



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

City Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 13, 2025

7:00 PM

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1. OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Ward Seven City Councilor Judy Pineda Neufeld. The City Council entered recess at 7:14 PM and returned at 7:27 PM. The City Council entered Executive Session at 8:18 PM and returned at 9:17 PM.

- 1.1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
(ID # [25-0485](#))

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

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

- 1.2. Remembrances Remembrances.
(ID # [25-0486](#))

RESULT: **APPROVED**

- 1.3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 13, 2025.
(ID # [25-0487](#))

RESULT: **APPROVED**

2. CITATIONS

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

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- 3.1. Grant of Location (ID # [25-0421](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install approximately 256 feet of conduit in Prospect Street from Manhole 23058 to two points of pickup at 121 Prospect Street and an existing conduit.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 3.2. Grant of Location (ID # [25-0422](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install approximately 128 feet of conduit and one new Manhole 32561 in Summer Street, from Utility Pole 325/28 to a point of pickup at 162 Summer Street.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 3.3. Withdrawn (ID # [25-0423](#)) Withdrawn.
RESULT: WITHDRAWN
- 4. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**
- 4.1. Order (ID # [25-0401](#)) By Councilor Burnley Jr.
That the City Clerk draft a Notice of Building Sale Ordinance, as recommended by the Residential Displacement Task Force, to require landlords inform tenants of an intent to sell when they list a home on the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) or other real estate sales platforms.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 4.2. Resolution (ID # [25-0405](#)) By Councilor Wilson and Councilor Clingan
Declaring the month of March 2025 as National Social Work Month.
RESULT: LAI D ON THE TABLE
- 4.3. Order (ID # [25-0461](#)) By Councilor Mbah
That the Director of Engineering and Director of Mobility install a traffic signal light at the end of Woods Avenue and Alewife Brook Parkway.
RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee
- 4.4. Order (ID # [25-0462](#)) By Councilor Mbah
That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the trees in front of 18 and 20 Granite Street as their branches are creating a hazard to the abutting house.
RESULT: APPROVED
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- 4.5. Resolution (ID # [25-0460](#))
By Councilor Mbah, Councilor Sait, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Scott
In support of immigrant rights legislation, including the Safe Communities Act and the Immigrant Legal Defense Act.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 4.6. Order (ID # [25-0463](#))
By Councilor Strezo
That the Director of Human Resources, Director of Parking, Director of Mobility and Chief of Police respond to the recent incidents of four children being hit by cars in the past few months on their paths to school.
RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee
- 4.7. Order (ID # [25-0464](#))
By Councilor Strezo and Councilor Mbah
That the Chief of Police report on the current number of regularly staffed crossing guards throughout the city and the total number of crossing guard positions currently available.
RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee
- 4.8. Order (ID # [25-0466](#))
By Councilor Strezo
That the Director of Parks and Recreation report on the process by which Ginny Smithers Pool patrons are promptly notified of pool cancellations or schedule changes, including any modifications that could be made to that process in light of the March 2025 temporary pool closure.
RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee
- 4.9. Order (ID # [25-0467](#))
By Councilor Strezo
That the Director of Parks and Recreation report on the stock and condition of previously installed playground communication boards that assist nonverbal children in playtime.
RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee
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- 4.10. Order
(ID # [25-0471](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Wilson
That the Chief of Police prioritize Otis Street for traffic enforcement during school drop off and pick up times.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee
- 4.11. Order
(ID # [25-0472](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Parking update the Ward 1 City Councilor on the recently installed signs prohibiting parking during snow emergencies on Otis Street.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee
- 4.12. Resolution
(ID # [25-0473](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Scott, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Mbah
That the Administration update this Council on the status of the \$528,218 received from the national opioid settlement fund to combat drug addiction and of any plans to utilize said funds.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee
- 4.13. Order
(ID # [25-0475](#))
- By Councilor Clingan
That the Commissioner of Public Works install a large NO DOGS ALLOWED sign on the Thurston Street entrance gate of the Winter Hill soccer field.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- 4.14. Resolution
(ID # [25-0474](#))
- By Councilor Clingan, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Sait, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Mbah, Councilor Scott, Councilor Davis and Councilor Pineda Neufeld
In support of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and condemning attacks on disability rights.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- 4.15. Communication
(ID # [25-0476](#))
- By Councilor Clingan
Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2026.
- RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
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- 4.16. Order
(ID # [25-0477](#))
- By Councilor Sait
That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the unused switch box on the sidewalk at 533-535 Medford Street.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
- 4.17. Order
(ID # [25-0478](#))
- By Councilor Sait
That the Commissioner of Public Works install two safety bollards on the sidewalk at the intersection of Medford Street and Broadway.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee
- 4.18. Order
(ID # [25-0479](#))
- By Councilor Sait
That the Chief of Police increase traffic enforcement at the intersection of Broadway and Medford Street.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee
- 4.19. Order
(ID # [25-0480](#))
- By Councilor Sait
That the Director of Engineering and the Director of Mobility shorten the cycle time of the traffic light at the intersection of Medford Street and Lowell Street.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee
- 4.20. Home Rule
Petition
(ID # [25-0482](#))
- By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Davis
Proposing a Home Rule Petition to establish a charter for the City of Somerville.
- RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Charter Review Special Committee
- 4.21. Withdrawn
(ID # [25-0465](#))
- Withdrawn.
- RESULT:** WITHDRAWN
- 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
- 5.1. Mayor's Request
(ID # [25-0221](#))
- Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Henry Lima to the position of Firefighter.
- RESULT:** LAI D ON THE TABLE
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- 5.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0222](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Christopher Carvalho to the position of Firefighter.
RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
- 5.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0223](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Brandon Coco to the position of Firefighter.
RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
- 5.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0224](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Rory Gallivan to the position of Firefighter.
RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
- 5.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0225](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jake Hardy to the position of Firefighter.
RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
- 5.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0226](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Todd Headley to the position of Firefighter.
RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
- 5.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0227](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Gavin Tierney to the position of Firefighter.
RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
- 5.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0228](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Matthew White to the position of Firefighter.
RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

