

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

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OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Willie Burnley, Jr.	City Councilor At Large	Present	
Charlotte Kelly	City Councilor At Large	Present	
Jake Wilson	City Councilor At Large	Present	
Beatriz Gomez Mouakad	Ward Five City Councilor	Present	
Judy Pineda Neufeld	Ward Seven City Councilor	Present	
Kristen Strezo	City Councilor at Large	Present	
Matthew McLaughlin	Ward One City Councilor	Present	
Jefferson Thomas ("J.T.") Scott	Ward Two City Councilor	Present	
Ben Ewen-Campen	Ward Three City Councilor	Present	
Jesse Clingan	Ward Four City Councilor	Present	
Lance L. Davis	Ward Six City Councilor	Present	

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 213238
 (ID:28294) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 213239
 (ID:28295) President McLaughlin offered a moment of silence for John Ragno.
RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, February 10, 2022.
 213240
 (ID:28296) **RESULT: APPROVED**

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 4. Grant of Location 213241 (ID:28278)

Submitted by Eversource to install a total of 308 feet of conduit in Somerville Avenue at the intersection of Spring Street and Somerville Avenue.

Jacqueline Duffy, representing Eversource, spoke in favor of the item and explained the work involved. There being no opposition and no other speakers, the public hearing was closed.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 5. Grant of Location 213242 (ID:28280)

Submitted by Eversource to install a total of 324 feet of conduit in Hawkins Street at the intersection of Somerville Avenue and Hawkins Street.

Jacqueline Duffy, representing Eversource, spoke in favor of the item and explained the work involved. The customer wishes to have the work completed as soon as possible. Councilor Scott inquired about the timeline for repairing the trench and Ms. Duffy will attempt to get a response to Councilor Scott tomorrow. There being no opposition and no other speakers, the public hearing was closed.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

- 6. Ordinance 213243 (ID:28246)

By City Councilor Scott

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).

Councilor Scott brought this forward on behalf of the neighborhood.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

- 7. Ordinance 213244 (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).

Councilor Scott brought this forward on behalf of the neighborhood.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

8. Order 213245 (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.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

9. Order 213246 (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.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

10. Order 213247 (ID:28248) By City Councilor Pineda Neufeld That the Chief of Police provide this Council, in writing, data from FY 2021 for all traffic citations, outcomes of those citations, and any collected demographic data.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations

11. Resolution 213248 (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.

President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and approve, with a copy to the Finance Committee for further discussion.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

12. Resolution 213249 (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.

President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and approve, with a copy to the Finance Committee for further discussion.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

13. Ordinance 213250 (ID:28207) By City Councilor Strezo, Gomez Mouakad, Ewen-Campen, Kelly, Wilson, Scott, Clingan, Pineda Neufeld, Davis, McLaughlin, Burnley, Jr. Requiring disclaimers or signs for Unlicensed Pregnancy Centers.

Councilor Burnley asked if there are any unlicensed facilities in the city now and Councilor Strezo answered that there are not.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

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

14. Order 213251 (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.

Councilor Strezo asked that this be addressed ASAP.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

15. Resolution 213252 (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.

President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and approve, with a copy to the Finance Committee for further discussion.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

16. Resolution 213253 (ID:28195) By City Councilor Strezo That the FY 2023 budget include funding to implement the Senior Transportation program.

President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and approve, with a copy to the Finance Committee for further discussion.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

17. Resolution 213254 (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.

President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and approve, with a copy to the Finance Committee for further discussion.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

