 through 9.20, and 10.6 through 10.14 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.5. License
(ID # [24-1042](#))

Renewing Livery License, Mass Cab, 45 Endicott Ave.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.2, 9.4 through 9.20, and 10.6 through 10.14 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.6. License
(ID # [24-1044](#))

New Sign/Awning License, CultureHouse, 101 Franklin St, 5 signs.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.2, 9.4 through 9.20, and 10.6 through 10.14 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.7. License
(ID # [24-1045](#))

New Sign/Awning License, CultureHouse, 134 Washington St, 16 signs.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.2, 9.4 through 9.20, and 10.6 through 10.14 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.8. Public Event
(ID # [24-1046](#))

Somerville Public Library applying for a Public Event License for ComixCon 2024 on July 20 from 9am to 5pm (raindate July 27).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.2, 9.4 through 9.20, and 10.6 through 10.14 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.9. Public Event
(ID # [24-1022](#))

Get To The Gig Boston applying for a Public Event License for NICE, a fest on July 26, July 27, July 28, and July 29 from 8am to 10pm (raindates August 3 and August 4).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.2, 9.4 through 9.20, and 10.6 through 10.14 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.10. Public Event
(ID # [24-1047](#))

Somerville Public Library applying for a Public Event License for Family Movie on the Lawn: Elemental on August 14 from 6pm to 10pm.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.2, 9.4 through 9.20, and 10.6 through 10.14 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.11. Public Event
(ID # [24-1020](#))

Suzannah Blass applying for a Public Event License for Summit Avenue BP on August 24 from 11am to 7pm (raindate August 25).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.2, 9.4 through 9.20, and 10.6 through 10.14 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.12. Public Event
(ID # [24-1021](#))

East Somerville Main Streets applying for a Public Event License for Summer in the Park: Back to School on August 24 from 1pm to 7pm (raindate August 25).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.2, 9.4 through 9.20, and 10.6 through 10.14 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.13. Public Event
(ID # [24-1019](#))

Somerville Museum applying for a Public Event License for Spark of the Revolution on September 1 from 9am to 2pm (raindate September 8).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.2, 9.4 through 9.20, and 10.6 through 10.14 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.14. Public Event
(ID # [24-1018](#))

Mathias Neuber applying for a Public Event License for Electric Avenue BP on September 7 from 11am to 6pm (raindate September 8).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.2, 9.4 through 9.20, and 10.6 through 10.14 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.15. Public Event
(ID # [24-1048](#))

Arts Council applying for a Public Event License for Evolution of Hip Hop on September 7 from 2pm to 9:30pm (raindate September 14).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.2, 9.4 through 9.20, and 10.6 through 10.14 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.16. Public Event
(ID # [24-1017](#))

Arts Council applying for a Public Event License for Somerville Rock and Roll Yard Sale on September 8 from 7am to 7pm (raindate September 15).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.2, 9.4 through 9.20, and 10.6 through 10.14 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.17. Public Event
(ID # [24-1016](#))

Society of S.S. Cosmas & Damian of Somerville & Cambridge applying for a Public Event License for Procession for S.S. Cosmas & Damian on September 8 from 2:30pm to 6:30pm (raindate September 15).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.2, 9.4 through 9.20, and 10.6 through 10.14 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.18. Public Event
(ID # [24-1014](#))

Helen Corrigan applying for a Public Event License for Irving Street BP on September 14 from 11am to 8:30pm (raindate September 15).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.2, 9.4 through 9.20, and 10.6 through 10.14 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.19. Public Event
(ID # [24-1015](#))

Nancy Mader applying for a Public Event License for Robinson Street BP on September 14 from 2pm to 8pm (raindate September 15).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.2, 9.4 through 9.20, and 10.6 through 10.14 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9.20. Public Event
(ID # [24-1013](#))

Nelson Salazar applying for a Public Event License for Virginia Street BP on September 15 from 2:30pm to 9pm.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.2, 9.4 through 9.20, and 10.6 through 10.14 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 10.1. Communication By Councilor Strezo
(ID # [24-1057](#)) Conveying a report of the Children's Cabinet.