6.A. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- 6.A.1. Committee Report (ID # [25-0419](#)) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on March 5, 2025.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 6.A.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0218](#)) Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Thomas Bellini to the position of Fire Captain.
RESULT: APPROVED

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- 6.A.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0219](#)) Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Andrew Tkaczuk to the position of Fire Lieutenant.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 6.A.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0220](#)) Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Christopher Galvin to the position of Fire Lieutenant.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 6.B. FINANCE COMMITTEE
- 6.B.1. Committee Report (ID # [25-0469](#)) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on March 11, 2025.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 6.B.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0258](#)) Requesting the use of available funds in the Water Enterprise Fund Wages account in the amount of \$14,798.95 to fund a Utility Billing Manager position.
RESULT: NOT APPROVED
- 6.B.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0260](#)) Requesting the use of available funds in the Water Enterprise Fund Wages account in the amount of \$13,928.44 to fund a new Service Operations Manager position.
RESULT: NOT APPROVED
- 6.B.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0262](#)) Requesting the use of available funds in the Water Enterprise Fund Wages account in the amount of \$1,569.10 to fund a Billing Analyst position.
RESULT: NOT APPROVED
- 6.B.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0268](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$32.06 to Market Basket/Demoulas using available funds in the Parks & Recreation Food Supplies & Refreshments and Office Supplies accounts.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 6.B.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0274](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$137,288 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Information Technology (IT) Department Professional & Technical Account for an independent assessment of security and network infrastructure and an organizational review of all IT groups within the city.
RESULT: APPROVED
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- 6.B.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0279](#)) Requesting authorization to borrow \$7,600,000 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for the FY 2025 Water Main Rehabilitation program as part of the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority's Local Water System Assistance Program.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- AYE:** City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld
- 6.B.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0281](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$335,635 grant with no new match required, from the Department of Mental Health to the Police Department for the Crisis Intervention Training and Technical Assistance Center.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- 6.B.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0282](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$15,000 grant with no new match required, as a sub-award through the Fenway Community Health Center to the Police Department for the Post-Overdose Support Team (POST).
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- 6.B.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0283](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$23,105 grant that requires a match, from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council to the Police Department for the Metro Mayors Community Safety Initiative.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- 6.B.11. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0284](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend an \$87,450 grant with no new match required, from the Executive Office of Public Safety & Security to the Police Department for staffing.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- 6.B.12. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0299](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$100,000 grant with no new match required, from the City of Boston Office of Emergency Management to the Elections Department for security of elections vault.
- RESULT:** APPROVED

