



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

City Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 9, 2023

7:00 PM

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1. OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen.

- 1.1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
(ID # [23-0220](#))

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 Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis
 Ward Seven City Councilor Judy Pineda Neufeld
 Ward Five City Councilor Beatriz Gomez Mouakad

- 1.2. Remembrances Remembrances.
(ID # [23-0230](#))

Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Wilson and McLaughlin requested a moment of silence in memory of Kathleen M. Sullivan.
President Ewen-Campen urged people to donate and support those in need as a result of the recent earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 1.3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, January 12, 2023.
(ID # [23-0188](#))

RESULT: APPROVED

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

2. CITATIONS

2.1. Citation (ID # [23-0197](#))

By Councilor Ewen-Campen
Commending Cleanthe Marsh on the auspicious occasion of her 100th birthday.

Councilor Ewen-Campen will deliver the citation to Ms. Marsh in person.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

2.2. Citation (ID # [23-0228](#))

By Councilor Ewen-Campen
Commending Ed DaSilva on the occasion of his retirement from the Information Technology Department after 33 years of distinguished service.

Councilor Ewen-Campen noted that Mr. DaSilva was the 2nd IT employee hired by the city. Mr. DaSilva addressed the Council and thanked the members for this recognition.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 3.1. Grant of Location (ID # [23-0223](#)) Verizon applying for a Grant of Location to install 92 feet of conduit in the intersection of Herbert St and Chester St, from Utility Pole 8 to 240 Elm St.

James Delturrondo, representing Verizon, explained the reason for the request. There being no further comment, the public hearing was closed.

RESULT: APPROVED

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

- 3.2. Grant of Location (ID # [23-0224](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 102 feet of conduit in Kent St, from Utility Pole 191/3 to a point of pickup at 22 Kent St.

Phyllis Galloway, representing Eversource, explained the reason for the request. There being no further comment, the public hearing was closed. Councilor Scott questioned why the pickup was not from a closer pickup point. Ms. Galloway will have someone follow up with him. He asked that the item be referred to the Committee on Licenses and Permits.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

- 3.3. Grant of Location (ID # [23-0225](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 8 feet of conduit in Sawyer Ave, from Utility Pole 307/4 to a point of pickup at 29 Sawyer Ave.

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

RESULT: APPROVED

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

4. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

4.1. Order
(ID # [23-0211](#))

By Councilor Strezo

That the Commissioner of Public Works immediately remove or raise above human height, the dangerously low-hanging wires in front of 102 Line Street and report to this City Council, the owner of the pole.

Councilor Strezo noted that this item has been taken care of and she thanked the DPW for handling this instead of waiting for the proper utility company to perform the work.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

4.2. Order
(ID # [23-0212](#))

By Councilor Strezo

That the Commissioner of Public Works immediately remove the wires separated and tied to a fence on the property at Chapel Street and College Avenue and report to this City Council, the owner of the pole.

Councilor Strezo noted that this item has been taken care of and she thanked the DPW for handling this instead of waiting for the proper utility company to perform the work.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

4.3. Resolution
(ID # [23-0214](#))

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

Supporting Payment In Lieu of Taxes legislation in Massachusetts, bills HD.2091 and SD.761.

Councilor Clingan spoke on the item saying that this is a re-submittal of a previous resolution. Maryann Walles was sponsored to speak by Councilor Clingan. Ms. Walles explained that this would provide a local option to impose taxes on non-profits. Chair Clingan noted that a task force was established by the Council in 2021 and, to date, no members have been appointed to that task force. He urged the administration to move forward on those appointments.

RESULT: APPROVED

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

4.4. Order
(ID # [23-0215](#))

By Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Wilson

That the Director of Mobility consider adding speed humps to Clarendon Avenue to slow down cut-through traffic from Broadway to Massachusetts Avenue.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld amended the item by replacing “Holland Street” with “Broadway”.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

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

4.5. Order
(ID # [23-0216](#))

By Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Wilson That the Director of Health and Human Services discuss with this Council, the ending of the federal COVID-19 public health emergency, its impact on residents, and the city's access to vaccines, testing and other resources.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