Councilor Strezo reported that the Recreation Department is operating 63 programs and that the Dilboy Pool is open and free. An Out of School Time director has been hired. Over 130 children are being serviced weekly in the city and there are 200 youths in the city's summer jobs program. A Youth Services Coordinator has been hired. The Somerville Free Food market is held once per week in East Somerville. The Children's Cabinet also started discussion about zoning with respect to making day care centers more feasible.

Councilor Mbah asked if there are opportunities for all children to participate in programs and Councilor Strezo said that was not discussed. She suggested that Councilor Mbah reach out to the Director of SomerPromise for an answer.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 10.2. Resolution By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Davis,
(ID # [24-1058](#)) Councilor Mbah, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Sait, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson
- That the Administration and this Council work with the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) to address long-standing issues with service reliability with the Union Square (D-line) branch of the Green Line.

This item was discussed with agenda number 10.15 (Item #24-1062). Councilor Ewen-Campen reported that there have been significant service issues with this line and that much data analysis has been performed which shows gaps in service. As this is a fairly new line, the situation is

concerning, and he would like to begin a conversation with the Administration to increase reliability on this line. Councilor Ewen-Campen sponsored Jarred Johnson to speak on the matter. Councilor Wilson spoke about a flyover that might be able to help in these circumstances.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

10.3. Resolution
(ID # [24-1068](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Scott
In support of social cannabis consumption.

Councilor Burnley said the history of racialized stigma associated with this product are anything but laughable and are deeply rooted in this country's history and connected to a system of racialized oppression and stigma that has seeped into policy, even to today. He noted that in 2016, Massachusetts voters passed a referendum to legalize cannabis for recreational and social consumption, i.e., providing the ability for businesses to allow consumers to partake in cannabis at an onsite location. Now, eight years later, not one social consumption license has been issued in the Commonwealth. Councilor Burnley commented that the Cannabis Control Commission (CCC) has failed to move with urgency on this matter and treats this substance with more restrictions than alcohol or cigarettes. The impact of the CCC's inaction is affecting local businesses that would like to have a social consumptions license. He's hoping to ask the CCC to work with the city and its Licensing Commission to issue at least a single license so that Somerville can be the Amsterdam of the Mystic.

Councilor Burnley sponsored Sam Kanter, owner of Dinner at Mary's, to speak. Ms. Canter said that about 4 years ago, Somerville, along with four other communities, signed up for a pilot program to test social consumption of cannabis. The CCC passed social consumption of cannabis about 18 months ago and no progress has been made since, and she is waiting for social consumption to become a reality, saying that it could be beneficial to the community.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

10.4. Resolution
(ID # [24-1069](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Scott
In support of statewide natural psychedelics therapy.

Councilor Burnley informed the Council that there is a ballot question initiative this year aimed at decriminalizing 5 naturally occurring psychedelics and allowing for licensed facilities to offer guided therapies for those psychedelics. It would also decriminalize a host of laws and allow for possession of a small amount of these substances, cultivation and the giving and gifting of the substances to people over the age of 21. In 2021, the City Council passed a resolution de-prioritizing the arrest of individuals in possession of psilocybin. Councilor Burnley stated that, in the midst of a mental health crisis, we have a responsibility to make sure people have the resources available to live their most healthy and safe lives.

Councilor Burnley sponsored Graham Moore to address the Council. Mr. Moore, the Educational Outreach Director for the natural psychedelics ballot measure campaign, told the Council that he has obsessive compulsive disorder and suffers from the trauma of his best friend's death by suicide. He noted that the suicide rate in MA is nearly the same as it was 10 years ago, as is the difficulty in finding adequate care. People in MA suffering from life threatening and debilitating disorders desperately need and deserve more options, and this act will provide that. Mr. Moore said that every substance in the measure has demonstrated therapeutic value and has been well tolerated in clinical trials, adding that legal access to these substances has never been observed to harm public health. He ended his remarks by saying that he's optimistic that healing can be brought to people in the rest of the state.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

10.5. Resolution
(ID # [24-1070](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr.
Recognizing July 15-21 as the Week of Visibility for Non-Monogamy.

