



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting

Tuesday - December 1, 2020, 6:00 PM
Virtual

AGENDA

Pursuant to Governor Baker’s March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. C. 30A, s. 18, and the Governor’s March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, as well as Mayor Curtatone’s Declaration of Emergency, dated March 15, 2020, this meeting of a City Council Committee will be conducted via remote participation.

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1. Approval of the September 30, 2020 Minutes

Engineering

- 2. 209610: Discuss** (White Jr., Niedergang) – That the City Engineer and Commissioner of Public Works inspect the sidewalk on the east side of Cedar Street for all instances of spalling, and report to this Council 1) what caused it, 2) how the City will correct it, and 3) what measures the City will take against the contractor, if it was caused by improper installation.
- 3. 210426: Discuss** (Clingan) – That the City Engineer and the Director of Water and Sewer appear discuss with this Council’s Committee on Public Utilities and Works plans to address multiple drainage issues, including the broken drain on Medford Street at School Street and the insufficient drainage on Richdale Avenue.
- 4. 210739: Discuss** (Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Strezo) – That the Director of Engineering and the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management urge Eversource to fix gas leaks at

721 Somerville Avenue and nearby, as identified by HEET, and appear with Eversource staff at the next meeting of the Council's Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works to discuss this matter.

5. **210824: Discuss** (Clingan, Strezo) – That the Director of Engineering appear before this Council's Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works to discuss the Medford Street sidewalk repaving "book job" and the subsequent usage conditions left as a result of bringing the sidewalks to ADA compliance.
6. **210825: Discuss** (Clingan) – That the Director of Engineering address residents' concerns regarding possible property owner liability relating to the conditions created by the City in its efforts to bring sidewalks to ADA compliance.

ISD

7. **209691: Discuss** (White Jr.) – That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inform the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works whether the newspaper boxes throughout the city are permitted.
8. **210588: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Director of Inspectional Services update this Council on the implementation of the Short-Term Rental Ordinance.
9. **210589: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Director of Inspectional Services update this Council on the implementation of the Vacant Properties Ordinance.
10. **210821: Discuss** (Ballantyne, Clingan) – That the Director of Inspectional Services update this Council on the processes used to better manage and enforce conditions identified in building permits.

OSPCD

11. **210207: Discuss** (Clingan) – That the Director of SPCD and the Commissioner of Public Works work with MA DOT to install a temporary protected pedestrian lane on the Rt. 28/Fellsway Mystic River Bridge.
12. **209785: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management and the Director of SPCD inform the Ward 7 Councilor of the location and width of the Algonquin gas line easement under Route 16, Stop & Shop and any other locations which are not state-owned.

City Clerk

13. **210676: Discuss** (Scott) – That the City Clerk, in consultation with other departments as needed, discuss with this Council the discrepancies in abutter notifications in applications

from various utilities for Grants of Location, and propose mechanisms to resolve those discrepancies.

- 14. 210873: Discuss** City Clerk responding to #210676 re: discrepancies in abutter notifications in applications from various utilities for Grants of Location.

City Solicitor

- 15. 209714: Discuss** Assistant City Solicitor responding to #206959, deeming Newport Construction and Northern Tree to be “not considered responsible bidders or offerors” for 5 years.