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18. Resolution 213255 (ID:28197) By City Councilor Strezo
That the FY 2023 budget include a Gas Infrastructure Liaison.
- President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and approve, with a copy to the Finance Committee for further discussion.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
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19. Resolution 213256 (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.
- President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and approve, with a copy to the Finance Committee for further discussion.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
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20. Resolution 213257 (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.
- President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and approve, with a copy to the Finance Committee for further discussion.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
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21. Resolution 213258 (ID:28200) By City Councilor Strezo
That the FY 2023 budget include expanded incentive funds for the SomerVIP program.
- President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and approve, with a copy to the Finance Committee for further discussion.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
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22. Resolution 213259 (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.
- President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and approve, with a copy to the Finance Committee for further discussion.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
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23. Communication By City Councilor Strezo
213260
(ID:28202) Conveying an update regarding the Children's Cabinet.
- Councilor Strezo reported that there are many programs available, e.g., after school programming.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
24. Order By City Councilor Gomez Mouakad
213261
(ID:28232) That the Director of Mobility provide an update on work done or projected projects around all school zones.
- Councilor Gomez Mouakad stated that this is an ongoing issue.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee
25. Resolution By City Councilor Gomez Mouakad
213262
(ID:28231) That the FY 2023 budget include a position to support a Residential Electrification and Weatherization Resource Center under the Office of Sustainability and Environment.
- President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and approve, with a copy to the Finance Committee for further discussion.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
26. Resolution By City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Strezo
213263
(ID:28233) That the FY 2023 budget include a \$75,000 building conditions assessment study for the 100 Homes program.
- President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and approve, with a copy to the Finance Committee for further discussion.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
27. Resolution By City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Strezo
213264
(ID:28234) That the FY 2023 budget include \$150,000 in funding for staff to maintain the upkeep of the 100 Homes Properties.
- President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and approve, with a copy to the Finance Committee for further discussion.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

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28. Resolution 213265 (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.
- President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and approve, with a copy to the Finance Committee for further discussion.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
29. Resolution 213266 (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.
- President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and approve, with a copy to the Finance Committee for further discussion.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
30. Resolution 213267 (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.
- President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and approve, with a copy to the Finance Committee for further discussion.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
31. Resolution 213268 (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.
- President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and approve, with a copy to the Finance Committee for further discussion.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
32. Resolution 213269 (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.
- President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and approve, with a copy to the Finance Committee for further discussion.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

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33. Resolution 213270 (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.
- President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and approve, with a copy to the Finance Committee for further discussion.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
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34. Resolution 213271 (ID:28241) By City Councilor Gomez Mouakad That the FY 2023 budget include a building assessment study for the Winter Hill and Brown Schools.
- President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and approve, with a copy to the Finance Committee for further discussion.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
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35. Resolution 213272 (ID:28242) By City Councilor Gomez Mouakad That the FY 2023 budget include funding to implement the Building Master Plan.
- President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and approve, with a copy to the Finance Committee for further discussion.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
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36. Resolution 213273 (ID:28243) By City Councilor Gomez Mouakad That the FY 2023 budget include \$150,000 in funding for an on-call building envelope consultant.
- President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and approve, with a copy to the Finance Committee for further discussion.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
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37. Resolution 213274 (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.
- President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and approve, with a copy to the Finance Committee for further discussion.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
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38. Resolution 213275 (ID:28245) By City Councilor Gomez Mouakad That the FY 2023 budget include funds for a plan to support a new YMCA facility.
- President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and approve, with a copy to the Finance Committee for further discussion.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
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39. Resolution 213276 (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.
- President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and approve, with a copy to the Finance Committee for further discussion.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
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40. Order 213277 (ID:28255) By City Councilor Burnley, Jr., Kelly, Pineda Neufeld, Gomez Mouakad That the Director of Economic Development update this Council on the efforts to hire a consultant regarding the Armory.
- Councilor Burnley said that there has been concern for artist space and he thinks that the Council should have a role in this matter, going forward. Councilor Kelly stated that the city needs to address areas of critical need.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee
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41. Order 213278 (ID:28256) By City Councilor Burnley, Jr., Wilson, Davis That this Council amend its rules to include gender neutral language rather than gender binary language such as "he/she".
- Councilor Burnley commented that the Council's rules should be updated to keep up with the times. President McLaughlin stated that the rules have already been updated (in May, 2021) to address this request. Councilor Burnley stated that the online version has not been updated. City Clerk Wells explained that the current version is dated February 2022 and gets updated on the City Clerk and City Council websites every time a change is made, and integrated into municode online once per year. Councilor Davis asked that the current version be sent to all councilors.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Rules Special Committee

