City of Somerville, Massachusetts Matters of Business of the City Council

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

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OPENING CEREMONIES

- 1. Roll Call Call of the Roll. (ID # 28849)
- 2. Remembrances Remembrances. (ID # 28850)
- 3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, April (ID # 28851) 28, 2022.

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. Grant of Location Submitted by Comcast to install 268 feet of conduit in Somerville Ave from the intersection of Church Street, (ID # 28794) to a point of pickup at 379 Somerville Ave and 79 Bow St, and 126 feet of conduit to be installed from the proposed manhole for future use.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

5. Ordinance By City Councilor Burnley, Jr.
(ID # 28812) Proposing an Ordinance securing the rights of individuals seeking gender-affirming care.

By City Councilor Burnley, Jr. 6. Order (ID # 28813) That the Chief of Police deliver to this Council, a written report of the Police Department's protocol for addressing encampments of un-housed individuals, including any resources that are offered, and whether those individuals are transported and to where. 7. Order By City Councilor Burnley, Jr., Ewen-Campen (ID # 28814) That the Chief of Police report to this Council, any verified or suspected false reports of gunshots by ShotSpotter. 8. Order By City Councilor Burnley, Jr., Ewen-Campen (ID # 28816) That the Chief of Police report to this Council, any communications between the Police Department and ShotSpotter regarding ambiguous or contested detections. 9. Resolution By City Councilor Burnley, Jr. (ID # 28817) In Support of Suicide Prevention Efforts. 10. Resolution By City Councilor Burnley, Jr., Kelly (ID # 28830) In Support of Safeguarding Transgender Bodily Autonomy and Gender-Affirming Care. 11. Order By City Councilor Ewen-Campen (ID # 28818) That the Director of Mobility discuss with this Council how to effectively provide feedback on the MBTA's proposed Better Bus Network plan, to ensure that Somerville does not lose essential routes and service. 12. Order By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott That this City Council discuss the recommendations of (ID # 28819) the 2019 Internet Access Task Force, and invite relevant experts to share ways to provide universal internet access. 13. Order By City Councilor Wilson (ID # 28831) That the Commissioner of Public Works update this Council on policies regarding idling vehicles. 14. Order By City Councilor Wilson That the Director of Inspectional Services ensure that (ID # 28832) outdoor dining structures on streets observe parking regulations requiring a minimum of 20 feet of daylighting at intersections. Order 15. By City Councilor Wilson That the Election Commissioner update the ward maps (ID # 28833)

on the website to reflect the 2021 map changes.

16. Order By City Councilor Wilson, Clingan

(ID # 28834) That the Director of Mobility advise this Council on the

role of Medford Street in the Somerville Bicycle

Network Plan.

17. Order By City Councilor Wilson, Clingan

(ID # 28835) That the Director of Mobility update this Council on

plans to expand the number of BlueBikes stations.

18. Resolution By City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Strezo

(ID # 28836) That the Memorialization Committee consider naming a

landmark after Stephenson Aman, a community organizer, coach and youth mentor who advocated for our most vulnerable communities and residents.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

19. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on May

Report 24, 2022.

(ID # 28843)

B. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to extend the contract with the

213752 Mystic River Watershed Association for the Blessing of

the Bay Park Revitalization Phase 2 for an additional 12

months.

RECOMMENDED: Approved.

C. Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of \$243,471 from the

213753 Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") Account to the

Energy Stabilization Fund. RECOMMENDED: Approved.

D. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling

213755 \$13,120 using available funds in the Office of Strategic

Planning and Community Development-Planning and Zoning Ordinary Maintenance Account for Gilman

Square planning work.

RECOMMENDED: Approved.

E. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a lease for the Lower Broadway

213815 Police Substation at 79-83 Broadway, from 7/01/22

through 6/30/23, for \$2,000.00 per month.

RECOMMENDED: Approved.

F. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling

\$4,500 using available funds in the Human Resources

Department Arbitration Services Account for arbitration

services rendered.

RECOMMENDED: Approved.

20. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on May 17, 2022.

(ID # 28840)

B. Order By City Councilor Davis

212820 That the Director of Intergovernmental Affairs respond

to Item #212250 regarding the Ordinance to Safeguard

Vulnerable Road Users.

RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

C. Order By City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

213344 That the Commissioner of Public Works, the Director of

Procurement and Contracting Services and the Director of Mobility provide this Council with the 90-day Implementation Report relative to the Ordinance to

Safeguard Vulnerable Road Users. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

D. Officer's Commissioner of Public Works responding to Item

Communication #212250 with an update on the inspection and

213819 enforcement of the Ordinance to Safeguard Vulnerable

Road Users.

RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

21. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits,

Report meeting on May 25, 2022.

(ID # 28844)

B. License/Permit New Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Intercar Auto

Sales Corp, 39 Webster Ave, 20 cars outside, 0 inside.

RECOMMENDED: Approved.

C. License/Permit New Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Top Speed

Vehicles Inc, 631 Somerville Ave, 8 cars inside, 6

outside.

RECOMMENDED: Not Approved.

D. Grant of Submitted by Eversource to install 85 feet of conduit in

Location Ivaloo Street, from Utility Pole 179/6 to a point of

213594 pickup at the rear of 205 Beacon Street.

RECOMMENDED: Approved.

22. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public

Report Safety, meeting on May 23, 2022.

(ID # 28842)

B.	Order 212970	By City Councilor Clingan, Ewen-Campen, Wilson, Gomez Mouakad, Pineda Neufeld, Davis, Kelly That the Director of Health and Human Services request an update from Cambridge Health Alliance on the delayed opening of an adolescent treatment unit. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
C.	Order 212988	By City Councilor Burnley, Jr., Kelly, Clingan, McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Pineda Neufeld, Wilson, Davis That the Director of Health and Human Services provide this Council with an update regarding progress and plans to establish a Supervised Consumption Site in Somerville. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
D.	Order 213075	By City Councilor Burnley, Jr., Kelly That the City Solicitor advise this Council on its ability to ban hostile architecture. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
E.	Order 213185	By City Councilor Burnley, Jr. That the City Solicitor advise this Council on its ability to ban hostile architecture through a zoning change or other means. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
F.	Resolution 213333	By City Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Gomez Mouakad, Ewen-Campen, Kelly, Wilson, Scott, Clingan, Strezo, Davis, McLaughlin, Burnley, Jr. That the Administration encourage Somerville grocery stores and pharmacies to implement a daily "mask-hour" when masks or face coverings are required, so immune-compromised residents and seniors may shop in an environment that is less risky to their health. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
G.	Order 213615	By City Councilor Burnley, Jr., Pineda Neufeld, Wilson That the Director of Health and Human Services update this Council on any attempt to track rising rates of COVID-19 locally via wastewater data. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
H.	Order 213813	By City Councilor Burnley, Jr., Pineda Neufeld, Kelly, Wilson That the Deputy Director of Health and Human Services update this Council on any plans to reinstitute an indoor mask mandate and what standards should be used to determine when implementation is needed. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

23. PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, meeting on May 16, 2022.

(ID # 28839)

В.	Order 212842	By City Councilor Scott That the Commissioner of Public Works address reports of trash barrels being picked up by recycling trucks. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
C.	Order 212962	By City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Davis, Wilson, Clingan, 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. RECOMMENDED: Discharged w/no Recommendation
D.	Order 212963	By City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Strezo That the Director of Economic Development report on the maintenance plan for the Armory building, completion of outstanding repairs, and ongoing maintenance and operational oversight of the building. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
E.	Order 212964	By City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Strezo That the Director of Economic Development report on the status of existing leases for the Armory building. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
F.	Order 213052	By City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Clingan, Davis That the Commissioner of Public Works report on the possibility of including sidewalk curb cut snow clearance when in close proximity to stormwater drains scheduled for clearing following a snowstorm. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
G.	Order 213057	By City Councilor Wilson That the Commissioner of Public Works update this Council on snow removal operations during and following the weather event of January 29, 2022. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
Н.	Order 213100	By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works identify a permanent location for disposal of snow. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
I.	Order 213134	By City Councilor Clingan That the Director of Engineering provide an update on Eversource's re-sealing of the gas main between Acadia Park and Elm Street. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
J.	Order 213135	By City Councilor Clingan That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the MA Department of Transportation to determine their plan for the recently condemned staircase connecting McGrath Highway to Ten Hills Road. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

