

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 26, 2022, 7:00 PM
 City Council Chamber and Remote Participation

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OPENING CEREMONIES

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

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Willie Burnley Jr.	City Councilor At Large	Present	
Charlotte Kelly	City Councilor At Large	Present	
Jake Wilson	City Councilor At Large	Present	
Beatriz GomezMouakad	Ward Five City Councilor	Present	
Judy PinedaNeufeld	Ward Seven City Councilor	Present	
Kristen Strezo	City Councilor at Large	Present	
Matthew McLaughlin	Ward One City Councilor	Present	
Jefferson Thomas ("J.T.") Scott	Ward Two City Councilor	Present	
Ben Ewen-Campen	Ward Three City Councilor	Absent	
Jesse Clingan	Ward Four City Councilor	Present	
Lance L. Davis	Ward Six City Councilor	Present	

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 213826
 (ID:28849) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 213827
 (ID:28850) Councilor Clingan offered a moment of silence for former Alderman Vito Vaccaro.
 Councilor Clingan offered a moment of silence for Michael Hogan.
 Councilor Pineda Neufeld and the entire Council offered a moment of silence for community activist Stephenson Aman. Councilor Clingan sponsored Patricia Paul to speak about her friend Mr. Aman.
 Councilor Burnley offered a moment of silence for those who lost their lives in the recent shootings in Uvalde, TX and Baltimore, MD.
 RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, April 28, 2022.
 213828
 (ID:28851) **RESULT: APPROVED**

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 4. Grant of Location 213829 (ID:28794) Submitted by Comcast to install 268 feet of conduit in Somerville Ave from the intersection of Church Street, 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.

Dave Flewelling, representing Comcast, spoke in favor of the item and explained the work involved. There being no opposition and no other speakers, the public hearing was closed.

RESULT: APPROVED

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

- 5. Ordinance 213830 (ID:28812) By City Councilor Burnley Jr., Kelly Proposing an Ordinance securing the rights of individuals seeking gender-affirming care.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

- 6. Order 213831 (ID:28813) By City Councilor Burnley Jr., Davis, Wilson 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.

Councilor Davis commented that he's had conversations with the Police Department staff and has been reading email exchanges from city staff and he's been impressed with the manner in which the situations are handled.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

- 7. Order 213832 (ID:28814) By City Councilor Burnley Jr., Ewen-Campen That the Chief of Police report to this Council, any verified or suspected false reports of gunshots by ShotSpotter.

Councilor Burnley said that the city is considering other technology in light of some of the inadequacies of ShotSpotter, e.g., reporting false incidents.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

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8. Order 213833 (ID:28816) By City Councilor Burnley Jr., Ewen-Campen
That the Chief of Police report to this Council, any communications between the Police Department and ShotSpotter regarding ambiguous or contested detections.
- See 213832.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee
9. Resolution 213834 (ID:28817) By City Councilor Burnley Jr., Gomez Mouakad, Kelly, Wilson, Scott, Clingan, Pineda Neufeld, Strezo, Davis, McLaughlin
In Support of Suicide Prevention Efforts.
- Councilor Burnley spoke on the resolution saying that there are many people who are dealing with depression and mental health issues, telling them that they are not alone. He publicized the hotline number, 988, for those seeking help. A representative from the Samaritans addressed the Council and spoke about losing someone to suicide and the stigma that goes with it. She said that the Samaritans handle 70,000 calls per year and she stressed the importance to publicize the new 988 help number. Councilor Gomez Mouakad asked that the new number be spread in the schools.
RESULT: APPROVED
10. Resolution 213835 (ID:28830) By City Councilor Burnley Jr., Kelly, Gomez Mouakad, Wilson, Scott, Clingan, Pineda Neufeld, Strezo, Davis, McLaughlin
In Support of Safeguarding Transgender Bodily Autonomy and Gender-Affirming Care.
- Councilor Burnley spoke about the laws creating hostile environments for trans/queer individuals and about the high numbers of them suffering from severe depression. He thinks that support is needed to provide hope to these children who don't feel at home in their bodies. Councilor Kelly noted that there are very clear stats for trans/queer children, noting that 1 in 4 has attempted suicide. She went on to say that material resources need to be allocated to address their needs so that they will feel safe living here.
RESULT: APPROVED
11. Order 213836 (ID:28818) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Wilson
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.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