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

4.6. Order
(ID # [23-0217](#))

By Councilor Pineda Neufeld That the Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry, the Director of the Office of Sustainability and Environment, and the Director of Communications and Community Engagement discuss with this Council, opportunities to increase communication and education of residents on the impact of black swallow-wort and how to effectively remove and dispose of it.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld would like Green Open Somerville to be part of the discussion when the item is taken up by the committee and Councilor Davis suggested that Director Oliviera be invited to attend that committee meeting, as well. Councilor Burnley asked what outcome Councilor Pineda Neufeld was seeking with this order and she replied that she would like multi-language educational door hangers, education on proper disposal methods, flyers and anything else that would help. Councilor Strezo would like to see getting school children involved in some fashion and Chair Ewen-Campen suggested possibly utilizing a summer jobs program.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

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

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

6.A. CHARTER REVIEW SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- 6.A.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-0209](#)) Report of the Special Committee on Charter Review, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on February 8, 2023.

Councilor Scott presented the Committee Report saying that 4 items regarding the balance of power were discussed. Some concerns were expressed by the administration about some of the recommendations. A provision for accessing information was also discussed and approved. He thanked his colleagues for their in-depth and thoughtful discussions. More discussions on the balance of power will be forthcoming in following committee meetings. Councilor Scott invited Councilor Pineda Neufeld to express some concerns she had. She spoke about allowing more time for department heads to transition into their new positions and to develop relationships with the Council. (Councilor Wilson noted that there are 2 clerks working this meeting in advance of their confirmation.)

RESULT: APPROVED

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

- 6.A.2. Resolution (ID # [23-0235](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr.
Supporting the recommended language by the Charter Review Committee on adding an access to information provision.

RESULT: APPROVED

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

6.B. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 6.B.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on February 7, 2023.
(ID # [23-0207](#))

Councilor Wilson presented the Committee Report and reviewed some of the 13 agenda items, including funds for the Fire Department and time only contract extensions. Several items were kept in committee for additional discussion, including the CPX lease agreement and the UCH-TIF and he asked members to contact the administration with any questions on the latter. He reported that \$38.8 million in free cash has been certified by the state. Councilor Burnley asked how much money would be allocated to the safe consumption site and Councilor Kelly explained that the start up cost for that has been earmarked in another stabilization fund. Councilor Wilson “named and shamed” the 3 companies involved in the massive opioid settlement, (Walmart, Teva and Allergan).

RESULT: APPROVED

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

- 6.B.2. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to extend the Invoice Cloud contract for credit card processing for over-the-counter and meter transactions.
(ID # [23-0058](#))

RESULT: APPROVED

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

- 6.B.3. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$6,318.46 using available funds in the Information Technology Computer Supplies Account for computer supplies, internet services, and phone services.
(ID # [23-0096](#))

RESULT: APPROVED

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

6.B.4. Mayor's Request
(ID # [23-0109](#))

Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$91,211.79 grant with no new match required, from MA Executive Office of Public Safety to the Fire Department for staffing costs.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

6.B.5. Mayor's Request
(ID # [23-0119](#))

Requesting approval of a time-only extension to the contract with Barletta Heavy Division, for work on the Somerville Avenue Utilities and Streetscape Improvements project.

RESULT: **APPROVED**
AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

6.B.6. Mayor's Request
(ID # [23-0121](#))

Requesting approval of a time-only contract extension for CBA Landscape Architects, for the Henry Hansen Memorial Park design services beyond the three year maximum, to 9/30/2024.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

6.B.7. Mayor's Request
(ID # [23-0125](#))

Requesting approval to create the Opioid Recovery and Remediation Stabilization Fund.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

6.B.8. Mayor's Request
(ID # [23-0126](#))

Requesting approval of a time-only contract extension for the Weston and Sampson Engineering and Licensed Site Professional contract for Conway park beyond the three year maximum, to 12/31/2023.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

6.C. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- 6.C.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-0201](#)) Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on February 2, 2023.

Councilor Strezo presented the Committee Report saying that the committee received an update on housing issues and discussed possible unintended consequences of the recent increase in Social Security benefits. Increased costs of heat and utility bills and their effect on residents were discussed. Councilor Strezo also spoke about possibly having bikes repaired in collaboration with the teen center.