42. Order 213279 (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.

Councilor Burnley commented that the invocation is largely secular and that the rules should reflect a separation of church and state.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Rules Special Committee

43. Order 213280 (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.

Councilor Burnley stated that this is about transparency and accountability, and he thinks that the current rule is not democratic. He thinks that the Council should determine if members are being treated unfairly. Councilor Ewen-Campen has some technical questions that he would like to raise in committee. Councilor Clingan also had questions about contesting committee assignments. Councilor Burnley noted that his order only deals with the removal of a member from a committee. President McLaughlin explained his responsibilities with respect to committees and he thinks this is a solution in search of a problem and he does not support the item.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Rules Special Committee

44. Resolution 213281 (ID:28253) By City Councilor Burnley, Jr. That the FY 2023 budget include funding for soil remediation at the Concord Avenue Community Garden.

President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and approve, with a copy to the Finance Committee for further discussion.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

45. Resolution 213282 (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.

President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and approve, with a copy to the Finance Committee for further discussion.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

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| <p>46. Order
213283
(ID:28259)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Wilson, Pineda Neufeld, Scott, Gomez Mouakad
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.</p> |
| <p>Councilor Wilson stated that the state of the field is a disgrace and unsafe.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee</p> | |
| <p>47. Order
213284
(ID:28260)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Wilson, Pineda Neufeld, Scott
That the Director of Parks and Recreation update this Council on current grass maintenance practices.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee</p> | |
| <p>48. Order
213285
(ID:28261)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Wilson, Clingan, Gomez Mouakad, Davis
That the Director of Racial and Social Justice and the Director of Communications update this Council on the strategy to address digital equity in our city.</p> |
| <p>Councilor Kelly said that this is causing a divide among the city’s residents. Councilor Gomez Mouakad commented on problems with translations on the city’s website.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations</p> | |
| <p>49. Order
213286
(ID:28262)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Wilson
That the Director of Human Resources update this Council on family leave benefits available to City of Somerville employees.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> | |
| <p>50. Order
213287
(ID:28263)</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee</p> | |
| <p>51. Order
213288
(ID:28264)</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee</p> | |

52. Resolution 213289 (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.
- President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and approve, with a copy to the Finance Committee for further discussion.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
53. Resolution 213290 (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.
- President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and approve, with a copy to the Finance Committee for further discussion.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
54. Resolution 213291 (ID:28267) By City Councilor Wilson
That the FY 2023 budget include funding to create a curbside municipal composting pilot program.
- President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and approve, with a copy to the Finance Committee for further discussion.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
55. Resolution 213292 (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.
- President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and approve, with a copy to the Finance Committee for further discussion.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
56. Resolution 213293 (ID:28269) By City Councilor Wilson
That the FY 2023 budget include funding to implement widespread use of rodent hormonal birth control.
- President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and approve, with a copy to the Finance Committee for further discussion.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

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57. Resolution 213294 (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.
- President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and approve, with a copy to the Finance Committee for further discussion.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
58. Resolution 213295 (ID:28271) By City Councilor Wilson
That the FY 2023 budget include funding to create additional social worker and counselor positions.
- President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and approve, with a copy to the Finance Committee for further discussion.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
59. Resolution 213296 (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.
- President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and approve, with a copy to the Finance Committee for further discussion.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
60. Resolution 213297 (ID:28273) By City Councilor Wilson
That the FY 2023 budget include funding to hire support staff for City Council committees.
- President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and approve, with a copy to the Finance Committee for further discussion.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
61. Resolution 213298 (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.
- President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and approve, with a copy to the Finance Committee for further discussion.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

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62. Resolution 213299 (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.
- President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and approve, with a copy to the Finance Committee for further discussion.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
63. Resolution 213300 (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.
- President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and approve, with a copy to the Finance Committee for further discussion.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
64. Resolution 213301 (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.
- President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and approve, with a copy to the Finance Committee for further discussion.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
65. Resolution 213302 (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.
- President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and approve, with a copy to the Finance Committee for further discussion.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
66. Resolution 213303 (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.
- President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and approve, with a copy to the Finance Committee for further discussion.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