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12. Order 213837 (ID:28819) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott, Wilson
That this City Council discuss the recommendations of the 2019 Internet Access Task Force, and invite relevant experts to share ways to provide universal internet access.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
13. Order 213838 (ID:28831) By City Councilor Wilson
That the Commissioner of Public Works update this Council on policies regarding idling vehicles.
- Councilor Davis pointed out that there is an anti-idling law on the books, that's not being enforced.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee
14. Order 213839 (ID:28832) By City Councilor Wilson, Kelly
That the Director of Inspectional Services ensure that outdoor dining structures on streets observe parking regulations requiring a minimum of 20 feet of daylighting at intersections.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee
15. Order 213840 (ID:28833) By City Councilor Wilson
That the Election Commissioner update the ward maps on the website to reflect the 2021 map changes.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
16. Order 213841 (ID:28834) By City Councilor Wilson, Clingan
That the Director of Mobility advise this Council on the role of Medford Street in the Somerville Bicycle Network Plan.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee
17. Order 213842 (ID:28835) By City Councilor Wilson, Clingan
That the Director of Mobility update this Council on plans to expand the number of BlueBikes stations.
- RESULT: APPROVED**

18. Resolution 213843 (ID:28836) By City Councilor PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, GomezMouakad, Kelly, Wilson, Scott, Clingan, Davis, McLaughlin, BurnleyJr. 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.

Councilor Burnley thanked the sponsors of the resolution and noted that Mr. Aman had been involved with the Memorialization Committee and Councilor Clingan commented that Mr. Aman is certainly worthy of the honor.

RESULT: APPROVED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

19. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 213844 (ID:28843) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on May 24, 2022.

Councilor Wilson presented the Committee Report and highlighted the actions taken by the committee, including moving approximately \$250,000 to the Energy Stabilization Fund.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Mayor's Request 213752 (ID:28728) Requesting approval to extend the contract with the Mystic River Watershed Association for the Blessing of the Bay Park Revitalization Phase 2 for an additional 12 months.

RESULT: APPROVED

- C. Mayor's Request 213753 (ID:28735) Requesting the appropriation of \$243,471 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") Account to the Energy Stabilization Fund.

RESULT: APPROVED

- D. Mayor's Request 213755 (ID:28732) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$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.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: City Council

E. Mayor's Request 213815 (ID:28666) Requesting approval of a lease for the Lower Broadway Police Substation at 79-83 Broadway, from 7/01/22 through 6/30/23, for \$2,000.00 per month.

RESULT:	APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezio, McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan, Davis
ABSENT:	Ewen-Campen

F. Mayor's Request 213816 (ID:28736) 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.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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20. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 213845 (ID:28840) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on May 17, 2022.

Councilor Davis presented the Committee Report and reviewed the actions taken. The primary discussion dealt with the Vulnerable Road User Ordinance, which he said is still being worked on.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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B. Order 212820 (ID:27846) By City Councilor Davis That the Director of Intergovernmental Affairs respond to Item #212250 regarding the Ordinance to Safeguard Vulnerable Road Users.

RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED
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C. Order 213344 (ID:28321) By City Councilor GomezMouakad 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.

RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED
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D. Officer's Communication 213819 (ID:28773) Commissioner of Public Works responding to Item #212250 with an update on the inspection and enforcement of the Ordinance to Safeguard Vulnerable Road Users.

RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED
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21. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report
213846
(ID:28844)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on May 25, 2022.</p> <p>Councilor Burnley presented the Committee Report and said that the committee recommended that the license application for Top Speed Vehicles Inc, 631 Somerville Avenue, be denied.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| <p>B. License/Permit
213571
(ID:28453)</p> | <p>New Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Intercar Auto Sales Corp, 39 Webster Ave, 20 cars outside, 0 inside.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| <p>C. License/Permit
213572
(ID:28454)</p> | <p>New Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Top Speed Vehicles Inc, 631 Somerville Ave, 8 cars inside, 6 outside.</p> <p>RESULT: NOT APPROVED</p> |
| <p>D. Grant of Location
213594
(ID:28603)</p> | <p>Submitted by Eversource to install 85 feet of conduit in Ivaloo Street, from Utility Pole 179/6 to a point of pickup at the rear of 205 Beacon Street.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |

22. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report
213847
(ID:28842)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on May 23, 2022.</p> <p>Councilor Kelly presented the Committee Report and said that Supervised Consumption sites were discussed, as were COVID related items.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| <p>B. Order
212970
(ID:27935)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Clingan, Ewen-Campen, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, 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.</p> <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |
| <p>C. Order
212988
(ID:27954)</p> | <p>By City Councilor BurnleyJr., Kelly, Clingan, McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, PinedaNeufeld, 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.</p> <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |

- D. Order 213075 (ID:28043) By City Councilor BurnleyJr., Kelly
That the City Solicitor advise this Council on its ability to ban hostile architecture.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- E. Order 213185 (ID:28151) By City Councilor BurnleyJr.
That the City Solicitor advise this Council on its ability to ban hostile architecture through a zoning change or other means.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- F. Resolution 213333 (ID:28299) By City Councilor PinedaNeufeld, GomezMouakad, Ewen-Campen, Kelly, Wilson, Scott, Clingan, Strezo, Davis, McLaughlin, BurnleyJr.
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.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- G. Order 213615 (ID:28642) By City Councilor BurnleyJr., PinedaNeufeld, 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.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- H. Order 213813 (ID:28778) By City Councilor BurnleyJr., PinedaNeufeld, 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.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

23. PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 213848 (ID:28839) Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, meeting on May 16, 2022.

Councilor Clingan presented the Committee Report saying that there was, again, a discussion regarding the rat problem in the city. Other matters discussed pertained to snow removal, economic development, and engineering issues. The committee discharged Item #212962 for referral to the School Buildings Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED

B. Order 212842 (ID:27851) By City Councilor Scott That the Commissioner of Public Works address reports of trash barrels being picked up by recycling trucks.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Order 212962 (ID:27925) By City Councilor GomezMouakad, 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.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee

D. Order 212963 (ID:27926) By City Councilor GomezMouakad, Strezio 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.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

E. Order 212964 (ID:27927) By City Councilor GomezMouakad, Strezio That the Director of Economic Development report on the status of existing leases for the Armory building.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

F. Order 213052 (ID:28012) By City Councilor GomezMouakad, 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.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

G. Order 213057 (ID:28033) 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.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

H. Order 213100 (ID:28053) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works identify a permanent location for disposal of snow.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

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| <p>I. Order
213134
(ID:28091)</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>J. Order
213135
(ID:28092)</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>K. Order
213137
(ID:28096)</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>L. Order
213138
(ID:28097)</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>M. Order
213139
(ID:28098)</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>N. Order
213245
(ID:28251)</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>O. Order
213246
(ID:28252)</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>P. Order
213709
(ID:28668)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Clingan, Strezo
That the Commissioner of Public Works resume the rain barrel program that was halted during the pandemic.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |

- Q. Order 213713 (ID:28672) 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.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

24. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 213849 (ID:28841) Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on May 23, 2022. Councilor Gomez Mouakad presented the Committee Report and highlighted the discussion about raised crosswalks.

RESULT: APPROVED

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

25. Mayor's Request 213850 (ID:28829) Requesting the appropriation of \$71,135 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Workers Compensation Insurance Fund, to remediate an end of year deficit.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

26. Mayor's Request 213851 (ID:28826) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$443,000 in the Department of Public Works, from the Sanitation Account to the Snow Account, to cover invoices incurred during an extraordinary winter season.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

27. Mayor's Request 213852 (ID:28824) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$85,000 in the Department of Public Works, from the Buildings Account to the Grounds Account, for Personnel Services Costs through the end of FY 2022.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