RESULT: APPROVED

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

- 6.C.2. Order (ID # [22-0273](#))

By Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Kelly
That the Director of Housing provide the data requested within for inclusionary homes built after 2016, to better understand how the program is addressing housing needs.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- 6.C.3. Order (ID # [22-0290](#))

By Councilor Strezo
That the Director of Health and Human Services discuss the recruitment and retention of Teen Snow Shoveling Program participants.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- 6.C.4. Order (ID # [22-1683](#))

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

That the Director of Housing discuss how anticipated increases in utility, heating and water bills will affect affordable housing tenants.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- 6.C.5. Order By Councilor Strezo
(ID # [22-1793](#)) That the Director of the Office of Housing Stability discuss the potential impact of the anticipated January 2023 Social Security cost of living increase on affordable housing.

RESULT: **WORK COMPLETED**

6.D. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- 6.D.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting in Joint Session with the
(ID # [23-0203](#)) Planning Board on February 2, 2023.

Councilor McLaughlin presented the Committee Report and gave brief summaries of the 4 public hearings that were held. Each public hearing was kept open until noon on February 10th. The particulars of each item are contained in the committee minutes.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

6.E. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- 6.E.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on January 31,
(ID # [23-0191](#)) 2023.

Councilor Davis presented the Committee Report and noted that the School Department requested that any questions about the annual School Department surveillance report be referred to them. Councilor Davis reviewed several of the items discussed including extending the time for Police Chief Femino to serve in an acting capacity.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

- 6.E.2. Order
(ID # [22-0037](#))
- By Councilor Davis
That the administration advise the City Council, and provide the language to allow cannabis delivery in the most streamlined way possible.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.E.3. Order
(ID # [22-0047](#))
- By Councilor Davis
That the Administration re-submit the Report of the Clean and Open Elections Task Force.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.E.4. Order
(ID # [22-0180](#))
- By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Scott, Councilor Kelly and Councilor Clingan
That the Director of Housing provide a written update on the current status of compliance with the Short-Term Rental Ordinance.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.E.5. Order
(ID # [22-0451](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Scott, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Davis and Councilor Burnley Jr.
That the City Solicitor prepare a revision to the appropriate ordinance so vehicles that are parked in a crosswalk, or blocking a bicycle lane, ADA ramp, bus stop, or sidewalk may be towed as well as ticketed.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.E.6. Mayor's Request
(ID # [23-0074](#))
- Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to authorize the continued employment of Acting Somerville Police Chief Charles J. Femino.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- AYE:** City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad
- NAY:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.
- 6.E.7. Mayor's
Communication
(ID # [23-0086](#))
- Conveying the 2022 Surveillance Technology Annual Report.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
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6.E.8. Mayor's
Communication
(ID # [23-0106](#))

Conveying information regarding item 23-0084, a Mayor's Request requesting the adoption of the Specialized Energy Code.

RESULT: **WORK COMPLETED**

6.E.9. Order
(ID # [23-0172](#))

By Councilor Davis
That the Council amend the Surveillance Technology Ordinance to clarify that it covers cameras used for automated traffic or parking enforcement.

RESULT: **WORK COMPLETED**

6.E.10. Order
(ID # [23-0196](#))

By Councilor Davis
That the City Council adopt a change to the Surveillance Technology Ordinance consistent with the discussions in the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on January 31, 2023.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

6.F. RODENT ISSUES SPECIAL COMMITTEE

6.F.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-0182](#)) Report of the Special Committee on Rodent Issues, meeting on January 30, 2023.

Councilor Kelly presented the Committee Report and highlighted various areas of a presentation given at the meeting. More discussions are expected on damage done to vehicles by rats, the use of carbon monoxide in combating rats, and the relocation of Smart boxes. Liaison Carrillo noted that there are twenty SMART boxes in East Somerville. Councilor McLaughlin commented that the Rodent Committee was informed that there are no SMART boxes in East Somerville, to which Liaison Carrillo replied that the committee was misinformed. Councilor Kelly asked that the Administration provide any updated information to the committee for its next meeting. (See item 10.2).

