



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## City Council

### Meeting Minutes

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Thursday, December 11, 2025

7:00 PM

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#### 1. OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis.

The City Council entered recess at 7:25 PM and returned at 7:29 PM.

The City Council entered recess at 7:42 PM and returned at 7:56 PM.

The City Council entered recess at 8:12 PM and returned at 8:15 PM.

The City Council entered recess at 9:33 PM and returned at 9:41 PM.

- 1.1. Roll Call                      Call of the Roll.  
(ID # [25-1846](#))

**RESULT:**      **PLACED ON FILE**

**Present:**      Ward Seven City Councilor Emily Hardt  
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  
City Councilor At Large Wilfred N. Mbah  
Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis

- 1.2. Remembrances              Remembrances.  
(ID # [25-1847](#))

**RESULT:**      **APPROVED**

- 1.3. Minutes                      Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 13, 2025.  
(ID # [25-1848](#))

**RESULT:**      **APPROVED**

#### 2. CITATIONS

- 2.1. Citation  
(ID # [25-1784](#)) By Councilor Davis  
Commending Kevin Ryan for his lifesaving actions on October 15, 2025.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 2.2. Citation  
(ID # [25-1785](#)) By Councilor Davis  
Commending Kelly Gates for her lifesaving actions on November 5, 2025.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 2.3. Citation  
(ID # [25-1841](#)) By Councilor Strezo  
Commending the Somerville Special Education Parent Advisory Council for their commitment to students.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 2.4. Citation  
(ID # [25-1786](#)) By Councilor Mbah  
Commending Councilor Lance L. Davis for his distinguished service as President of this Council in 2025.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 2.5. Citation  
(ID # [25-1787](#)) By Councilor Davis  
Commending Councilor Wilfred N. Mbah for his distinguished service as Vice President of this Council in 2025.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 2.6. Citation  
(ID # [25-1789](#)) By Councilor Davis  
Commending outgoing Councilor Willie Burnley, Jr. for his outstanding service to the people of Somerville as City Councilor at Large from 2022 to 2025.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 2.7. Citation  
(ID # [25-1788](#)) By Councilor Davis  
Commending outgoing Councilor Jake Wilson for his outstanding service to the people of Somerville as City Councilor at Large from 2022 to 2025.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 2.8. Citation  
(ID # [25-1790](#)) By Councilor Davis  
Commending outgoing Mayor Katjana Ballantyne for her outstanding service to the people of Somerville as Mayor from 2022 to 2025.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**

### 3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- 4.1. Order  
(ID # [25-1782](#)) By Councilor Strezo  
That the Director of Housing report to this Council the number of new housing units that have been approved for development, year-by-year, since the adoption of SomerVision 2040, and of those, how many are permanently affordable, and how the department defines affordability.  
**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee
- 4.2. Communication  
(ID # [25-1826](#)) By Councilor Mbah  
Conveying a report of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.  
**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE
- 4.3. Communication  
(ID # [25-1827](#)) By Councilor Mbah  
Conveying a report of the Job Creation and Retention Trust Fund.  
**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE
- 4.4. Order  
(ID # [25-1828](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Scott and Councilor Mbah  
That the Director of Mobility increase visibility at the intersection of School Street and the Community Path by permanently installing a convex mirror on the fence.  
**RESULT:** APPROVED
- 4.5. Order  
(ID # [25-1829](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Sait and Councilor Strezo  
That the Director of Mobility install flashing WATCH FOR PEDESTRIANS signs on the Community Path where it intersects with the Gilman Square station entrance, Walnut Street, Medford Street, Sycamore Street, School Street, and Central Street.  
**RESULT:** APPROVED
- 4.6. Order  
(ID # [25-1830](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen  
That the Commissioner of Public Works install padding around the base of the metal street lamp at the base of the grass hill between City Hall and Reavis Field, to avoid potential injuries from sledding.  
Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to strike ",to avoid potential injuries from sledding.". The motion was approved on a voice vote.  
**RESULT:** APPROVED AS AMENDED
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- 4.7. Order  
(ID # [25-1834](#))

By Councilor Davis

That this Council amend the Rules of the City Council related to committees.

Councilor Strezo moved to amend the Rules to change the name of the Community and Equity Committee to the Housing, Community Development and Equity Committee. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

Councilor Wilson moved for reconsideration of the item in the hopes that it failed. Reconsideration failed and the item was approved on a voice vote.

**RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED**

**AYE:** Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, 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, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

## 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 5.1. Order  
(ID # [25-1770](#))

By Councilor Strezo

That this City Council discuss the safety of the Summer Street bike lane design around or near Putnam Street to Benton Road and how and if additional safety modifications can be made.

**RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE**

## 6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### 6.A. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- 6.A.1. Committee Report (ID # [25-1799](#)) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on December 3, 2025.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.A.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1629](#)) Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Steven Mauras to the position of Fire Deputy Chief.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.A.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1630](#)) Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Marc Ardolino to the position of Fire District Chief.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

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| 6.A.4. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">25-1631</a> )  | Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Jay McKenzie to the position of Fire Captain.<br><b>RESULT:    <u>APPROVED</u></b>  |
| 6.A.5. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">25-1632</a> )  | Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Michael Marino to the position of Fire Captain.<br><b>RESULT:    <u>WITHDRAWN</u></b>   |
| 6.A.6. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">25-1633</a> )  | Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Nicholas Halloran to the position of Fire Lieutenant.<br><b>RESULT:    <u>APPROVED</u></b>  |
| 6.A.7. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">25-1634</a> )  | Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Raymond Busi to the position of Fire Lieutenant.<br><b>RESULT:    <u>APPROVED</u></b>   |
| 6.A.8. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">25-1635</a> )  | Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Ronald Hampton to the position of Fire Lieutenant.<br><b>RESULT:    <u>APPROVED</u></b>   |
| 6.A.9. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">25-1726</a> )  | Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Andrew Patriquin to the position of Fire Captain.<br><b>RESULT:    <u>APPROVED</u></b>  |
| 6.B. <u>FINANCE COMMITTEE</u>                              |   |
| 6.B.1. Committee Report<br>(ID # <a href="#">25-1832</a> ) | Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on December 9, 2025.<br><b>RESULT:    <u>APPROVED</u></b>   |
| 6.B.2. Order<br>(ID # <a href="#">25-0254</a> )            | By Councilor Burnley Jr.<br>That the Chief of Police present to this Council the financial implications of the Public Safety for All recommendations, specifically the costs to fund additional officers, acquire and utilize body cameras, and implement a co-response model.<br><b>RESULT:    <u>WORK COMPLETED</u></b> |
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| 6.B.3. Order<br>(ID # <a href="#">25-0649</a> )                   | By Councilor Burnley Jr.<br>That the Director of Intergovernmental Affairs coordinate with departments to assess which federal grants are likely to not be available in FY 2026 and discuss with this Council the potential impact on programs and services.<br><b>RESULT:     <u>WORK COMPLETED</u></b>   |
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| 6.B.4. Order<br>(ID # <a href="#">25-1445</a> )                   | By Councilor Burnley Jr.<br>That the City Solicitor update this Council on the new Immigration and Customs Enforcement cooperation requirements attached to forthcoming Urban Area Security Initiative grants.<br><b>RESULT:     <u>WORK COMPLETED</u></b>   |
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| 6.B.5. Order<br>(ID # <a href="#">25-1446</a> )                   | By Councilor Burnley Jr.<br>That the Chief of Police or the Metro Boston Homeland Security Region representative update this Council on the strategy for applying for Urban Area Security Initiative or any other federal grants that require Immigration and Customs Enforcement cooperation.<br><b>RESULT:     <u>WORK COMPLETED</u></b>   |
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| 6.B.6. Public<br>Communication<br>(ID # <a href="#">25-1515</a> ) | Crystal Huff submitting comments re: items #25-1445 and #25-1446, Orders regarding Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and ShotSpotter.<br><b>RESULT:     <u>WORK COMPLETED</u></b>   |
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| 6.B.7. Resolution<br>(ID # <a href="#">25-1677</a> )              | By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Mbah, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Hardt, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Sait, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson<br>In support of the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority committing additional resources to stormwater management.<br><b>RESULT:     <u>WORK COMPLETED</u></b> |
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| 6.B.8. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">25-1697</a> )         | Requesting approval of a transfer of \$150 from the Office of Immigrant Affairs Neighborhood Improvement Council Account to the Somerville Public Schools Food Services Account for the Latin American and Caribbean Heritage Celebration.<br><b>RESULT:     <u>APPROVED</u></b>   |
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| 6.B.9. Mayor's Request<br>(ID # <a href="#">25-1728</a> )         | Requesting approval of a utility easement for NStar Electric Company at 0 Windsor Place (Boylston Yards).<br><b>RESULT:     <u>APPROVED</u></b>  |
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**AYE:** Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, 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, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