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- 6.B.13. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0333](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$93.61 using available funds in the Police Department Out-of-State Travel account for food expenses during an investigation.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 6.B.14. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0334](#)) Requesting approval of a contract extension for two years until 2/28/2026 for TSA Consulting Group, Inc., for the administration of 457(b) plans.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 6.B.15. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0349](#)) Requesting approval of easements from JMC/STM/TGCI Union Square, LLC for 346 Somerville Avenue.
RESULT: APPROVED
AYE: City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld
- 6.B.16. Mayor's Communication (ID # [25-0368](#)) Conveying a forthcoming appropriation request from the Salary Contingency account to various city departments to fund an update to the non-union salary ordinance.
RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
- 6.B.17. Mayor's Communication (ID # [25-0369](#)) Conveying an update on the next steps for recommendations on compensation for Elected Officials.
RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
- 6.B.18. Officer's Communication (ID # [25-0371](#)) Finance Director conveying FY 2025 Mid-Year Financial Report in accordance with Section 2-48 of the Code of Ordinances.
RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
- 6.C. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
- 6.C.1. Committee Report (ID # [25-0412](#)) Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on March 4, 2025.
RESULT: APPROVED
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- 6.C.2. Officer's Communication (ID # [24-1446](#)) Fair Housing Commission conveying the FY 2023 Annual Report pursuant to Section 17-7 of the Code of Ordinances.
RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
- 6.C.3. Order (ID # [25-0232](#)) By Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Wilson That the Director of Economic Development begin the process for developing a Teele Square commercial area plan.
RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
- 6.C.4. Order (ID # [25-0354](#)) By Councilor Pineda Neufeld That the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development consider increasing permanent supportive housing across the city.
RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
- 6.D. PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
- 6.D.1. Committee Report (ID # [25-0468](#)) Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, meeting on March 10, 2025.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 6.D.2. Order (ID # [25-0121](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Sait That the Director of Water and Sewer appear before this Council to address resident claims that newly installed water meters are falsely registering air pockets in residential cold water lines as leaks, leading to significantly inaccurate bills.
RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
- 6.D.3. Order (ID # [25-0241](#)) By Councilor Clingan, Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Wilson That the Director of Capital Projects update this Council on the potential plan to use the Homan's site for installation of a stormwater retention tank.
RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
- 6.D.4. Order (ID # [25-0350](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Commissioner of Public Works update this Council on how the Municipal Sidewalk Clearing Pilot program for Broadway and School Street is functioning during this challenging winter.
RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
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- 6.D.5. Order
(ID # [25-0355](#))
- By Councilor Clingan, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Sait, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Mbah That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry discuss the feasibility of removing snow from city playgrounds.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.D.6. Order
(ID # [25-0356](#))
- By Councilor Clingan
That the Commissioner of Public Works discuss the process for clearing bike lanes of snow.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.D.7. Order
(ID # [25-0359](#))
- By Councilor Clingan, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Mbah and Councilor Scott
That the Director of Engineering update this Council on the whereabouts of the Portland Loos.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.E. SCHOOL BUILDING FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE SPECIAL COMMITTEE
- 6.E.1. Committee Report
(ID # [25-0407](#))
- Report of the Special Committee on School Building Facilities and Maintenance, meeting on March 3, 2025.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 6.E.2. Order
(ID # [25-0234](#))
- By Councilor Pineda Neufeld
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management develop a Swing Space plan to accommodate Somerville Public Schools students to mitigate disruption to students, families, and staff while a school building is unavailable or during construction.
- RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**
FOLLOWUP: School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee
- 6.E.3. Order
(ID # [25-0235](#))
- By Councilor Pineda Neufeld
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management provide an update on the conversion of the former science lab in Room 208 at the Arthur D. Healey School, to small group learning classrooms.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.E.4. Order
(ID # [25-0237](#))
- By Councilor Pineda Neufeld
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management discuss with the City Council and School Committee, the development of the FY 2026 project plan and budget in accordance with the adopted Capital Investment Plan.