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

6.F.2. Order
(ID # [22-0296](#))

By Councilor Kelly, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Pineda Neufeld
That the Director of Health and Human Services, the Director of Inspectional Services and the Environmental Health Coordinator update this Council on current rodent mitigation plans.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.F.3. Order
(ID # [22-0297](#))

By Councilor Kelly
That the Commissioner of Public Works update this Council on the replacement of trash bins due to rodent activity.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.F.4. Order
(ID # [22-0346](#))

By Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Scott and Councilor Kelly
That the Director of Inspectional Services consider a financial relief program for low income residents who are paying out of pocket for increased rodent expenses, including car and home repairs.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.F.5. 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.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.F.6. 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: WORK COMPLETED

- 6.F.7. Order
(ID # [23-0062](#))
- By Councilor Strezo, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Gomez Mouakad
That the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development and the Environmental Health Coordinator discuss the feasibility of including neighborhood-specific rat control funding in Community Benefits Agreements.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- 6.F.8. Order
(ID # [23-0063](#))
- By Councilor Strezo, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Scott and Councilor Clingan
That the Environmental Health Coordinator and the Director of Inspectional Services discuss resident reports of cars damaged by rats over the past five years.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- 6.F.9. Order
(ID # [23-0069](#))
- By Councilor Wilson and Councilor Kelly
That the Environmental Health Coordinator update this Council on any past pilots and any future plans for use of rodent hormonal birth control.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- 6.F.10. Order
(ID # [23-0131](#))
- By Councilor Kelly
That the Director of Inspectional Services and the Environmental Health Coordinator update this Council on the SMART box program and other rodent control measures.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.G. SCHOOL BUILDING FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- 6.G.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-0192](#)) Report of the Special Committee on School Building Facilities and Maintenance, meeting in Joint Session with the School Committee Building Maintenance Subcommittee on February 1, 2023.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad presented the Committee Report and gave an update on the Healey and West Somerville Neighborhood Schools heat and cooling systems. The Winter Hill School will be having an extensive evaluation to determine the structural integrity of the facility. She spoke about submitting the MSBA application, the 1895 building, complaints of noise emanating from the East Somerville Community School HVAC system, school IT capabilities, building maintenance documentation, ESCS façade repairs, and the condition of the Cummings School. Councilor Gomez Mouakad believes that the 1895 building may be address in the Capital Projects Plan. Councilor Davis spoke about the maintenance tracking system that was built in-house by DPW staff.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

- 6.G.2. Order (ID # [22-0186](#)) By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Davis, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Kelly
That the Commissioner of Public Works report on all school building deferred maintenance projects completed following the ventilation system assessment, proposed completion dates, and strategies to assess needs for future deferred maintenance projects.

RESULT: **WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.G.3. Order (ID # [22-1418](#)) By Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works report on planned repairs for the East Somerville Community School facade failures.

RESULT: **WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.G.4. Order
(ID # [22-1715](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management and the Commissioner of Public Works provide an update on preventive maintenance plans for all school buildings.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- 6.G.5. Order
(ID # [22-1716](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad
That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Chief Information Officer provide an update on ongoing issues with Wi-Fi services for all schools.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.H. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

- 6.H.1. Committee Report
(ID # [23-0205](#))
- Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking meeting on February 6, 2023.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad presented the Committee Report and commented on taxi fares, loading zones, commercial parking, regulating commercial traffic, curbside changes, blocking of bike lanes, and traffic calming. Councilor Burnley commented that the community is passionate about documenting parking in bike lanes and said there's a disconnect between reporting to 311 and enforcement.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.H.2. Order
(ID # [22-1830](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Scott and Councilor Davis
That the Director of Mobility present to this Council on where heavy commercial vehicles are restricted per Traffic Regulations Section 7-27 Operation of Heavy Commercial Vehicles.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- 6.H.3. Order
(ID # [22-1832](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Scott and Councilor Kelly
That the Director of Parking, Director of Mobility, and Director of Engineering present to this Council on engagement and consideration of business needs regarding curbside changes.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- 6.H.4. Order
(ID # [22-1834](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad
That the Director of Mobility and Director of Engineering present to this Council on documentation of vehicle types, timing and frequency, and turning movements when determining on-street loading zones.
- RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.H.5. Order
(ID # [22-1835](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad
That the Director of Mobility provide an update on the businesses surveyed regarding Highland Ave improvements and share the data collected.
- RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.H.6. Order
(ID # [22-1836](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Davis
That the Director of Constituent Services add a 311 Service Request category for reporting parking in bicycle lanes.
- RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.H.7. Order
(ID # [22-1837](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Wilson
That the Director of Mobility evaluate cut through traffic on Vernon Street and Trull Street and provide recommendations for traffic calming.
- RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.H.8. Public
Communication
(ID # [22-2080](#))
- Green Cab Company, Inc. requesting an increase the taxicab meter rate to \$1.95 for the first 1/8 of a mile, \$0.45 for each additional 1/8 of a mile and waiting time of \$28 per hour.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad
- 6.H.9. Order
(ID # [22-2118](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Wilson
That the Director of Mobility consider installing speed humps on Highland Road, at the intersection with Morrison Avenue.
- RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**
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- 6.H.10. Order (ID # [23-0093](#)) By Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Gomez Mouakad
That the Director of Mobility share and discuss with this Council, the plan to use the \$100,000 in funding secured from the state for a traffic study of the intersection of Route 16 and Broadway.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 7.1. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0187](#)) Requesting approval of the Municipal Election Calendar for 2023.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