K.	Order 213137	By City Councilor Clingan, Strezo That the Commissioner of Public Works replace all open garbage cans in city parks and on the Community Path with closed rat-proof garbage cans. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
L.	Order 213138	By City Councilor Clingan That the Commissioner of Public Works update this Council with details on the sidewalk snow-shoveling pilot which was included in the FY2022 budget. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
M.	Order 213139	By City Councilor Clingan That the Commissioner of Public Works establish a maximum time frame for a sidewalk panel to be dug up and replaced. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
N.	Order 213245	By City Councilor Clingan That the Director of Engineering provide an update on Eversource's re-sealing of the gas main between Acadia Park and Elm Street. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
O.	Order 213246	By City Councilor Clingan That the Commissioner of Public Works contact MA Department of Transportation to ascertain their plan for the recently condemned staircase connecting McGrath Highway to Ten Hills Road. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
P.	Order 213709	By City Councilor Clingan, Strezo That the Commissioner of Public Works resume the rain barrel program that was halted during the pandemic. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
Q.	Order 213713	By City Councilor Clingan That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management provide the Ward 4 Councilor with an estimated paving date for Douglas Street. RECOMMENDED: Work Completed

24. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, Report meeting on May 23, 2022.

(ID # 28841)

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

25. Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of \$71,135 from (ID # 28829) Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Workers Compensation Insurance Fund, to remediate an end of year deficit.

- 26. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a transfer of \$443,000 in the (ID # 28826) Department of Public Works, from the Sanitation Account to the Snow Account, to cover invoices incurred during an extraordinary winter season.
- 27. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a transfer of \$85,000 in the (ID # 28824) Department of Public Works, from the Buildings Account to the Grounds Account, for Personnel Services Costs through the end of FY 2022.
- 28. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a transfer of \$38,465 from (ID # 28845) General Fund Workers' Comp Accounts to the Workers' Comp Insurance Fund, to fund Workers' Comp claims and payments through the end of FY 2022.
- 29. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a transfer of \$7,076 from the (ID # 28810) Police Overtime Account to the Grant Match Account for the Metro Mayors Coalition Shannon Grant match requirement.
- 30. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a transfer of \$2,000 from the (ID # 28825) Police Animal Control Kennel Ordinary Maintenance account to the Police Animal Control Personal Services Overtime account for Animal Control Overtime costs.
- 31. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of a \$22,692 grant, with required (ID # 28809) match, from the Metro Mayors Coalition Shannon Initiative to the Police Department for youth violence prevention.
- 32. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a (ID # 28811) \$75,000 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for Special Response Team expenditures and overtime.
- 33. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Kevin (ID # 28846) Shackelford to the position of Police Lieutenant.
- 34. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Eri (ID # 28820) Furusawa to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change.
- 35. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Ronit (ID # 28802) Prawer to the Council on Aging.
- 36. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Maclise (ID # 28803) Jean to the Council on Aging.

- 37. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Marian (ID # 28804) Bremer to the Council on Aging.
- 38. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Neeraj (ID # 28805) Wadhera to the Council on Aging.
- 39. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Daisy (ID # 28806) Monsalve to the Council on Aging.
- 40. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of (ID # 28807) Giusippina Mingace to the Council on Aging.
- 41. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Edna (ID # 28808) Murray to the Council on Aging.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 42. Officer's Director of Water and Sewer submitting the proposed Communication water and sewer volumetric rates for FY23.

 (ID # 28847)
- 43. Officer's Special Counsel requesting to appear in Executive Communication Session to discuss Cobble Hill Center, LLC v. (ID # 28821) Somerville Redevelopment Authority.
- 44. Officer's Assistant City Solicitor submitting amendments to Communication Sections 11-125 and 11-164 of the Code of Ordinances. (ID # 28822)
- 45. Officer's Memorialization Committee conveying the re-naming of Communication a new park at 60 Cross Street East to ESCA Park. (ID # 28837)
- 46. Officer's Memorialization Committee conveying the naming of a Communication new park at 31 Tufts Street in honor of Leonard Grimes. (ID # 28838)

NEW BUSINESS

- 47. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, Atlantic Excavation and (ID # 28788) Utility.
- 48. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, CM Conway (ID # 28789) Construction.
- 49. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, J Derenzo. (ID # 28790)

