



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

City Council

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 22, 2022

7:00 PM

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1. OPENING CEREMONIES

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

- 1.1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
(ID # [22-2025](#))

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

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

- 1.2. Remembrances Remembrances.
(ID # [22-2026](#))

Councilor Scott offered a moment of silence in memory of the many transgender individuals who have lost their lives to violence.
Councilor Scott offered a moment of silence in memory of Sabina Carlson Robilard.
Councilor Strezo offered a moment of silence in memory of those killed during the recent shooting at Club Q, long considered a LGBTQ safe haven.
Councilors Gomez Mouakad and Ewen-Campen offered a moment of silence in memory of Zakwani Gibbs.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 1.3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, October 25, 2022.
(ID # [22-2027](#))

RESULT: APPROVED

2. CITATIONS**3. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 3.1. Grant of Location Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 38 feet of conduit in Trull Street, from Utility Pole 339/6 to a point of pickup at 57 Trull Street.
(ID # [22-1980](#))

Jacqueline Duffy, representing Eversource, explained the reason for the request. There being no further comment, the public hearing was closed.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 3.2. Grant of Location Extenet applying for a Grant of Location to install a total of 130 feet of conduit in Broadway from existing Eversource Manhole 10191 to a proposed handhole, and continuing to a small wireless facility node located across from 16 Broadway.
(ID # [22-1981](#))

Rosanna Ferrante, representing Extenet, explained the reason for the request. There being no further comment, the public hearing was closed.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 3.3. Small Wireless Facility Extenet applying for a Small Wireless Facility License for facilities on a new pole across from 16 Broadway.
(ID # [22-1982](#))

Rosanna Ferrante, representing Extenet, explained the reason for the request. There being no further comment, the public hearing was closed.

RESULT: APPROVED

3.4. Officer's
Communication
(ID # [22-1921](#))

Chief Assessor presenting proposed FY 2023 Tax Classifications and requesting the adoption of a minimum residential factor for FY 2023 and acceptance of MGL C59 S5C, a residential exemption of 35% of average assessed value for owner-occupied properties for FY 2023.

Chief Assessor Frank Golden, Assessor Analyst Janneke Donovan-DeKlerk and Finance Director Ed Bean spoke on this item. Director Bean reported that the city received the Department of Revenue certification last Friday and that \$4.2 million dollars in supplemental appropriations are before the Council tonight. The tax recap still needs to be certified by the state. Once the tax rate is certified, the commitment has to be sent and tax bills issued. During the presentation, Councilors were informed of several key factors effecting the tax rate:

- the city's new growth is higher than projected,
- 20.7% of the new growth was in commercial property,
- the tax rate increased because of the strength of the market in 1 and 2 family homes and condos,
- condos conversions came mostly from 2 and 3 family homes,
- condo conversions have slowed due to the passage of tenants' rights,
- the FY 2023 residential tax levy share has decreased to 70.85% (down 1.68% from the last fiscal year)

President McLaughlin opened the Public Hearing opened. There were no speakers on the matter and the Public Hearing was closed.

Councilor Wilson made a motion that the City Council adopt a minimum residential factor of 85.0125, the legal minimum for the City of Somerville for FY 2023. That motion was approved.

Councilor Wilson made a motion that the City Council accepts the provisions of Chapter 59, section 5C approving a residential exemption of 35% of average assessed value for owner occupied properties for FY 2023. That motion was approved.

Councilor Wilson moved for reconsideration in the hope that it fails. Reconsideration failed.

RESULT: APPROVED

4. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

- 4.1. Order (ID # [22-2023](#)) By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Burnley Jr. That the Commissioner of Public Works provide information on options to engage local and minority owned businesses in contract work.
- Councilor Gomez Mouakad would like to know the process to hire local residents to perform work for the city. Councilor Burnley commented that there's a long paper trail to be untangled with respect to procurements. Councilor Ewen-Campen would like to see the mayor set a goal for hiring local vendors. Councilor Wilson noted the delays in paying its contractors/vendors.
- RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
- 4.2. Order (ID # [22-2024](#)) By Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Director of Economic Development support efforts by the Welcome Project's Worker Center to expand outreach to the immigrant community regarding the Wage Theft Ordinance.
- Councilor Gomez Mouakad reported that discussions were held about performing outreach to the immigrant community.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 4.3. Resolution (ID # [22-2022](#)) By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Pineda Neufeld That the Administration and the Director of Economic Development recognize and promote November 26th as Small Business Saturday, to celebrate and support small businesses in our community.
- Councilor Gomez Mouakad commented that small businesses have struggled during COVID and many are still suffering,, adding that the city's centers won't be vibrant without these businesses. Councilor Wilson commented that spending money in small businesses keeps money in the community.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 4.4. Communication (ID # [22-1997](#)) By Councilor McLaughlin In his capacity as President, cancelling the Regular Meeting of this Council scheduled for December 22, 2022.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**6.A. CHARTER REVIEW SPECIAL COMMITTEE**

- 6.A.1. Committee Report (ID # [22-2031](#)) Report of the Special Committee on Charter Review, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on November 21, 2022.