6.B.10. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [25-1732](#))

Requesting approval to appropriate \$6,750 from the Medicinal Marijuana Stabilization Fund for additional duties related to the Out of School time activities for FY 2026.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, 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, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

6.B.11. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [25-1733](#))

Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$147.86 using available funds in the Department of Health and Human Services Program Supplies and Materials Account for meeting snacks.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

6.B.12. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [25-1736](#))

Requesting authorization to establish a consolidated Gift Account for the Veteran Services Department to accept donations for Veterans Holiday Season uses and veterans in need of financial assistance.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

6.B.13. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [25-1737](#))

Requesting approval to accept a gift of real property located at 17 Inner Belt Road (9 New Washington Street) from Ralph C. DeVitto, Jr. and A Bram, Trustee, RCD Foundation.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, 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, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

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- 6.B.14. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [25-1740](#))
- Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$22,570 grant with no new match required, from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to the Police Department for mobile data terminals.
- RESULT:**     **APPROVED**
- 6.B.15. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [25-1741](#))
- Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$370 gift from the Tufts University Softball team to the Health and Human Services Mobile Farmers Market Revolving Fund for market needs.
- RESULT:**     **APPROVED**
- 6.B.16. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [25-1742](#))
- Requesting authorization to borrow \$3,057,826 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for the Fiscal Year 2026 Street Resurfacing Program.
- RESULT:**     **APPROVED**
- AYE:**         Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, 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, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis
- 6.B.17. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [25-1743](#))
- Requesting approval to appropriate \$3,000,000 from the Street Reconstruction & Resurfacing Stabilization Fund for the FY 2026 Street Resurfacing Program.
- RESULT:**     **APPROVED**
- AYE:**         Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, 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, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis
- 6.B.18. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [25-1744](#))
- Requesting the appropriation of \$10,643 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund to recompense the fund for unallowable expenses.
- RESULT:**     **APPROVED**
- 6.B.19. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [25-1747](#))
- Requesting the appropriation of \$205,000 from the Dilboy Field Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings to the Dilboy Field Enterprise Fund Electricity Account for delinquent electricity bills.
- RESULT:**     **APPROVED**
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- 6.B.20. Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of \$225,000 from the Unreserved Fund  
(ID # [25-1748](#)) Balance ("Free Cash") to the Dilboy Field Enterprise Fund Electricity  
Account for delinquent electricity bills.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

6.C. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- 6.C.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on December 4, 2025.  
(ID # [25-1825](#))

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.C.2. Order By Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Davis and Councilor Wilson  
(ID # [25-0085](#)) That the Director of Planning, Preservation and Zoning draft an amendment  
to the Zoning Ordinances for transit oriented height and density bonuses for  
additional affordable housing and other enumerated community benefits.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.C.3. Public 12 registered voters requesting a Zoning Map Amendment to change the  
Communication zoning district of 363 Highland Avenue from Mid-Rise 4 (MR4) to  
(ID # [25-1539](#)) Mid-Rise 5 (MR5) and from MR4 to Mid-Rise 6 (MR6), and 110 Willow  
Avenue MR4 to MR6.

Councilor Wilson moved to sever this item from the committee report. The  
motion was approved on a voice vote.

Councilor Davis announced he is recused as an abutter, Councilor Mbah  
assumed the chair.

Councilor Wilson moved to amend by striking, ", and 110 Willow Avenue  
MR4 to MR6.". The motion was approved on a voice vote.

**RESULT:** **ORDINANCE ORDAINED AS AMENDED**

**AYE:** Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, 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, and City Councilor At  
Large Mbah

**RECUSED:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis

- 6.C.4. Mayor's Request Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Tables 4.1.13, 4.2.13, 4.3.13,  
(ID # [25-1552](#)) 4.4.13, 5.1.14, 7.2.7, 7.4.8, 8.4.16 (c), and 9.1.1 of the Zoning Ordinance to  
permit Home-Based Child Day Care accessory uses and make corrections.