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67. Resolution 213304 (ID:28282) By City Councilor Wilson
That the FY 2023 budget include funding for a procurement disparity study.
- President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and approve, with a copy to the Finance Committee for further discussion.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
68. Resolution 213305 (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.
- President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and approve, with a copy to the Finance Committee for further discussion.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
69. Resolution 213306 (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.
- President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and approve, with a copy to the Finance Committee for further discussion.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
70. Resolution 213307 (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.
- President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and approve, with a copy to the Finance Committee for further discussion.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
71. Resolution 213308 (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.
- President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and approve, with a copy to the Finance Committee for further discussion.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

72. Resolution 213309 (ID:28289) By City Councilor Wilson That the FY 2023 budget include funding for expanded Parks and Recreation programming.

President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and approve, with a copy to the Finance Committee for further discussion.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

73. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 213310 (ID:28210) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on March 2, 2022.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld presented the committee report and spoke about the items discussed and the actions taken by the committee. Councilor Kelly noted that there was one unlawful eviction in Somerville and that the eviction moratorium is set to expire in six weeks.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Mayor's Request 212898 (ID:27695) Requesting the re-appointment of Darcy Haynes as Constable.

RESULT: APPROVED

- C. Order 212968 (ID:27933) 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.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Resolution 213045 (ID:28040) 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.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- E. Order 213055 (ID:28031) 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.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

74. FINANCE COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report
213311
(ID:28212)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on March 8, 2022.</p> <p>Councilor Wilson presented the committee report and noted that Item #213174 is actually for the East substation. He reviewed the items discussed and the actions taken by the committee.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| <p>B. Mayor's Request
213172
(ID:28054)</p> | <p>Requesting acceptance of a Preservation Restriction for 181 Broadway.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Burnley, Jr., Kelly, Wilson, Gomez Mouakad, Pineda Neufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis</p> |
| <p>C. Mayor's Request
213173
(ID:28059)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to appropriate \$34,685 from the Street Tree Stabilization fund to pay for expenses related to the tree health maintenance program.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Burnley, Jr., Kelly, Wilson, Gomez Mouakad, Pineda Neufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis</p> |
| <p>D. Mayor's Request
213174
(ID:28056)</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| <p>E. Mayor's Request
213175
(ID:28060)</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| <p>F. Order
213184
(ID:28153)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Burnley, Jr.
That all departments attach guidelines and requirements associated with any grant applications, prior to seeking this Council's approval.</p> <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |

75. LAND USE COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report
213312
(ID:28211) | Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on March 3, 2022. |
| | | Councilor Ewen-Campen presented the committee report and said that two zoning amendments were approved but should be tabled until the Planning Board sends its recommendation to the Council. Those items (#212916 and #213008) were tabled.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| B. | Public Communication
212916
(ID:27779) | 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. |
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| C. | Public Communication
213008
(ID:27903) | 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. |
| | | RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE |

76. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report
213313
(ID:28213) | Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on March 9, 2022. |
| | | Councilor Burnley presented the committee report and discussed the actions taken by the committee.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| B. | License/Permit
213089
(ID:27981) | 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. |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED |
| C. | License/Permit
213090
(ID:27984) | New Garage License, DW Propco EF LLC, 250 Water Street, 374 inside, 12 outside for storing vehicles only, operating 24/7. |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED |
| D. | License/Permit
213091
(ID:27985) | New Flammables License, DW Propco EF LLC, 250 Water Street, storing 1320 gallons. |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED |
| E. | License/Permit
213092
(ID:27982) | Public Event License, East Somerville Main Streets Market, sidewalk in front of East Branch Public Library, Saturdays May 15-Nov 27, 8AM-2PM. |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED |

- F. License/Permit 213234 (ID:28190) New Garage License, Barnes and Walsh, 224 Somerville Avenue, 10 vehicles inside, 3 vehicles outside for auto body work and spray painting.