50.	License/Permit (ID # 28791)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, M. DiStasio Excavation Contractors.
51.	License/Permit (ID # 28792)	Renewing Flammables License, Broadway Sunoco, 258 Broadway.
52.	License/Permit (ID # 28793)	Renewing Garage License, Broadway Sunoco, 258 Broadway.
53.	License/Permit (ID # 28787)	Renewing Dog Kennel License, Riverdog Daycare, 321 Somerville Ave.
54.	License/Permit (ID # 28795)	Public Event License, Jonathan Kilpatrick's Birthday Party, Browning Rd from Central St to Sycamore St, June 18, 12PM-9PM.
55.	License/Permit (ID # 28796)	Public Event License, 7ate 9 Bakery, National Cheesecake Day, in front of 199C Highland Ave, July 30, 8AM-6PM (raindate July 31).
56.	License/Permit (ID # 28797)	Public Event License, Alpine and Princeton BP, Alpine St from Princeton St to Lowell St, July 30, 10AM-7PM (raindate Aug 6).
57.	License/Permit (ID # 28798)	Public Event License, Electric Ave BP, from Packard Ave to Mason St, July 31, 11AM-6PM (raindate July 30).
58.	License/Permit (ID # 28801)	Renewing Taxi Medallion License, WWJKK Inc, Med #90.
59.	License/Permit (ID # 28799)	Transferring Taxi Medallion License, Medallion #79 from Lochmere Taxi Inc to Joseph Nicolas.
60.	License/Permit (ID # 28800)	Transferring Taxi Medallion License, Medallion #81 from Cinema Taxi Inc to SSR Cab Inc.
61.	Public Communication (ID # 28827)	Thomas J. Cooke requesting the adoption of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Map to change the zoning district of 14 White Street Place from NR to MR4.
62.	Withdrawn (ID # 28828)	Withdrawn.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

63. Ordinance By City Councilor Davis

(ID # 28852) Amending Section 2-310 of the Code of Ordinances to

eliminate the general residency requirement for city

employees.

64. Order By City Councilor Davis

(ID # 28854) That the City Solicitor review the design issues related to

ineffective shades and placement of projector equipment in the high school auditorium and seek recovery for costs

to the city or other legal recourse available.

65. Order By City Councilor Davis

(ID # 28855) That the Director of Engineering explain to this Council

the new "partial travel lane paving" approach used on

Burnside Avenue and elsewhere.

66. Communication By City Councilor Davis

(ID # 28853) Conveying a report of the High School Building

Committee meeting held on May 16, 2022.

67. Resolution By City Councilor Scott, Clingan

(ID # 28859) That the Administration respond to educator and parent

concerns regarding building maintenance and capital

improvements for the Winter Hill School.

68. Order By City Councilor Scott

(ID # 28860) That the Commissioner of Public Works provide this

Council with the plan for maintaining new tree wells

along Somerville Avenue and other locations.

69. Order By City Councilor Scott

(ID # 28861) That the Commissioner of Public Works add stone or

concrete landscape features to prevent vehicles from driving over the planted bump-out features on Beacon

Street.

70. Order By City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

(ID # 28862) That the Director of Mobility explore installing speed

humps on Boston Avenue to control speeding and cut

through traffic, and ensure pedestrian access.

71. Order By City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

(ID # 28863) That the Director of Finance report on the process to

reallocate funds reimbursed from the Green Line

Extension Project.

72.	Order (ID # 28864)	By City Councilor Gomez Mouakad That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management report on the status of the 1895 building.
73.	Order (ID # 28865)	By City Councilor Gomez Mouakad That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management report on all major repairs and work orders for the Winter Hill Community School and the Brown School over the past five years.
74.	Order (ID # 28866)	By City Councilor Gomez Mouakad That the Director of Racial and Social Justice, the ADA Coordinator and the Director of Engineering report on whether fixed benches in outdoor seating areas meet ADA regulations.
75.	Mayor's Request (ID # 28775)	Requesting the rescission of \$21,717,918 of authorized but un-issued borrowings.
76.	License/Permit (ID # 28868)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, Ronan 953 LLC.
77.	License/Permit (ID # 28867)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, Environic Solutions.
78.	License/Permit (ID # 28869)	Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Dakzen, 195 Elm St.
79.	License/Permit (ID # 28857)	Public Event License, Leonard St/Walker St BP, extending street closure to include Leonard St from Walker St to Broadway, June 4, 10AM-6PM (raindate June 5).
80.	License/Permit (ID # 28856)	Public Event License, Arts Council AIR Residency Program Dance, Blessing of the Bay Boathouse Park, June 14, 4PM-8PM (raindate June 15).
81.	License/Permit (ID # 28858)	Renewing Garage License, Greentown Labs Inc, 444 Somerville Avenue.
	LATE ITEMS	

ADJOURNMENT