**RESULT:** **ORDINANCE ORDAINED**

**AYE:** Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, 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, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

- 6.C.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1554](#)) Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Sections 10.10.3, 15.1.2, 15.1.6, 15.1.8, 15.2.1, 15.2.2, 15.2.3, 15.2.4, 15.3.1, 15.3.2, and 15.5.2 of the Zoning Ordinance to make pre-submittal meetings optional for most permits and to improve clarity and consistency.

**RESULT:** **ORDINANCE ORDAINED**

**AYE:** Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, 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, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

6.D. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- 6.D.1. Committee Report (ID # [25-1794](#)) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on December 2, 2025.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.D.2. Ordinance (ID # [25-0357](#)) By Councilor Clingan  
Amending Section 12-8 (a) of the Code of Ordinances by inserting the words "including abutting curb cuts if applicable".

Councilor Scott clarified that a replacement item with additional updates is submitted as agenda item 8.1 (item #25-1795).

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

- 6.D.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1579](#)) Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for use of an Unmanned Aircraft System at the High School.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 6.D.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1652](#)) Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Section 2-309.9 and 2-309.10 of the Code of Ordinances to clarify term length and appointment process for the Community Preservation Committee.

**RESULT:** **ORDINANCE ORDAINED**

**AYE:** Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, 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, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

6.D.5. Officer's  
Communication  
(ID # [25-1676](#))

City Clerk submitting an amendment to the Rules of the City Council to align with the provisions of the City Charter.

Councilor Davis moved to sever this item from the committee report and place it on file. The motion was approved on a voice vote.  
Councilor Davis clarified that a replacement item with additional updates is submitted as agenda item 8.2 (item #25-1802).

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

6.D.6. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [25-1714](#))

Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Section 12-178 of the Code of Ordinances to remove the prohibition on sourcing neonicotinoid-treated plants.

**RESULT:** **ORDINANCE ORDAINED**

**AYE:** Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, 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, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

6.E. **LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE**

6.E.1. Committee Report (ID # [25-1833](#)) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on December 10, 2025.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

6.E.2. Grant of Location (ID # [25-1529](#)) Comcast applying for a Grant of Location to install a total of 49 feet of conduit in Houghton Street, from Utility Pole 174/1 to a point of pickup at 121 Prospect Street.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

6.E.3. Grant of Location (ID # [25-1757](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install a total of 48 feet of conduit in Vernon Street, from Utility Pole 152/9 to a point of pickup at 70 Vernon Street.

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**RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS**

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**6.F. OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE**

- 6.F.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, meeting  
(ID # [25-1798](#)) on December 3, 2025.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.F.2. Officer's Director of Sustainability and Environment conveying an overview of the  
Communication Commonwealth's Clean Energy Goals, Electric Sector Modernization Plan,  
(ID # [24-1552](#)) demand growth in Somerville, and capital projects underway or planned.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.F.3. Order By Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis,  
(ID # [25-0917](#)) Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Mbah, Councilor McLaughlin,  
Councilor Sait, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson  
That the Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry discuss with this  
Council, opportunities to create a dog park in West Somerville.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.F.4. Order By Councilor Sait and Councilor Mbah  
(ID # [25-1134](#)) That the Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry plant new trees and  
maintain existing trees in Magoun Square, on Medford Street and on  
Broadway.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.F.5. Order By Councilor Mbah  
(ID # [25-1346](#)) That the Director of Parks and Recreation install a clock on top of the  
Dilboy Pool building.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.F.6. Order By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Clingan and  
(ID # [25-1350](#)) Councilor Mbah  
That the Director of Health and Human Services create a summer job in the  
Mayor's Jobs Program by which youth can travel by bike to water public  
trees around the city.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.F.7. Order  
(ID # [25-1375](#))
- By Councilor Wilson, Councilor Scott, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Mbah  
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management and the Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry update this Council on the status of ArtFarm and the funding for the project.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.F.8. Order  
(ID # [25-1427](#))
- By Councilor Scott, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Mbah, Councilor Sait and Councilor Davis  
That the Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry discuss with this Council, a policy for use of open space on municipal property around city buildings for community gardens.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.F.9. Officer's  
Communication  
(ID # [25-1495](#))
- Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry conveying the Somerville Pollinator Action Plan and related updates.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.F.10. Officer's  
Communication  
(ID # [25-1531](#))
- Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry conveying the Somerville Open Space and Recreation Plan 2025-2035.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.G. RODENT ISSUES SPECIAL COMMITTEE
- 6.G.1. Committee Report  
(ID # [25-1793](#))
- Report of the Special Committee on Rodent Issues, meeting on December 1, 2025.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 6.G.2. Order  
(ID # [25-0243](#))
- By Councilor Wilson  
That the Director of Communications and Community Engagement update this Council on efforts to educate the public about preventing conditions conducive to growth of the rodent population.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.G.3. Order  
(ID # [25-0244](#))
- By Councilor Wilson  
That the Director of Inspectional Services update this Council on efforts around enforcement of rodent-related ordinances, including the number of complaints, inspections, warnings, and fines issued for vegetation and trash violations.