RESULT: APPROVED

77. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 213314 (ID:28209) Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on February 28, 2022.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad presented the committee report and discussed the actions taken by the committee. She commented that she is pushing mobility issues.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Order 212972 (ID:27936) 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.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Order 212980 (ID:27944) 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.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Order 213039 (ID:28023) 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.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- E. Order 213060 (ID:28036) 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.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- F. Order 213315 (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.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

78. Mayor's Request 213316 (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.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
79. Mayor's Request 213317 (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.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
80. Mayor's Request 213318 (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.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
81. Mayor's Request 213319 (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.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading and requested that it be referred to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
82. Mayor's Request 213320 (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.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading and requested that it be referred to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

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| <p>83. Officer's Communication 213321 (ID:28156)</p> | <p>City Clerk conveying the selection of Brendan Salisbury to the position of Legislative and Policy Analyst.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</p> |
| <p>84. Officer's Communication 213322 (ID:28218)</p> | <p>Director of Housing conveying the 2021 Housing Needs Assessment.</p> <p>Housing Policy Coordinator Morena Zelaya addressed the Council along with Consultant Judi Barrett. Ms. Barrett reviewed the Housing Needs Assessment Report and said that multiple conversations were held with individuals and organizations throughout the city. She reviewed the city's population demographics, population characteristics (race, ethnicity, immigration, disability, per capita income), household characteristics (types, tenure, age, size, college & graduate students, income, low-income households), housing supply and demand, housing supply and age, housing size, amenities and quality, vacancy information, rental affordability gap, homeownership, affordable housing demand. Ms. Barrett went on to speak about inclusionary zoning, the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, and stakeholders' perspectives and takeaways.</p> <p>Councilor Gomez Mouakad asked if future reports could have race data included. The report is available at: https://www.somervillema.gov/sites/default/files/housing-needs-assessment-2021.pdf.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee</p> |
| <p>85. Officer's Communication 213323 (ID:28215)</p> | <p>Memorialization Committee conveying the naming of the Chemistry Suite at Somerville High School after retiring Chemistry teacher Joseph Tarello.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</p> |
| <p>86. Officer's Communication 213324 (ID:28216)</p> | <p>Memorialization Committee conveying the naming of an outdoor classroom at Somerville High School after Ifeanyi Menkiti, esteemed poet and former Somerville resident.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</p> |
| <p>87. Officer's Communication 213325 (ID:28217)</p> | <p>Memorialization Committee conveying the naming of the Outdoor Lower Dining Commons at Somerville High School after Ruth Veletta Jones.</p> <p>Councilor Burnley noted that Ruth Veletta Jones was the first black woman to vote in the City of Cambridge.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</p> |

NEW BUSINESS

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| 88. License/Permit
213326
(ID:28291) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, D'Allessandro Corp. | <p>Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| 89. License/Permit
213327
(ID:28283) | New Sign/Awning License, The Sister's Caribbean, 83B Broadway, for digital vinyl over an existing sign. | <p>Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| 90. License/Permit
213328
(ID:28204) | New Sign/Awning License, Ten One Teahouse, 421 Artisan Way, for channel letter and 1 blade sign. | <p>Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| 91. License/Permit
213329
(ID:28205) | New Sign/Awning License, Yafa Bakery & Cafe, 594 Somerville Ave, 1 non-illuminated face replacement. | <p>Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| 92. License/Permit
213330
(ID:28285) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Mystic Auto Sales, 712 Mystic Ave. | <p>Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and requested that the item be approved.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| 93. Withdrawn
213331
(ID:28290) | Withdrawn. | <p>RESULT: WITHDRAWN</p> |
| 94. Public
Communication
213332
(ID:28293) | Tufts University conveying its Spring 2022 Accountability Report. | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</p> |

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

LATE ITEMS

95. Resolution 213333 (ID:28299) By City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Gomez Mouakad, Ewen-Campen, Kelly, Wilson, Scott, Clingan, Strezo, Davis, McLaughlin, Burnley, Jr. That the Administration encourage Somerville grocery stores and pharmacies to implement a daily "mask-hour" when masks or face coverings are required, so immune-compromised residents and seniors may shop in an environment that is less risky to their health.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld stated her concern over the lack of a robust discussion of this issue by the Board of Health at its recent meeting.

Councilor Kelly stated that the pandemic is not over.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 8:48 PM.