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28. Mayor's Request 213853 (ID:28845) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$38,465 from General Fund Workers' Comp Accounts to the Workers' Comp Insurance Fund, to fund Workers' Comp claims and payments through the end of FY 2022.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
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29. Mayor's Request 213854 (ID:28810) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$7,076 from the Police Overtime Account to the Grant Match Account for the Metro Mayors Coalition Shannon Grant match requirement.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
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30. Mayor's Request 213855 (ID:28825) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$2,000 from the Police Animal Control Kennel Ordinary Maintenance account to the Police Animal Control Personal Services Overtime account for Animal Control Overtime costs.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
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31. Mayor's Request 213856 (ID:28809) Requesting acceptance of a \$22,692 grant, with required match, from the Metro Mayors Coalition Shannon Initiative to the Police Department for youth violence prevention.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
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32. Mayor's Request 213857 (ID:28811) Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$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.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
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33. Mayor's Request 213858 (ID:28846) Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Kevin Shackelford to the position of Police Lieutenant.
- Councilor Pineda Neufeld moved to waive the reading and 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
34. Mayor's Request 213859 (ID:28820) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Eri Furusawa to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change.
- Councilor Pineda Neufeld moved to waive the reading and 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
35. Mayor's Request 213860 (ID:28802) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Ronit Praver to the Council on Aging.
- Councilor Pineda Neufeld moved to waive the reading and 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
36. Mayor's Request 213861 (ID:28803) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Maclise Jean to the Council on Aging.
- Councilor Pineda Neufeld moved to waive the reading and 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
37. Mayor's Request 213862 (ID:28804) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Marian Bremer to the Council on Aging.
- Councilor Pineda Neufeld moved to waive the reading and 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

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| 38. Mayor's Request
213863
(ID:28805) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Neeraj Wadhera to the Council on Aging. | <p>Councilor Pineda Neufeld moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 39. Mayor's Request
213864
(ID:28806) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Daisy Monsalve to the Council on Aging. | <p>Councilor Pineda Neufeld moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 40. Mayor's Request
213865
(ID:28807) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Giusippina Mingace to the Council on Aging. | <p>Councilor Pineda Neufeld moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 41. Mayor's Request
213866
(ID:28808) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Edna Murray to the Council on Aging. | <p>Councilor Pineda Neufeld moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

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| 42. Officer's Communication
213867
(ID:28847) | Director of Water and Sewer submitting the proposed water and sewer volumetric rates for FY23. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
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43. Officer's Communication 213868 (ID:28821) Special Counsel requesting to appear in Executive Session to discuss Cobble Hill Center, LLC v. Somerville Redevelopment Authority.
- Attorney Eileen McGettigan informed the Council that the discussion of this matter is appropriate for Executive Session. The Council went into Executive Session at 8:27 PM to discuss this item and returned to the regular meeting at 9:45 PM. President McLaughlin reported that no votes were taken in Executive Session other than the vote to adjourn.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: BurnleyJr., Kelly, Wilson, GomezMouakad, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan, Davis
ABSENT: Ewen-Campen
44. Officer's Communication 213869 (ID:28822) Assistant City Solicitor submitting amendments to Sections 11-125 and 11-164 of the Code of Ordinances.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee
45. Officer's Communication 213870 (ID:28837) Memorialization Committee conveying the re-naming of a new park at 60 Cross Street East to ESCA Park.
- Councilor Burnley reported that this park had formerly been named for Barbara Cassesso, who turned down the honor and requested that it be named for the community group, rather than herself.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**
46. Officer's Communication 213871 (ID:28838) Memorialization Committee conveying the naming of a new park at 31 Tufts Street in honor of Leonard Grimes.
- Councilor Burnley commented that the Memorialization Committee has the power to shape Somerville. He spoke about Leonard Grimes, (1815-1873), who devoted his life to assisting fugitive slaves and advocating for abolition, and served as a conductor of the Underground Railroad for years. In 1846 he moved to Massachusetts and in 1848 he was ordained as pastor of the Twelfth Street Baptist church. He was a resident of East Somerville at the time of his death.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

NEW BUSINESS

47. License/Permit 213872 (ID:28788) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Atlantic Excavation and Utility.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
- RESULT: APPROVED**

