

**City of Somerville, Massachusetts**  
**Matters of Business of the City Council**

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

March 10, 2022, 7:00 PM  
City Council Chamber and Remote Participation

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**OPENING CEREMONIES**

1. Roll Call            Call of the Roll.  
(ID # 28294)
  
2. Remembrances    Remembrances.  
(ID # 28295)
  
3. Minutes            Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting,  
(ID # 28296)        February 10, 2022.

**CITATIONS**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

4. Grant of            Submitted by Eversource to install a total of 308 feet of  
Location            conduit in Somerville Avenue at the intersection of  
(ID # 28278)        Spring Street and Somerville Avenue.
  
5. Grant of            Submitted by Eversource to install a total of 324 feet of  
Location            conduit in Hawkins Street at the intersection of  
(ID # 28280)        Somerville Avenue and Hawkins Street.

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

6. Ordinance            By City Councilor Scott  
(ID # 28246)        Proposing a zoning map amendment to change the  
                              zoning district of the contiguous parcels containing 250-  
                              256 Somerville Avenue and 5-27 Allen Street (odd side  
                              only: 5-7, 9, 11, 13, 17, 21-23, and 27) from Urban  
                              Residence (UR) to Neighborhood Residence (NR).

7. Ordinance (ID # 28247) By City Councilor Scott  
Proposing a zoning map amendment to change the zoning district of the contiguous or abutting-across-a-public-way parcels of 29-31, 33-35, and 37-39 Allen Street (odd side only) and 34 Allen Street from Urban Residence (UR) to Commercial Business (CB).
8. Order (ID # 28251) By City Councilor Clingan  
That the Director of Engineering provide an update on Eversource's re-sealing of the gas main between Acadia Park and Elm Street.
9. Order (ID # 28252) By City Councilor Clingan  
That the Commissioner of Public Works contact MA Department of Transportation to ascertain their plan for the recently condemned staircase connecting McGrath Highway to Ten Hills Road.
10. Order (ID # 28248) By City Councilor Pineda Neufeld  
That the Chief of Police provide this Council with data from FY 2021 for all traffic citations, outcomes of those citations, and any collected demographic data.
11. Resolution (ID # 28249) By City Councilor Pineda Neufeld  
That the FY 2023 budget include funds for permanent outreach staff and increased staff training and development for the SomerViva Office of Immigrant Affairs.
12. Resolution (ID # 28250) By City Councilor Pineda Neufeld  
That the FY 2023 budget include resources to implement a comprehensive language justice and language access plan, led by the SomerViva Office of Immigrant Affairs.
13. Ordinance (ID # 28207) By City Councilor Strezo  
Requiring disclaimers or signs for Unlicensed Pregnancy Centers.
14. Order (ID # 28230) By City Councilor Strezo, Pineda Neufeld, Davis  
That the Director of Mobility take immediate action to increase pedestrian safety measures on crosswalks at Day Street, Dover Street, Elm Street and College Avenue intersections.

15. Resolution (ID # 28208) By City Councilor Strezo, Gomez Mouakad  
That the Administration distribute \$2 million in ARPA funds to 100% AMI units of 100 Homes purchased by Somerville Community Corporation (SCC) to reduce the level of affordability to assist families at 60% AMI or below.
16. Resolution (ID # 28195) By City Councilor Strezo  
That the FY 2023 budget include funding to implement the Senior Transportation program.
17. Resolution (ID # 28196) By City Councilor Strezo  
That the FY 2023 budget include funding for additional staff within the Parks and Recreation Department to increase the programs and classes available for after school hours and out of school time.
18. Resolution (ID # 28197) By City Councilor Strezo  
That the FY 2023 budget include a Gas Infrastructure Liaison.
19. Resolution (ID # 28198) By City Councilor Strezo  
That the FY 2023 budget include funding for an independent contractor to survey for gas leaks, grade them, and estimate their emission volumes.
20. Resolution (ID # 28199) By City Councilor Strezo  
That the FY 2023 budget include funding to purchase gas leak detection equipment and to train designated staff to utilize.
21. Resolution (ID # 28200) By City Councilor Strezo  
That the FY 2023 budget include expanded incentive funds for the SomerVIP program.
22. Resolution (ID # 28201) By City Councilor Strezo  
That the FY 2023 budget include funding to continue the implementation, assessment and expansion of the snow-clearing pilot program.
23. Communication (ID # 28202) By City Councilor Strezo  
Conveying an update regarding the Children's Cabinet.
24. Order (ID # 28232) By City Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the Director of Mobility provide an update on work done or projected projects around all school zones.