- 7.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0234](#)) Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Camera Ticket Enforcement.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

- 7.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0122](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Calla Taylor to the Urban Forestry Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

- 7.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0180](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$400,000 from the Community Preservation Act Fund for the construction of Junction Park.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.4 through 7.17 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0179](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$350,000 from the Community Preservation Act Fund for the construction of Henry Hansen Park.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.4 through 7.17 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0178](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$300,000 from the Community Preservation Act Fund to the Elizabeth Peabody House for historic building window restoration.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.4 through 7.17 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0177](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$250,000 from the Community Preservation Act Fund to the Mystic River Watershed Association to design a shared use community path at Blessing of the Bay Park.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.4 through 7.17 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0176](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$100,000 from the Community Preservation Act Fund for design of a park at 217 Somerville Ave.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.4 through 7.17 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0181](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$15,000 from the Community Preservation Act Fund to Mudflat Pottery School, Inc. for a Facade Restoration Study.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.4 through 7.17 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0162](#)) Requesting approval to use available funds in the Health and Human Services Salaries Account in the amount of \$21,982 to fund an additional Case Manager position.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.4 through 7.17 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.11. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0198](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$100,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation to the Mobility Division for traffic engineering design and related implementation at the intersection of Alewife Brook Parkway and Broadway.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.4 through 7.17 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.12. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0190](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$79,500 grant with no new match required, from the MA Executive Office of Public Safety to the Police Department for staffing costs.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.4 through 7.17 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.13. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0213](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$75,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Elementary & Secondary Education to the Health and Human Services SomerPromise Division for LGBTQIA Out-of-School Time Youth Programming.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.4 through 7.17 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.14. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0195](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$67,050 grant with no new match required, from the Mass Cultural Council to the Arts Council for unrestricted operational support.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.4 through 7.17 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.15. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0186](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$45,406.77 grant with no new match required, from the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) to the Fire Department for maritime related equipment.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.4 through 7.17 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.16. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0184](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$17,821.96 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Fire Services to the Fire Department for the purchase of ballistic vests, helmets and medical equipment.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.4 through 7.17 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.17. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0185](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$3,348.18 grant with no new match required, from the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) to the Fire Department for the purchase of residential lock boxes.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.4 through 7.17 and refer them to the Committee on Finance.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 8.1. Officer's Communication (ID # [23-0199](#)) City Clerk submitting an amendment to Section 10-63 of the Code of Ordinances to clarify the Surveillance Technology Ordinance regarding parking ticket devices.

Councilor Davis explained the amendment. The item was approved, enrolled and ordained.

RESULT: **ORDINANCE ORDAINED**

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

- 8.2. Officer's Communication (ID # [23-0113](#)) City Clerk submitting an amendment to Section 13-6.1 of the Code of Ordinances to increase taxicab meter rates.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad recommended approval of this item. Chair Ewen-Campen noted that this will not have any effect on seniors. The item was approved, enrolled and ordained.

