



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

City Council

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

7:30 PM

Special Meeting

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1. OPENING CEREMONIES

Present:	Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen City Councilor At Large Jon Link Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo Ward Five City Councilor Naima Sait City Councilor At Large Ben Wheeler Ward Seven City Councilor Emily Hardt Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis
Absent:	Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin
Remote:	Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott City Councilor At Large Wilfred N. Mbah

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM by Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis. The City Council entered Executive Session at 7:38 PM and returned at 11:11 PM with 10 members present (Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Link, Councilor Scott, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Sait, Councilor Wheeler, Councilor Hardt, Councilor Mbah, Councilor Davis), 1 absent (Councilor McLaughlin).

- 1.1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
(ID # [26-0867](#))

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. CITATIONS

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 7.1. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0865](#)) Requesting that this Council convene in Executive Session to receive an update on the status of collective bargaining negotiations, pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 30A, Section 21(3).

President Davis requested confirmation that this item is appropriate for Executive Session. Assistant City Attorney Matt Sirigu confirmed that Executive Session was appropriate. The City Council entered Executive Session at 7:38 PM and returned at 11:11 PM. President Davis announced that no votes were taken in Executive Session other than the vote to adjourn.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

ABSENT: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin

8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**9. NEW BUSINESS****10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS****11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was Adjourned at 11:12 PM on a roll call vote of 10 in favor (Councilor Ewen Campen, Councilor Link, Councilor Scott, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Sait, Councilor Wheeler, Councilor Hardt, Councilor Mbah, Councilor Davis), 0 opposed, 1 absent (Councilor McLaughlin).