25. Resolution (ID # 28231) By City Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the FY 2023 budget include a position to support a Residential Electrification and Weatherization Resource Center under the Office of Sustainability and Environment.
26. Resolution (ID # 28233) By City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Strezo  
That the FY 2023 budget include a \$75,000 building conditions assessment study for the 100 Homes program.
27. Resolution (ID # 28234) By City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Strezo  
That the FY 2023 budget include \$150,000 in funding for staff to maintain the upkeep of the 100 Homes Properties.
28. Resolution (ID # 28235) By City Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the FY 2023 budget include scholarship funds to ensure that residents benefit from the development of a Life Sciences industry.
29. Resolution (ID # 28236) By City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Strezo  
That the FY 2023 budget include funding for a program to help local residents become licensed and certified for home daycare.
30. Resolution (ID # 28237) By City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Strezo  
That the FY 2023 budget include scholarships and opportunities for employment development for women adversely impacted by the COVID pandemic.
31. Resolution (ID # 28238) By City Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the FY 2023 budget include additional funds to expand the after school program and create a before school program.
32. Resolution (ID # 28239) By City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, McLaughlin  
That the FY 2023 budget include funding for a study to assess the needs for a recreational and cultural center.
33. Resolution (ID # 28240) By City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, McLaughlin  
That the FY 2023 budget include funding for a feasibility study for an immigrant center, with extended hours, providing direct support and a gathering place.
34. Resolution (ID # 28241) By City Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the FY 2023 budget include a building assessment study for the Winter Hill and Brown Schools.

35. Resolution (ID # 28242) By City Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the FY 2023 budget include funding to implement the Building Master Plan.
36. Resolution (ID # 28243) By City Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the FY 2023 budget include \$150,000 in funding for an on-call building envelope consultant.
37. Resolution (ID # 28244) By City Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the FY 2023 budget include funding for staff to oversee the implementation of the recommendations around arts space.
38. Resolution (ID # 28245) By City Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the FY 2023 budget include funds for a plan to support a new YMCA facility.
39. Resolution (ID # 28292) By City Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the FY 2023 budget include a position in the Department of Mobility to focus on commercial and business transport and parking needs.
40. Order (ID # 28255) By City Councilor Burnley, Jr.  
That the Director of Economic Development update this Council on the efforts to hire a consultant regarding the Armory.
41. Order (ID # 28256) By City Councilor Burnley, Jr.  
That this Council amend its rules to include gender neutral language rather than gender binary language such as "he/she".
42. Order (ID # 28257) By City Councilor Burnley, Jr.  
That this Council amend Rule 31 to remove the mention of a mandatory prayer at the beginning of each Council meeting.
43. Order (ID # 28258) By City Councilor Burnley, Jr.  
That this Council amend its Rule 24 by requiring a majority vote of the Council before a councilor can be removed from a committee.
44. Resolution (ID # 28253) By City Councilor Burnley, Jr.  
That the FY 2023 budget include funding for soil remediation at the Concord Avenue Community Garden.

45. Resolution (ID # 28254) By City Councilor Burnley, Jr.  
That the FY 2023 budget include additional funding for the renovation of historic buildings to create new affordable housing.
46. Order (ID # 28259) By City Councilor Wilson, Pineda Neufeld, Scott  
That the Director of Parks and Recreation update this Council on plans to improve the performance of the natural grass surface of the Lincoln Park soccer field.
47. Order (ID # 28260) By City Councilor Wilson, Pineda Neufeld, Scott  
That the Director of Parks and Recreation update this Council on current grass maintenance practices.
48. Order (ID # 28261) By City Councilor Wilson  
That the Director of Racial and Social Justice update this Council on the strategy to address digital equity.
49. Order (ID # 28262) By City Councilor Wilson  
That the Director of Human Resources update this Council on family leave benefits available to City of Somerville employees.
50. Order (ID # 28263) By City Councilor Wilson  
That the Director of Mobility update this Council on partnerships with third-party software companies providing reports on traffic and road hazards.
51. Order (ID # 28264) By City Councilor Wilson  
That the Director of Mobility update this Council on any plans to change the direction of neighborhood residential streets to thwart cut-through traffic.
52. Resolution (ID # 28265) By City Councilor Wilson  
That the FY 2023 budget include funding to create a fare-free bus pilot program for at least two MBTA bus lines for two years.
53. Resolution (ID # 28266) By City Councilor Wilson  
That the FY 2023 budget include funding to provide free MBTA bus and subway passes and bikeshare memberships for youth and income-eligible residents.
54. Resolution (ID # 28267) By City Councilor Wilson  
That the FY 2023 budget include funding to create a curbside municipal composting pilot program.