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**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.G.4. Order  
(ID # [25-0245](#))

By Councilor Wilson

That the Environmental Health Manager update this Council on rodent activity data and rodent mitigation efforts, including any novel approaches under consideration or being utilized.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.G.5. Order  
(ID # [25-1687](#))

By Councilor Wilson

That the Director of Inspectional Services update this Council on the rodent hormonal birth control program being jointly piloted with the City of Cambridge.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.H. SCHOOL BUILDING FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE SPECIAL COMMITTEE

6.H.1. Committee Report  
(ID # [25-1831](#))

Report of the Special Committee on School Building Facilities and Maintenance, meeting on December 8, 2025.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.H.2. Resolution  
(ID # [25-0906](#))

By Councilor Pineda Neufeld

That the Mayor create and make public specific plans that outline the full scope of the work necessary at the Cummings School, including capacity, time, and cost, to host Somerville Public School students in the event of an emergency, and provide regular updates to this Council on such plans until completed.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.H.3. Order  
(ID # [25-1096](#))

By Councilor Sait

That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management and the Director of the Office of Sustainability and Environment provide a written report to this Council by July 1 regarding any updates on measures and practices taken to assess, monitor, maintain, and improve healthfulness of the schools' physical environment.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.H.4. Order  
(ID # [25-1455](#))

By Councilor Strezo, Councilor Davis, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Sait

That the Director of Health and Human Services inform this Council which school buildings have menstrual products available and which school buildings have inoperable menstrual product dispensers and when they are scheduled to be replaced.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.H.5. Order  
(ID # [25-1637](#))
- By Councilor Davis
- That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management update this Council on how the foundation at the Brown School is monitored, whether mitigation is required to address any concerns, and if so, the details of those mitigation plans.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.H.6. Resolution  
(ID # [25-1721](#))
- By Councilor Davis
- That the Administration and the School Department discuss with this Council the budgetary and planning impact of snow days, and how adaptation to climate change may affect future snow day planning.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

## 7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 7.1. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [25-1822](#))
- Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Chapter 7 of the Code of Ordinances to establish a Rental Registry and Energy Disclosure.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

- 7.2. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [25-1797](#))
- Requesting approval of a change in the Senior Tax Work Off Program qualification criteria to a maximum income of 80% of area median income.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 7.3. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [25-1824](#))
- Requesting approval to use available funds in the City Clerk Salaries account in the amount of \$3,590.41 to fund Assistant City Clerk-Vital Records & Licensing and Assistant City Clerk-Legislative Services positions.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 7.4. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [25-1783](#))
- Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$1,400,000 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Economic Development to the Mobility Division for the MassWorks program for the Union Square Plaza & Streetscape Phase 1 construction.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

- 7.5. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [25-1767](#))
- Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$1,367,300 grant with no new match required, from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to the Public Space and Urban Forestry Division for the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program for the Blessing of the Bay Urban Heat Resilience Project.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 7.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1768](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$500,000 grant with no new match required, from the Department of Conservation and Recreation to the Public Space and Urban Forestry Division for the Blessing of the Bay Greenway Project.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 7.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1801](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$65,000 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to the Police Department for the Municipal Road Safety Program.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION****FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1776](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$25,000 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to the Council on Aging for direct transportation costs for the Senior Taxi Program.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 7.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1769](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jennifer A. Tsolas to the Condominium Review Board.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 7.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1791](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Christine Lindgren to the Council on Aging.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 7.11. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1792](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Leslie Hergert to the Council on Aging.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 7.12. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1796](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Daniel Cronin to the Council on Aging.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 7.13. Mayor's Communication (ID # [25-1844](#)) Conveying a memorandum regarding implementation of the prison labor prohibition ordinance.