RESULT: **WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.E.5. Order
(ID # [25-0238](#))
- By Councilor Pineda Neufeld
That the Commissioner of Public Works complete installation of any remaining lockdown blinds needed for safety at Somerville High School.

RESULT: **WORK COMPLETED**

7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 7.1. Mayor's Request
(ID # [25-0406](#))
- Requesting that this Council convene in Executive Session with the City Solicitor and Lawyers for Civil Rights to discuss legal services in connection with any Executive Order issued by the Trump Administration regarding “sanctuary cities”.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

- 7.2. Mayor's Request
(ID # [25-0416](#))
- Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to authorize the City of Somerville to establish a net zero emissions standard for new constructed buildings and major renovation projects.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

- 7.3. Mayor's Request
(ID # [25-0417](#))
- Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to provide legal voting rights in municipal elections for non-citizen residents of the City of Somerville.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

- 7.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0483](#)) Requesting the acceptance of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 64G, Section 3D(a), to authorize the city to impose a community impact fee of 3% of the total amount of rent upon each transfer of occupancy of “Professionally-managed units”.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

- 7.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0484](#)) Requesting the acceptance of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 64G, Section 3D(b), to authorize the city to impose the community impact allowed under Chapter 3D(a) of G.L. c. 64G, on each transfer of occupancy of a short-term rental unit in a two- or three-family dwelling, that includes the operator’s primary residence.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

- 7.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0470](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$922,609 from the Salary Contingency account to various departmental Salaries Accounts to fund an update to the non-union salary ordinance.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0434](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$35,000 from the Health and Human Services Professional and Technical Services Account to the Council on Aging Transportation (Non-School) Account for the Senior Taxi Transportation program.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0285](#)) Requesting approval of a time-only extension for an additional two years until 12/31/2026 for the contract with Warner Larson Landscape Architects, to complete additional structural and design services at the Healey Schoolyard and Athletic Field.

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- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0410](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$42,000 grant with no new match required from the Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for safety equipment.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0400](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$3,090 using available funds in the Parks & Recreation Department DCR-Boat House account.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.11. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0411](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$239.50 using available funds in the Police Department Medical and Dental Services account for a medical invoice.
- RESULT:** **WITHDRAWN**
- 7.12. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0168](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$72.24 using available funds in the Department of Racial and Social Justice Rental Water Cooler Account for the purchase of four cases of bottled water.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.13. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0452](#)) Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Hudl Focus cameras.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee
- 7.14. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0402](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Alfred William Rymill III as Somerville Housing Authority Police Officer.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee
- 7.15. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0403](#)) Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Michael De Bethencourt as Somerville Housing Authority Police Officer.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
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FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

- 7.16. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0404](#)) Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Sean Browne as Somerville Housing Authority Police Officer.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

- 7.17. Mayor's Communication (ID # [25-0458](#)) Conveying the appointment of Matt Iglesias to the Municipal Scholarship Committee.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

- 7.18. Mayor's Communication (ID # [25-0459](#)) Conveying the appointment of Sarah Beckmann, Ben Cuba, and Christine Hayes to the Arts Council.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1. License (ID # [25-0424](#)) Renewing Drainlayer's License, C.J. Doherty Inc.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

- 9.2. License (ID # [25-0425](#)) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Commonwealth Construction & Utilities, Inc.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

- 9.3. License (ID # [25-0426](#)) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Ferrante Construction LLC.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