55. Resolution (ID # 28268) By City Councilor Wilson  
That the FY 2023 budget include funding to create a municipal broadband pilot program in the 02145 zip code.
56. Resolution (ID # 28269) By City Councilor Wilson  
That the FY 2023 budget include funding to implement widespread use of rodent hormonal birth control.
57. Resolution (ID # 28270) By City Councilor Wilson  
That the FY 2023 budget include a funding increase for the Inspectional Services Department to hire inspectors to increase enforcement and ensure coverage on evenings, weekends, and holidays.
58. Resolution (ID # 28271) By City Councilor Wilson  
That the FY 2023 budget include funding to create additional social worker and counselor positions.
59. Resolution (ID # 28272) By City Councilor Wilson  
That the FY 2023 budget include funding to offer an optional stipend to all members of boards and commissions.
60. Resolution (ID # 28273) By City Councilor Wilson  
That the FY 2023 budget include funding to hire support staff for City Council committees.
61. Resolution (ID # 28274) By City Councilor Wilson  
That the FY 2023 budget include funding for staff and technology support for a participatory budgeting ("People's Budget") process for FY 2024.
62. Resolution (ID # 28275) By City Councilor Wilson  
That the FY 2023 budget include funding for city-wide studies required to accelerate the systemic and systematic approach to safe and accessible streets and equitable mobility.
63. Resolution (ID # 28276) By City Councilor Wilson  
That the FY 2023 budget include funding for quick-build daylighting solutions for intersections and begin installing infiltration bump-outs as a long-term solution.
64. Resolution (ID # 28277) By City Councilor Wilson  
That the FY 2023 budget include funding to create a streamlined program to install speed humps on neighborhood residential streets identified as having a high incidence of cut-through vehicle traffic.

65. Resolution (ID # 28279) By City Councilor Wilson  
That the FY 2023 budget include funding to purchase and install automated enforcement equipment for traffic signals and create the infrastructure within Somerville Police Department for mailing warnings and citations.
66. Resolution (ID # 28281) By City Councilor Wilson  
That the FY 2023 budget include funding to purchase required equipment and allocate the Somerville Police Department budget in such a way to enable bulk mailing of warnings and citations for speeding.
67. Resolution (ID # 28282) By City Councilor Wilson  
That the FY 2023 budget include funding for a procurement disparity study.
68. Resolution (ID # 28284) By City Councilor Wilson  
That the FY 2023 budget include funding for public information campaigns around safer driving and using the forthcoming Green Line Extension.
69. Resolution (ID # 28286) By City Councilor Wilson  
That the FY 2023 budget include funding for drainage infrastructure improvements to address flooding on private property in the neighborhood around Foss Park.
70. Resolution (ID # 28287) By City Councilor Wilson  
That the FY 2023 budget include funding to plant a Miyawaki forest (a dense, biodiverse pocket forest) on city-owned land.
71. Resolution (ID # 28288) By City Councilor Wilson  
That the FY 2023 budget include funding to prioritize the delayed grass athletic field renovation projects at Dilboy Auxiliary Field and Nunziato Field.
72. Resolution (ID # 28289) By City Councilor Wilson  
That the FY 2023 budget include funding for expanded Parks and Recreation programming.



**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

73. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 28210) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on March 2, 2022.
  
- B. Mayor's Request 212898 Requesting the re-appointment of Darcy Haynes as Constable.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
  
- C. Order 212968 By City Councilor Clingan, Pineda Neufeld, Gomez Mouakad  
That the Director of Human Resources provide an update on the status of hiring a permanent Chief Fire Engineer.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
  
- D. Resolution 213045 By City Councilor Clingan, Scott, Kelly, Burnley, Jr., Ewen-Campen, Wilson, Pineda Neufeld  
That the Mayor consider implementing a residency exemption for members of commissions who are required by law to remain on their respective commission until a replacement has been appointed.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
  
- E. Order 213055 By City Councilor Pineda Neufeld  
That the Chief of Police and the Chief Fire Engineer appear to discuss the appointment process for new hires and promotions.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

74. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 28212) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on March 8, 2022.
  
- B. Mayor's Request 213172 Requesting acceptance of a Preservation Restriction for 181 Broadway.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
  
- C. Mayor's Request 213173 Requesting approval to appropriate \$34,685 from the Street Tree Stabilization fund to pay for expenses related to the tree health maintenance program.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
  
- D. Mayor's Request 213174 Requesting approval to transfer \$1,200 from the Police Department Professional & Technical Services account to the Police Special Items Rental-Buildings account to cover the West Substation rental costs.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.

- E. Mayor's Request 213175 Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$45,799.57 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Administration, Electric, and Buildings accounts.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- F. Order 213184 By City Councilor Burnley, Jr.  
That all departments attach guidelines and requirements associated with any grant applications, prior to seeking this Council's approval.  
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File

75. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 28211) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on March 3, 2022.
- B. Public Communication 212916 Broadway Somerville Apartments, LLC requesting the adoption of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Map to change the zoning district of 383 Broadway from UR to MR5.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- C. Public Communication 213008 Michael E. Olson requesting the adoption of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Map to change the zoning district of 125 Lowell Street from NR to UR.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.

76. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 28213) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on March 9, 2022.
- B. License/Permit 213089 New Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Joy St Motors, 24 Joy St, 42 inside, 0 outside, Mon-Fri: 8AM-6PM, Sat: 8AM-2PM, Sun: closed.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- C. License/Permit 213090 New Garage License, DW Propco EF LLC, 250 Water Street, 374 inside, 12 outside for storing vehicles only, operating 24/7.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- D. License/Permit 213091 New Flammables License, DW Propco EF LLC, 250 Water Street, storing 1320 gallons.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- E. License/Permit 213092 Public Event License, East Somerville Main Streets Market, sidewalk in front of East Branch Public Library, Saturdays May 15-Nov 27, 8AM-2PM.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- F. License/Permit 213234 New Garage License, Barnes and Walsh, 224 Somerville Avenue, 10 vehicles inside, 3 vehicles outside for auto body work and spray painting.

RECOMMENDED: Approved.

77. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 28209) Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on February 28, 2022.
  
- B. Order 212972 By City Councilor Wilson, Burnley, Jr. That the Director of Mobility update this Council on efforts to reduce cut-through vehicle traffic on neighborhood residential streets.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
  
- C. Order 212980 By City Councilor McLaughlin, Burnley, Jr., Strezo That the Director of Mobility utilize traffic calming measures on the corner of Rush and Cross Streets to address speeding and traffic issues that contributed to a crossing guard being hit by a car.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
  
- D. Order 213039 By City Councilor Scott, Gomez Mouakad, Kelly, Wilson, Burnley, Jr. That the Director of Mobility replace the HAWK signal at Buckingham and Beacon Streets with a standard RYG stoplight signal.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
  
- E. Order 213060 By City Councilor Wilson That the Director of Mobility update this Council on future plans for pedestrian "beg" buttons, which were disabled in favor of automatic signaling during the COVID-19 pandemic.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
  
- F. Order (ID # 28206) By City Councilor Gomez Mouakad That the Director of Human Resources appear before the Committee on Traffic and Parking to further discuss Item #212966, an order regarding safe driving.

**COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

- 78. Mayor's Request (ID # 28214) Requesting the use of \$18,568 in available funds from the Inspectional Services Salaries account to establish the Senior Code Enforcement Officer position for Rodent Control.
  
- 79. Mayor's Request (ID # 28173) Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$7,575 Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) grant with no new match required, from MA Department of Fire Services to the Fire Department, for teaching fire and life safety to children.

80. Mayor's Request (ID # 28174) Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$3,455 grant with no new match required, from MA Department of Fire Services to the Fire Department for fire and life safety education for seniors.
81. Mayor's Request (ID # 28228) Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$6,810 grant with no new match required, from the National Environmental Health Association-U.S. Food and Drug Administration Retail Flexible Funding Model Grant Program to the Inspectional Services Department for inspection team training.
82. Mayor's Request (ID # 28229) Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$5,000 grant with no new match required, from the National Environmental Health Association-U.S. Food and Drug Administration Retail Flexible Funding Model Grant Program to the Inspectional Services Department for an FDA self assessment.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

83. Officer's Communication (ID # 28156) City Clerk conveying the selection of Brendan Salisbury to the position of Legislative and Policy Analyst.
84. Officer's Communication (ID # 28218) Director of Housing conveying the 2021 Housing Needs Assessment.
85. Officer's Communication (ID # 28215) Memorialization Committee conveying the naming of the Chemistry Suite at Somerville High School after retiring Chemistry teacher Joseph Tarello.
86. Officer's Communication (ID # 28216) Memorialization Committee conveying the naming of an outdoor classroom at Somerville High School after Ifeanyi Menkiti, esteemed poet and former Somerville resident.
87. Officer's Communication (ID # 28217) Memorialization Committee conveying the naming of the Outdoor Lower Dining Commons at Somerville High School after Ruth Veletta Jones.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

88. License/Permit (ID # 28291) Renewing Drainlayer's License, D'Allessandro Corp.
89. License/Permit (ID # 28283) New Sign/Awning License, The Sister's Caribbean, 83B Broadway, for digital vinyl over an existing sign.

- 90. License/Permit (ID # 28204) New Sign/Awning License, Ten One Teahouse, 421 Artisan Way, for channel letter and 1 blade sign.
- 91. License/Permit (ID # 28205) New Sign/Awning License, Yafa Bakery & Cafe, 594 Somerville Ave, 1 non-illuminated face replacement.
- 92. License/Permit (ID # 28285) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Mystic Auto Sales, 712 Mystic Ave.
- 93. Withdrawn (ID # 28290) Withdrawn.
- 94. Public Communication (ID # 28293) Tufts University conveying its Spring 2022 Accountability Report.

**SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

**LATE ITEMS**

**ADJOURNMENT**