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**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

- 7.14. Mayor's Communication  
(ID # [25-1800](#))
- Conveying an End of Term Report.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

- 7.15. Withdrawn  
(ID # [25-1766](#))
- Withdrawn.

**RESULT: WITHDRAWN**

- 7.16. Withdrawn  
(ID # [25-1823](#))
- Withdrawn.

**RESULT: WITHDRAWN**

## 8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 8.1. Officer's Communication  
(ID # [25-1795](#))
- City Clerk submitting an amendment to Section 12-8 of the Code of Ordinances to require owners of commercial properties to clear snow and ice from accessible curb cuts.

**RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED**

**AYE:** Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, 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, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

- 8.2. Officer's Communication  
(ID # [25-1802](#))
- City Clerk submitting an amendment to the Rules of the City Council to align with the provisions of the City Charter.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**AYE:** Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, 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, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

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| 8.3. Officer's Communication<br>(ID # <a href="#">25-1843</a> ) | City Attorney conveying the response to #25-1715, Osnat Hoffman's Open Meeting Law complaint of November 16, 2025.                                    |
| <b>RESULT: <u>PLACED ON FILE</u></b>                            |   |
| 8.4. Officer's Communication<br>(ID # <a href="#">25-1717</a> ) | Director of Emergency Management conveying the 2024-2025 Cummings School Winter Warming Center After Action Report and Improvement Plan.              |
| <b>RESULT: <u>PLACED ON FILE</u></b>                            |   |
| 8.5. Officer's Communication<br>(ID # <a href="#">25-1845</a> ) | Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management conveying a memorandum regarding recommendations related to Water and Sewer Department restructuring. |
| <b>RESULT: <u>PLACED ON FILE</u></b>                            |   |
| 8.6. Officer's Communication<br>(ID # <a href="#">25-1840</a> ) | Planning Board conveying recommendations for items #25-1554, #25-1552, and #25-1539.  |
| <b>RESULT: <u>PLACED ON FILE</u></b>                            |   |
| <b>9. NEW BUSINESS</b>  |   |
| 9.1. License<br>(ID # <a href="#">25-1820</a> )                 | Renewing Automatic Amusement Devices License, Lucky Strike, 325 Revolution Drive.   |
| <b>RESULT: <u>APPROVED</u></b>                                  |   |
| 9.2. License<br>(ID # <a href="#">25-1803</a> )                 | Renewing Automatic Amusement Device License, The Public, 563 Broadway.  |
| <b>RESULT: <u>APPROVED</u></b>                                  |   |
| 9.3. License<br>(ID # <a href="#">25-1804</a> )                 | Renewing Outdoor Goods License, 130 Broadway LLC, 130 Broadway.   |
| <b>RESULT: <u>APPROVED</u></b>                                  |   |
| 9.4. License<br>(ID # <a href="#">25-1821</a> )                 | Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Broadway Auto Sales, 525 Broadway.  |
| <b>RESULT: <u>APPROVED</u></b>                                  |   |
| 9.5. License<br>(ID # <a href="#">25-1806</a> )                 | Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Broadway Brake, 45 Broadway.  |
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**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.6. License  
(ID # [25-1815](#))      Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Broadway Gulf, 212 Broadway.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.7. License  
(ID # [25-1810](#))      Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Broadway Motor Cars, 161 Broadway.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.8. License  
(ID # [25-1842](#))      Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 3 License, Ed's Used Auto Parts, 516 Columbia Street.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.9. License  
(ID # [25-1819](#))      Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Green Automotive, 600 Windsor Place.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.10. License  
(ID # [25-1812](#))      Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, John's Auto Sales, 181 Somerville Avenue.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.11. License  
(ID # [25-1805](#))      Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Joy St Motors, 24 Joy Street.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.12. License  
(ID # [25-1817](#))      Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 1 License, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 259 McGrath Highway.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.13. License  
(ID # [25-1811](#))      Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 1 License, Mercedes Benz of Boston Commercial Vans, 161 Linwood Street.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.14. License  
(ID # [25-1809](#))      Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Motorcycles & More LLC, 109 Bailey Road.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