Councilor Scott presented the Committee Report saying that a process was laid out for making recommendations. There will be a virtual public hearing on December 7th on the Charter.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.A.2. Resolution (ID # [22-2047](#))

By Councilor Davis, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Wilson, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Scott

That the Charter Review Committee's Writing Team update the text to add a definition for legal holiday.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.A.3. Resolution (ID # [22-2046](#))

By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Wilson, Councilor Davis, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Scott

Supporting the Charter Review Committee's proposed language regarding the review of Multiple Member Bodies and the Charter.

RESULT: APPROVED

6.B. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 6.B.1. Committee Report (ID # [22-2028](#)) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on November 17, 2022.

Councilor Wilson presented the Committee Report and reviewed some of the items that were discussed and acted on, including payments for prior year invoices, extensions of contracts, approval of grant funding, approval of parking meter receipts, litigation expenses, traffic safety measures, immigrant legal defense services, public safety items and approval of \$4.2 million in supplemental appropriations.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.B.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1773](#))

Requesting approval to amend a contract with Greenberg Traurig LLP for an additional two years and \$300,000, for ongoing litigation related to the 90 Washington Street eminent domain taking.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.B.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1851](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$409.60 using available funds in the City Clerk Ordinary Maintenance Credit Card Convenience Fees Account for credit card convenience fees.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 6.B.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1856](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$3,000 grant with no new match required, from Somerville Cambridge Elder Services to the Council on Aging for transportation to events at the Council on Aging.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 6.B.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1857](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$6,000 grant with no new match required, from Somerville Cambridge Elder Services to the Council on Aging for transportation to Council on Aging sponsored events.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 6.B.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1858](#)) Requesting approval of a time-only contract extension with Stantec Consulting Services Inc. for Poplar Street Pump Station Design Services.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 6.B.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1875](#)) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$300,000 to the 90 Washington Demonstration Project Account for ongoing litigation and planning costs.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 6.B.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1880](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$116,166.91 using available funds in various Public Works Ordinary Maintenance Accounts for invoices in Administration, Buildings, Grounds, Lights and Lines, Highway, Fleet, Sanitation, and Snow..
RESULT: APPROVED
- 6.B.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1888](#)) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$650,000 to the Fire Department Overtime Account.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 6.B.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1889](#)) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$50,000 to the Immigrant Legal Services Stabilization Fund for additional immigrant legal defense services.
RESULT: APPROVED

6.B.11. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1890](#)) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$110,000 to the Capital Projects Division, Capital Outlay, Fences Account to fund temporary construction fencing at the 90 Washington Street site.

RESULT: APPROVED

6.B.12. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1892](#)) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$500,000 to the Capital Projects, Building Improvements Account for repairs and upgrades to HVAC systems.

RESULT: APPROVED

6.B.13. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1905](#)) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$70,000 to the Fire Alarm Overtime Account.

RESULT: APPROVED

6.B.14. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1911](#)) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$10,000 to the Police-Animal Control Overtime Account.

RESULT: APPROVED

6.B.15. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1915](#)) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$100,000 to the DPW Sanitation, Hazardous Waste Removal Account to fund a shortfall.

RESULT: APPROVED

6.B.16. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1918](#)) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$250,000 to the Law Department, Legal Services Account for outside legal counsel services.

RESULT: APPROVED

6.B.17. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1919](#)) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$100,000 to the Law Department, Judgments and Settlements Account.

RESULT: APPROVED

6.B.18. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1923](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$1,616,575 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Parking Meter Receipts Account to reduce the FY 2023 Tax Rate.

RESULT: APPROVED

6.B.19. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1925](#)) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$424,950.10 to the Information Technology eRate Account to replace all Somerville Public School network equipment via the eRate grant program.

RESULT: APPROVED

6.B.20. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1972](#)) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$500,000 to the Salary Contingency, Salaries Account.

RESULT: APPROVED

6.B.21. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1979](#)) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$200,000 to the Traffic Safety Stabilization Fund to fund traffic safety measures.

RESULT: APPROVED

6.B.22. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1983](#)) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$949,338 to the Capital Outlay, Infrastructure-Streets Account for street resurfacing projects.

RESULT: APPROVED

6.B.23. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1985](#)) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$50,000 to various Finance Department-Auditing Division Accounts to support the Public Participatory Budgeting Project.