- 9.4. License (ID # [25-0427](#)) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Hydra Tech, Inc.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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- 9.5. License
(ID # [25-0428](#))
- Renewing Drainlayer's License, Jason Anthony Corp.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.6. License
(ID # [25-0429](#))
- Renewing Drainlayer's License, JET Excavation.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.7. License
(ID # [25-0430](#))
- Renewing Drainlayer's License, McGue Excavating LLC.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.8. License
(ID # [25-0431](#))
- Renewing Drainlayer's License, Metro Equipment Corporation.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.9. License
(ID # [25-0432](#))
- Renewing Drainlayer's License, Spencer Contracting.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.10. License
(ID # [25-0433](#))
- Renewing Drainlayer's License, The Welch Corp.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.11. License
(ID # [25-0435](#))
- Renewing Flammables License, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 259 McGrath Highway.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.12. License
(ID # [25-0436](#))
- Renewing Flammables License, Trum Field Sunoco, 541 Broadway.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.13. License
(ID # [25-0437](#))
- Renewing Garage License, Broadway Brake Corp, 45 Broadway.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.14. License
(ID # [25-0438](#))
- Renewing Garage License, Broadway Sunoco, 258 Broadway.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
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- 9.15. License
(ID # [25-0440](#)) Renewing Garage License, Modern Floors, Inc., 22 Marshall Street.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.16. License
(ID # [25-0441](#)) Renewing Garage License, Pearl Street Auto Sales, 182 Pearl Street.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.17. License
(ID # [25-0442](#)) Renewing Garage License, U-Haul of Boston, 151 Linwood Street.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.18. License
(ID # [25-0443](#)) Renewing Garage License, Webster Auto Body, 69 Webster Avenue.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.19. License
(ID # [25-0444](#)) Renewing Livery License, Med Transportation LLC, 34 Grant Street.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.20. License
(ID # [25-0445](#)) Renewing Second Hand Dealer License, Luce Boutique, 56 Union Square.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.21. License
(ID # [25-0446](#)) New Sign/Awning License, Cookies Retail LLC, 71 Union Square, 2 Signs.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.22. License
(ID # [25-0447](#)) Renewing Taxi Medallion, HollyPaul Desravines, Med. #92.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.23. License
(ID # [25-0448](#)) Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Broadway Sunoco, 258 Broadway.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.24. Public Event
(ID # [25-0451](#)) SomerPromise Department applying for a Public Event License for Week of the Young Child Celebration on April 10 from 3:30pm to 7:30pm.
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RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.25. Public Event
(ID # [25-0449](#)) Tufts Engineers without Borders applying for a Public Event License for Fred Berger Memorial 6K Run/Walk on April 13 from 11:00am to 1:30pm (raindates April 18, 27).

RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.26. Public Event
(ID # [25-0450](#)) St. Benedict Parish applying for a Public Event License for Good Friday Drama on April 18 from 3:30pm to 6:30pm.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.27. Public
Communication
(ID # [25-0409](#)) Tufts University conveying its Spring 2025 Accountability Report.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

- 9.28. Public
Communication
(ID # [25-0453](#)) Cole Rainey-Slavick submitting comments re: item #23-1461, Safe Streets ordinance.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- 9.29. Public
Communication
(ID # [25-0454](#)) Michéle Hansen and Matthias Rudolf submitting comments re: item #24-1584, Zoning Map Amendment to change the zoning district of 11 Horace Street, 5-7, 9, 13, and 15 Ward Street, and 15 and 21 South Street from Mid-Rise 4 (MR4) to Mid-Rise 6 (MR6).

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- 9.30. Public
Communication
(ID # [25-0455](#)) Abigail Walzer submitting comments re: Copper Mill project.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- 9.31. Withdrawn
(ID # [25-0439](#)) Withdrawn.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