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| 9.15. License<br>(ID # <a href="#">25-1808</a> )      | Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Ravelos Auto Sales, 63 Washington Street.<br><b>RESULT:    <u>APPROVED</u></b>   |
| 9.16. License<br>(ID # <a href="#">25-1818</a> )      | Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Real Auto Shop, 463 McGrath Highway.<br><b>RESULT:    <u>APPROVED</u></b>  |
| 9.17. License<br>(ID # <a href="#">25-1816</a> )      | Renewing Used Car Dealer Class1 License, Smart Center Boston, 257 McGrath Highway.<br><b>RESULT:    <u>APPROVED</u></b>  |
| 9.18. License<br>(ID # <a href="#">25-1813</a> )      | Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Somerville Motors, 182 Washington Street.<br><b>RESULT:    <u>APPROVED</u></b>   |
| 9.19. License<br>(ID # <a href="#">25-1837</a> )      | Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Teele Square Auto, 1284 Broadway.<br><b>RESULT:    <u>APPROVED</u></b>   |
| 9.20. License<br>(ID # <a href="#">25-1836</a> )      | Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Union Gulf, 231 Washington Street.<br><b>RESULT:    <u>APPROVED</u></b>  |
| 9.21. License<br>(ID # <a href="#">25-1814</a> )      | Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, United Motors, 188 Broadway.<br><b>RESULT:    <u>APPROVED</u></b>  |
| 9.22. License<br>(ID # <a href="#">25-1835</a> )      | Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Web Motor Sales, 5 Middlesex Avenue.<br><b>RESULT:    <u>APPROVED</u></b>  |
| 9.23. License<br>(ID # <a href="#">25-1807</a> )      | Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Webster Auto Sales, 61 Prospect Street.<br><b>RESULT:    <u>APPROVED</u></b>   |
| 9.24. Public Event<br>(ID # <a href="#">25-1839</a> ) | Mayor's Office applying for a Public Event License for Annual Menorah Lighting on December 15 from 4pm to 8pm (raindate December 16).<br><b>RESULT:    <u>APPROVED</u></b> |
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- 9.25. Public Event  
(ID # [25-1838](#)) Somerville Museum applying for a Public Event License for 250 First Flag Raising Ceremony on January 1 from 8am to 1pm.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

## 10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 10.1. Citation  
(ID # [25-1850](#)) By Councilor Burnley Jr.  
Commending Mutual Aid Medford and Somerville for their community assistance.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 10.2. Officer's  
Communication  
(ID # [25-1510](#)) Condominium Review Board conveying the FY 2024 Annual Report, pursuant to Section 7-70 of the Code of Ordinances.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

- 10.3. License  
(ID # [25-1854](#)) Renewing Dog Kennel License, Pup Yard, 321 Somerville Avenue.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 10.4. License  
(ID # [25-1853](#)) Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, 28 Motorsports Inc, 486R Columbia Street.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 10.5. License  
(ID # [25-1852](#)) Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 3 License, Nissenbaum Auto Parts, 480 Columbia Street.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 10.6. License  
(ID # [25-1851](#)) Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 3 License, Nissenbaum Auto Parts, 0 Windsor Street.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 10.7. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [25-1849](#)) Tyler Barbosa submitting comments re: item #25-1757, Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install a total of 48 feet of conduit in Vernon Street.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

## 11. LATE ITEMS

- 11.1. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1745](#)) Requesting approval to appropriate \$250,000 from the Community Benefits Stabilization Fund Account to the Immigrant Legal Services Stabilization Fund Account for legal services for immigrants and asylum seekers seeking permanent residency.
- Councilor Wilson moved to suspend the Rules and discharge item #25-1745 from the Finance Committee, noting that an administrative error caused it to not appear on the committee agenda. The motion was approve on a voice vote.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- AYE:** Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, 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, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis
- 11.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-1746](#)) Requesting approval to appropriate \$250,000 from the Immigrant Legal Services Stabilization Fund for legal services for immigrants and asylum seekers seeking permanent residency.
- Councilor Wilson moved to suspend the Rules and discharge item #25-1746 from the Finance Committee, noting that an administrative error caused it to not appear on the committee agenda. The motion was approve on a voice vote.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- AYE:** Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, 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, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 11:44 PM.