RESULT: APPROVED

6.C. LAND USE COMMITTEE

6.C.1. Committee Report (ID # [22-2030](#)) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on November 17, 2022.

Councilor Ewing-Campen presented the Committee Report and asked that it be approved as submitted. He noted that the next public hearing on pending legislation before the committee will be held in the next legislative session.

RESULT: APPROVED

6.C.2. Order (ID # [22-0205](#)) By Councilor Clingan, Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Kelly That the City Solicitor update this Council on the previous request to seize by eminent domain, Patsy's Pastries at 182 Broadway and the East End Grill at 118 Broadway.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

6.C.3. Public Communication (ID # [22-1356](#)) Anthony Pasquale requesting the adoption of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Map to change the zoning district of 34 Allen Street from Neighborhood Residential (NR) to Small Business (SB) Overlay.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

6.D. PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

- 6.D.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, meeting on
(ID # [22-2029](#)) November 16, 2022.

Councilor Clingan presented the Committee Report and said that the Fire Department will need to hire an additional 12 fire fighters to fully staff a fire truck at Assembly Square.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.D.2. Order By Councilor Davis, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Gomez Mouakad
(ID # [22-0185](#)) That the Chief Fire Engineer report on the safety risks for all municipal buildings not fully equipped with automatic sprinkler systems.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- 6.D.3. Order By Councilor Clingan, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld,
(ID # [22-0193](#)) Councilor Strezo and Councilor Gomez Mouakad
That the Chief Fire Engineer provide this Council with the plan for staffing the future Assembly Square fire station.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- 6.D.4. Order By Councilor Clingan, Councilor Wilson and Councilor McLaughlin
(ID # [22-1691](#)) That the Director of Water and Sewer appear before this Council to address the issue of constituents reporting unusually high water bill spikes.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- 6.D.5. Order By Councilor Wilson and Councilor Clingan
(ID # [22-1692](#)) That the Director of Water and Sewer report to this Council, the account, purchase and usage information requested within.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- 6.D.6. Order By Councilor Wilson
(ID # [22-1705](#)) That the Director of the Office of Sustainability and Environment update this Council on the status of household hazardous waste collection.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- 6.D.7. Order
(ID # [22-1796](#))
- By Councilor Clingan, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson
- That the Director of Inspectional Services develop a policy requiring all redevelopments to post the information detailed within on the outer perimeter of the property.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 7.1. Mayor's Request
(ID # [22-2000](#))
- Requesting approval to dedicate for recreational use, in perpetuity, the parcel of land known as Henry Hansen Park.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.1 through 7.9 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.2. Mayor's Request
(ID # [22-2017](#))
- Requesting authorization to borrow \$89,332,819 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for the Poplar Street Pump Station construction project.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.1 through 7.9 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.3. Mayor's Request
(ID # [22-2006](#))
- Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$53,200 grant with no new match required, from the Mass Cultural Council to the Arts Council for the Local Cultural Council grant program.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.1 through 7.9 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.4. Mayor's Request
(ID # [22-2005](#))
- Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$224,473.60 using available funds in various Department of Public Works ordinary maintenance budgets.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.1 through 7.9 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

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- 7.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-2009](#)) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$3,850 using available funds in the Human Resources Arbitration Services Account for FY 2021 arbitration services.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.1 through 7.9 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-2010](#)) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$3,600 using available funds in the Human Resources Professional & Technical Services Account for temporary consulting services.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.1 through 7.9 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-2008](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$1,575 using available funds in the Human Resources Ordinary Maintenance Advertising Account for advertising vacant city positions.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.1 through 7.9 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1824](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$1,500 using available funds in the Department of Racial and Social Justice Translation Services Account for Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART) services.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.1 through 7.9 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-2011](#)) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$137.50 using available funds in the Human Resources Postage Account for FedEx delivery services.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.1 through 7.9 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
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- 7.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-2007](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Matthew McCune to the position of Police Officer.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 8.1. Officer's Communication (ID # [22-2021](#)) Director of the Office of Housing Stability conveying an update on the new municipal voucher program and other tools to promote affordable housing.