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- 10.1. Citation
(ID # [25-0492](#))
- By Councilor Pineda Neufeld
Commending 311 Somerville for nearly 20 years of dedicated service.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- 10.2. Order
(ID # [25-0489](#))
- By Councilor Sait and Councilor Wilson
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management work with a consultant to provide this Council with the renovation cost of the Cummings School building.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee
- 10.3. Order
(ID # [25-0490](#))
- By Councilor Sait
That the Director of Engineering provide an update on the construction of the Lowell Street crosswalk facing the Magoun Square Green Line station.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee
- 10.4. Order
(ID # [25-0509](#))
- By Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Sait, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Mbah
That the Director of Human Resources report to this Council the list of all department heads who have completed, and a list of those who have not completed, all relevant trainings on interpretation and language access.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee
- 10.5. Order
(ID # [25-0511](#))
- By Councilor Pineda Neufeld
That the Director of Mobility install speed humps on Elmwood Street.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee
- 10.6. Order
(ID # [25-0510](#))
- By Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Mbah, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Sait, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management discuss with this Council what strategies and resources are being utilized to bring Somerville's Tannery Brook Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) into compliance with the current and future long-term CSO control plans.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
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- 10.7. Order
(ID # [25-0515](#))
By Councilor Burnley Jr.
That the Director of Engineering install a curb cut in front of the Edgerly Education Center's accessible entrance on Bonair Street over the summer.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 10.8. License
(ID # [25-0498](#))
New Drainlayer's License, Umbro & Sons Construction Corp.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 10.9. License
(ID # [25-0494](#))
Renewing Drainlayer's License, Baystate Engineering Corp.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 10.10. License
(ID # [25-0495](#))
Renewing Drainlayer's License, CRL Inc.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 10.11. License
(ID # [25-0496](#))
Renewing Drainlayer's License, Mendez Masonry & Construction, Inc.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 10.12. License
(ID # [25-0497](#))
Renewing Drainlayer's License, Milltown Plumbing & Heating Inc.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 10.13. License
(ID # [25-0499](#))
Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Mayer Campus Center, 44 Professors Row.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 10.14. License
(ID # [25-0500](#))
New Flammables License, POAH Clarendon LLC, 20 Stephenson Aman Street, storing 1,000 gallons.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee
- 10.15. License
(ID # [25-0501](#))
Renewing Garage License, Real Auto Shop, Inc., 463 McGrath Highway.
RESULT: APPROVED
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- 10.16. License
(ID # [25-0502](#))
- Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Nissenbaum Auto Parts Inc, 480 Columbia Street.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 10.17. License
(ID # [25-0503](#))
- Renewing Second Hand Dealer License, Nissenbaum Auto Parts Inc, 480 Columbia Street.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 10.18. Small Wireless Facility
(ID # [25-0504](#))
- Crown Castle Fiber LLC applying for a Small Wireless Facility License for facilities on an existing pole at 684 Somerville Avenue.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 10.19. Public Event
(ID # [25-0507](#))
- BA Events Promotion applying for a Public Event License for Race of Ireland on March 16 from 7am to 1:30pm.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 10.20. Public Event
(ID # [25-0505](#))
- Dormition of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church applying for a Public Event License for Greek Independence Day Event on March 22 from 10am to 2:30pm.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 10.21. Public Event
(ID # [25-0508](#))
- The Curl Bar applying for a Public Event License for The Curl Bar Community Event on May 24 from 6am to 7pm (raindate May 31).
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 10.22. Public Event
(ID # [25-0506](#))
- Veterans Department applying for a Public Event License for Memorial Day Parade on May 25 from 8am to 3pm.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 10.23. Mayor's Request
(ID # [25-0514](#))
- Requesting the appropriation of \$1,073,189 from the Salary & Wage Stabilization Fund to various departmental Other Lump Sum Payments accounts to fund the retrospective portion of a collective bargaining settlement with the Somerville Municipal Employees Union, Unit B.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
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AYE: City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 10.24. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0513](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$1,810,905 from the Salary Contingency account to various departmental Personal Services accounts to fund FY 2025 retroactive payments related to a collective bargaining settlement with the Somerville Municipal Employees Union, Unit B.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

- 10.25. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0456](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$160,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Department of Public Works Repairs to Buildings Account for fabrication and installation of courts at Founders Rink.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 10.26. Public Communication (ID # [25-0512](#)) Harvard University Conveying its Spring 2025 Accountability Report.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

- 10.27. Public Communication (ID # [25-0488](#)) Michael Curtis submitting comments re: tree work.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:34 PM.