Councilor Burnley spoke about the scheduled events and discussions about non-monogamy to be held during that week.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

10.6. License
(ID # [24-1063](#))

New Sign/Awning License, Union Square Main Streets, 1 Bow Market Way, 4 signs.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.2, 9.4 through 9.20, and 10.6 through 10.14 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

10.7. Public Event
(ID # [24-1071](#))

Communications and Community Engagement applying for a Public Event License for Ward 5 Slice of the City on July 22 from 4:30pm to 7:30pm.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.2, 9.4 through 9.20, and 10.6 through 10.14 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

10.8. Public Event
(ID # [24-1061](#))

Peter Jehlen applying for a Public Event License for OPENAIR Circus on August 2 from 4pm to 9:30pm and on August 3 and 4 from 12pm to 5:30pm.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.2, 9.4 through 9.20, and 10.6 through 10.14 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

10.9. Public Event
(ID # [24-1060](#))

Kimberly Ford applying for a Public Event License for Francis St BP on August 3 from 1pm to 10pm (raindate August 10).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.2, 9.4 through 9.20, and 10.6 through 10.14 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

10.10. Public Event
(ID # [24-1059](#))

Priscilla Ribeiro applying for a Public Event License for National Night Out on August 6 from 10am to 11pm (raindate August 7).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.2, 9.4 through 9.20, and 10.6 through 10.14 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

10.11. Public Event
(ID # [24-1064](#))

Somerville Education Foundation applying for a Public Event License for Somerville Food Nation Celebration on September 6 from 3pm to 10pm (raindate September 13).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.2, 9.4 through 9.20, and 10.6 through 10.14 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

10.12. Public Event
(ID # [24-1065](#))

Kids Like You and Me applying for a Public Event License for Somerville Underground Pop Arts and Performance Showcase on September 14 from 12pm to 6pm (raindate September 15).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.2, 9.4 through 9.20, and 10.6 through 10.14 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

10.13. Public Event
(ID # [24-1067](#))

Brandon Wilson applying for a Public Event License for Josephine Ave BP on September 14 from 1:30pm to 9:30pm (raindate September 15).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.2, 9.4 through 9.20, and 10.6 through 10.14 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

10.14. Public Event
(ID # [24-1066](#))

Nels Nelson applying for a Public Event License for Munroe St. Playtime on September 14 from 2pm to 11pm (raindate September 15).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.2, 9.4 through 9.20, and 10.6 through 10.14 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

10.15. Public Communication
(ID # [24-1062](#))

Jarred Johnson submitting comments re: Green Line Extension.

This item was discussed with agenda number 1.2 (Item #24-1058). Jarred Johnson, Executive Director of from Transit Matters, stated that since this line began, it has experienced reliability issues, signage issues and operated express runs without advanced warning to the riding public. He asked the City Council to investigate the situation. He also noted that the MBTA’s published schedule for this line bears no resemblance to the actual cadence of trains and that delays in excess of 45 minutes are being experienced. President Ewen-Campen noted that additional information on this matter is attached to this item.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

11. LATE ITEMS

11.1. Mayor's Request
(ID # [24-0216](#))

Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$39,000 grant with no new match required, from the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) to the Fire Department for the installation of security cameras for fire stations.

Councilor Wilson moved to discharge item 24-0216 from the Committee on Finance. The motion was approved on a roll call vote of 8 in favor (McLaughlin, Davis, Wilson, Sait, Scott, Burnley, Strezo, Ewen-Campen), 0 opposed, 3 absent (Mbah, Clingan, Pineda Neufeld).

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

11.2. Resolution
(ID # [24-1072](#))

By Councilor Wilson, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Davis, Councilor Scott and Councilor Mbah
That the Administration and the Director of Human Resources notify this council whenever: a director-level job becomes vacant; a director-level job is posted; and a director-level hire is made, including the start date.

Councilor Wilson said it’s important for councilors to be made aware of changes among department directors.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo, and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

ABSENT: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:15 PM on a roll call vote of 9 in favor (McLaughlin, Davis, Wilson, Sait, Scott, Mbah, Burnley, Strezo, Ewen-Campen), 0 opposed, and 2 absent (Clingan, Pineda Neufeld).