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| 48. License/Permit
213873
(ID:28789) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, CM Conway Construction.
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 49. License/Permit
213874
(ID:28790) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, J Derenzo.
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 50. License/Permit
213875
(ID:28791) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, M. DiStasio Excavation Contractors.
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 51. License/Permit
213876
(ID:28792) | Renewing Flammables License, Broadway Sunoco, 258 Broadway.
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 52. License/Permit
213877
(ID:28793) | Renewing Garage License, Broadway Sunoco, 258 Broadway.
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 53. License/Permit
213878
(ID:28787) | Renewing Dog Kennel License, Riverdog Daycare, 321 Somerville Ave.
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 54. License/Permit
213879
(ID:28795) | Public Event License, Jonathan Kilpatrick's Birthday Party, Browning Rd from Central St to Sycamore St, June 18, 12PM-9PM.
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 55. License/Permit
213880
(ID:28796) | Public Event License, 7ate 9 Bakery, National Cheesecake Day, in front of 199C Highland Ave, July 30, 8AM-6PM (raindate July 31).
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 56. License/Permit
213881
(ID:28797) | Public Event License, Alpine and Princeton BP, Alpine St from Princeton St to Lowell St, July 30, 10AM-7PM (raindate Aug 6).
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |

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| 57. | License/Permit
213882
(ID:28798) | Public Event License, Electric Ave BP, from Packard Ave to Mason St, July 31, 11AM-6PM (raindate July 30).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 58. | License/Permit
213883
(ID:28801) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, WWJJK Inc, Med #90.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 59. | License/Permit
213884
(ID:28799) | Transferring Taxi Medallion License, Medallion #79 from Lochmere Taxi Inc to Joseph Nicolas.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 60. | License/Permit
213885
(ID:28800) | Transferring Taxi Medallion License, Medallion #81 from Cinema Taxi Inc to SSR Cab Inc.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED |
| 61. | Public
Communication
213886
(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.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee |
| 62. | Withdrawn
213887
(ID:28828) | Withdrawn.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN |

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

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| 63. | Ordinance
213888
(ID:28852) | By City Councilor Davis
Amending Section 2-310 of the Code of Ordinances to eliminate the general residency requirement for city employees.

Councilor Davis noted that there is a residency requirement on the books that is not being enforced since it's out of date. He would like to have the item reviewed.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee |
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64. Order 213889 (ID:28854) By City Councilor Davis
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.

See 213889.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee

65. Order 213890 (ID:28855) By City Councilor Davis, PinedaNeufeld, GomezMouakad, BurnleyJr.
That the Director of Engineering explain to this Council the new "partial travel lane paving" approach used on Burnside Avenue and elsewhere.

Councilor Davis expressed his concerns about the differences in pavement materials and how it may affect cyclists.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

66. Communication 213891 (ID:28853) By City Councilor Davis
Conveying a report of the High School Building Committee meeting held on May 16, 2022.

Councilor Davis gave a brief update and informed the Council that the asbestos removal continues. The anticipated completion date for the high school project is mid-2023. The punch list is now down to about 50 items. There have been 2 change orders requested, amounting to \$60,000, that the city would have to pay for to improve conditions in the school's theater. Councilor Davis would like the Law Office to weigh in on the matter and review the circumstances.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

67. Resolution
213892
(ID:28859)

By City Councilor Scott, Clingan, Wilson, Burnley Jr., Davis
That the Administration respond to educator and parent concerns regarding building maintenance and capital improvements for the Winter Hill School.

Councilor Scott spoke about the maintenance issues experienced over the last few weeks at the school and commented that the students and teachers there deserve better. Councilor Clingan stated that conditions at the school are the same as when he attended classes there. Meghan Brady, teacher & SEU member was sponsored to speak on the matter. She said that the classrooms need to be cooled down from their current 90 degree temperature. The conditions are not conducive to learning; sinks and faucets leak, mice are everywhere, there is poor wi-fi, and the elevator often breaks down. Ms. Brady said that some of the classroom walls are actually moveable cardboard. She told the Council that this is an opportunity to correct things.