RESULT: **ORDINANCE ORDAINED**

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

8.3. Officer's
Communication
(ID # [23-0040](#))

City Clerk requesting confirmation of the appointment of F. Kelley Landolphi to the position of Assistant Clerk of Committees.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld moved to refer the item to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

8.4. Officer's
Communication
(ID # [23-0041](#))

City Clerk requesting confirmation of the appointment of Michael Potere to the position of Assistant Clerk of Committees.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld moved to refer the item to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1. License
(ID # [23-0222](#))

New Extended Operating Hours License, Chow N Joy, 626 Somerville Ave, opening Sun-Thurs until 1am and Fri-Sat until 2am for take-out and delivery services.

Councilor Burnley moved to refer the item to the Committee on Licenses and Permits.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

9.2. License
(ID # [23-0221](#))

New Extended Operating Hours License, Falafel Place, 1 Main St, opening Mon-Sun until 3am for in-store, take-out, and delivery services.

Councilor Burnley moved to refer the item to the Committee on Licenses and Permits.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

- 9.3. Public Event
(ID # [23-0226](#))
- Somerville Community Growing Center applying for a Public Event License for Maple Boil on February 17 and March 11 from 7:30am to 7:30pm (raindate March 12).
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad
- 9.4. Public Event
(ID # [23-0227](#))
- Bicycle Advisory Committee applying for a Public Event License for Family Bike CPX Ride on May 14 from 8am to 10:30am (raindate May 21).
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad
- 9.5. Public Communication
(ID # [23-0229](#))
- Chris Dwan submitting comments re: Union Square MBTA stop pedestrian crossing.
- RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE
- AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

- 9.6. Public Communication (ID # [23-0218](#)) Commission for Women submitting comments re: item #23-0075, an Ordinance establishing Paid Leave for Survivors.

Councilor Burnley thanked the Commission for Women for their collaboration on this item.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

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

- 9.7. Public Communication (ID # [23-0219](#)) Bicycle Advisory Committee submitting comments re: ticketing by 311.

Councilor Burnley commented that this is in support of having 311 reports enforced.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

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

10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 10.1. Order (ID # [23-0237](#)) By Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Health and Human Services update this Council on efforts to provide warming centers for unhoused individuals during the recent cold spell.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

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

10.2. Order
(ID # [23-0238](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Inspectional Services provide Smart Boxes throughout East Somerville to address rodent issues.

Councilor McLaughlin noted that there is one site in Ward 1 that has a SMART box and he would like them dispersed throughout the Ward.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

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

10.3. Order
(ID # [23-0239](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Mobility place a large YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS sign at the intersection of Broadway, Lombardi Way and Mt. Vernon Street.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

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

10.4. Order
(ID # [23-0240](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Scott
That the Director of Mobility prioritize the intersection of Broadway, Lombardi Way and Mt. Vernon Street for traffic calming measures.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

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

10.5. Resolution
(ID # [23-0241](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Burnley Jr.
That the Administration update this Council's Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters regarding efforts to hire more firefighters.

RESULT: **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

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

10.6. Resolution
(ID # [23-0242](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Burnley Jr.
That the Administration inform this Council regarding efforts to update the firefighter hiring process, since the reserve list has been eliminated.

Councilor McLaughlin explained that he feels that the reserved list was harmful to veterans. He also noted that rumor has it that the city is considering firefighter transfers from other communities. He expressed his displeasure at this since it would circumvent the process of applying through the normal channels, i.e., Civil Service. He is also looking for an explanation of why it's so hard to hire firefighters in Somerville. Councilor Scott said it's important to note that Civil Service appointees have the right to transfer to other communities with the approval of the appointing authorities and he believes that it's important for the Council to be involved in the appointment of firefighters.

RESULT: **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

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

10.7. Resolution
(ID # [23-0236](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson
Commending staff and first responders on their efforts to help residents during the recent extreme cold spell.

Councilor McLaughlin thanked staff for putting up a temporary warming center and for assisting people to get there during last weeks deep freeze. He noted that there were numerous burst pipes at several locations that were taken care of by firefighters.

RESULT: APPROVED

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

11. LATE ITEMS

11.1. Order
(ID # [23-0244](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson
That this City Council recognize February as Black History Month.

Councilor Burnley spoke about Black people getting the short end of the stick, even getting a short month in which to be celebrated. He wants to double down on the achievements of blacks in the city and referenced a former resident who was involved in helping others in the Underground Railroad.

RESULT: APPROVED

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

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:00 PM.