Councilor Kelly sponsored Director of Intergovernmental Affairs Sahni and Director of the Office of Housing Stability Ellen Shachter to speak. Director Sahni said this is an important step towards promoting affordable housing and that the city is attempting to create sustainable funding to replace the ARPA funds that will be used up. Director Shachter gave a presentation on the Municipal Voucher Program and FLEX-ARPA. She spoke about the lack of deeply affordable units, lack of access to immigrants, demonstration of need, inadequate existing solutions and said that the program is free from state and federal regulations. The voucher program is intended to be available for the long haul, prioritizing families ineligible for federal housing due to immigration status. Approximately 30-35 families would be helped yearly. Director Shachter reviewed the qualifications for participation in the program, saying that the vouchers may be project-based or tenant-based. Since the program is not subject to state or federal regulations, the city can design it as needed with some flexibility. The program would be funded by ARPA funds for the first 2 years (2023-2024) and then the city would share the cost with the trust fund for the next 5 years. The FLEX-ARPA would be administered by the Somerville Homeless Coalition and CAAS and may be used for anything the team believes is needed to promote housing stability. The program started in July of 2022. \$4.4 million in ARPA funds have been allocated by the administration for the program.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1. License (ID # [22-1988](#)) Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, Barnes and Walsh Company, 224 Somerville Ave.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item tonight.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.2. Public Event
(ID # [22-1989](#)) Union Square Main Streets applying for a Public Event License for 8th Annual Holiday Stroll on December 10 from 10am to 7pm (raindate December 11).
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item tonight.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.3. Public Event
(ID # [22-2016](#)) BA Events Promotions applying for a Public Event License for Jingle Bell 5K Run/Walk on December 17 from 7am to 1pm.
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item tonight.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**
- 10.1. Order
(ID # [22-2033](#)) By Councilor Wilson and Councilor Gomez Mouakad
That the Director of Parks and Recreation, the Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry, and the Commissioner of Public Works adopt a policy of proactively communicating closures of parks to the public, including contacting nearby daycare providers and posting signage at least five business days in advance.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 10.2. Order
(ID # [22-2034](#)) By Councilor Kelly
That the Director of the Office of Housing Stability update this Council on the Municipal Voucher Program.
See item 8.1.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 10.3. Order
(ID # [22-2036](#)) By Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Kelly
That the Director of Inspectional Services inspect Chuckie Harris Park, the General Insulation building and 161 Broadway for signs of rodent issues and food waste.
Councilor McLaughlin noted that the city has declared a partial victory in the war on rats, however, it's time to accelerate the efforts. He submitted various orders re: rats and he supports the city's efforts.
RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

- 10.4. Order
(ID # [22-2037](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Kelly and Councilor Burnley Jr.
That the Director of Inspectional Services bait the sewers along Pennsylvania Avenue and adjacent streets and develop a plan to address rodent issues, in anticipation of planned water pipeline renovation.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee
- 10.5. Order
(ID # [22-2038](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Parking address the falling ONE WAY sign on Michigan Avenue.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- 10.6. Order
(ID # [22-2039](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works place trash barrels next to all city-owned benches along East Broadway.
Councilor McLaughlin noted the lack of trash barrels in that part of the city.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- 10.7. Order
(ID # [22-2040](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works move the new speed bump sign in front of 91-93 Franklin Street, to avoid blocking the sidewalk.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- 10.8. Resolution
(ID # [22-2035](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Kelly, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson
That the Administration allocate funding to expand the rodent SMART box technology throughout East Somerville.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- 10.9. Resolution
(ID # [22-2043](#))
- By Councilor Burnley Jr.
That February 4, 2023 is proclaimed to be Transit Equity Day.
Councilor Burnley commented about the opening of the GLX on December 12th and the city's efforts to implement a comprehensive bicycle plan as well as north/south traffic patterns. He spoke about the need for transit equity to reduce barriers that have held communities apart for a long time.
- RESULT:** APPROVED

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- 10.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-2050](#)) Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Chapter 7, Article X of the Code of Ordinances, to add a registry component to the short-term rentals ordinance.
- RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee
- 10.11. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-2041](#)) Requesting approval of the Alternative Transportation Corridor Lease Agreement with the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA).
Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of item 10.11 through 10.12 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 10.12. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-2015](#)) Requesting an interdepartmental transfer of \$175,000 from the DPW Buildings, OT Labor Account to the DPW Grounds, OT Labor Account for Grounds overtime labor costs through FY 2023.
Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of item 10.11 through 10.12 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.
- RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 10.13. Officer's Communication (ID # [22-2042](#)) City Clerk conveying the non-binding votes of the 2023 City Council Caucus.
- RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE
- 10.14. License (ID # [22-2032](#)) New Outdoor Parking License, Star Market, 275 Beacon Street, 3 cars.
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item tonight.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- 11. LATE ITEMS**
- 11.1. Order (ID # [22-2055](#)) By Councilor Davis
That item 22-1446 be discharged from the Committee on Legislative Matters Committee with the intent that it be sent to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
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11.2. Order
(ID # [22-1446](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Wilson, Councilor Kelly and Councilor Ewen-Campen

That the Director of Human Resources provide a preliminary report on staff feedback regarding the Commonwealth's Paid Family and Medical Leave policy.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was recessed at 9:20 PM and reconvened at 9:30 PM.

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:10 PM.