Another teacher spoke on this matter and reported that her class was relocated to the high school while repairs/upgrades were made at WHCS. Upon returning to the school, several problems surfaced, e.g., ceilings leaked and several tiles fell into the library. She spoke about numerous HVAC problems and has resorted to taking some of her classes outside. Councilor Kelly apologized to the teachers and students for the conditions they're experiencing, calling it environmental racism and saying that the community has failed the students. Councilor Davis recounted when a portion of the roof collapsed at the Brown School and the promises that were made 7 years ago to make repairs to the WHCS and the Brown, while building the new high school, still, the WHCS is having problems. He said that the city is great at building new buildings but lousy at maintaining them. Councilor Strezio asked what the Superintendent of Schools has told them and Ms. Brady said that everyone is aware of what is happening and is trying to help and she expressed her gratitude to the building administrators for their efforts. Councilor Gomez Mouakad mentioned the failures at the Argenziano School due to lack of maintenance. President McLaughlin, who is a member of the School Committee, spoke on the item saying that there's a lot of passing the buck when it comes to fixing the schools. This year, a new committee was established for the City Council and School Committee to address these issues.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee

68. Order
213893
(ID:28860)

By City Councilor Scott
That the Commissioner of Public Works provide this Council with the plan for maintaining new tree wells along Somerville Avenue and other locations.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

69. Order 213894 (ID:28861) By City Councilor Scott, Kelly
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.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

70. Order 213895 (ID:28862) By City Councilor GomezMouakad
That the Director of Mobility explore installing speed humps on Boston Avenue to control speeding and cut through traffic, and ensure pedestrian access.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

71. Order 213896 (ID:28863) By City Councilor GomezMouakad
That the Director of Finance report on the process to reallocate funds reimbursed from the Green Line Extension Project.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

72. Order 213897 (ID:28864) By City Councilor GomezMouakad
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management report on the status of the 1895 building.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad thinks that discussions need to start regarding a plan for this building, mentioning a possible site for an adult education center.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee

73. Order 213898 (ID:28865) By City Councilor GomezMouakad, Kelly, Clingan
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.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee

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| 74. Order
213899
(ID:28866) | By City Councilor GomezMouakad, BurnleyJr.
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. |
| <p>Councilor Gomez Mouakad noted that there are several locations in the city that she believes do not comply.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| 75. Mayor's Request
213900
(ID:28775) | Requesting the rescission of \$21,717,918 of authorized but un-issued borrowings. |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| 76. License/Permit
213901
(ID:28868) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Ronan 953 LLC. |
| <p>Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| 77. License/Permit
213902
(ID:28867) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Environic Solutions. |
| <p>Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| 78. License/Permit
213903
(ID:28869) | Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Dakzen, 195 Elm St. |
| <p>Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| 79. License/Permit
213904
(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). |
| <p>Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| 80. License/Permit
213905
(ID:28856) | Public Event License, Arts Council AIR Residency Program Dance, Blessing of the Bay Boathouse Park, June 14, 4PM-8PM (raindate June 15). |
| <p>Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |

81. License/Permit 213906 (ID:28858) Renewing Garage License, Greentown Labs Inc, 444 Somerville Avenue.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED
CONDITION: Garage shall be used only for the commercial activities of tenants, and not for amenity parking for guests, officers, or staff.

LATE ITEMS

82. Order 213907 (ID:28870) By City Councilor Wilson
That the Director of the Office of Sustainability and Environment update this Council on plans to create networked ground source heat pumps to make affordable and reliable geothermal energy widely available.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

83. Resolution 213908 (ID:28871) By City Councilor McLaughlin, GomezMouakad, Kelly, Wilson, Scott, Clingan, PinedaNeufeld, Strezo, Davis, BurnleyJr.
That the Administration find short term uses for 90 Washington Street, such as a food market or community parking, while the property awaits development.

RESULT: APPROVED

84. Order 213909 (ID:28873) By City Councilor Davis
That the Chief of Police and the Administration work with utility and other contractors to coordinate surrounding road closures during the repaving of College Avenue, to ensure that residences remain accessible.

Councilor Davis said repaving begins next week and there are many 1-way streets making it difficult for some to get to their homes.

RESULT: APPROVED

85. Communication 213910 (ID:28872) By City Councilor Davis
Communicating an invasive weed pulling event on June 5th at 10AM, meeting at the community path at Willow Ave.

Councilor Davis spoke about Black Swallow Wart and its danger to butterflies.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 11:05 PM.