

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

June 23, 2022, 7:00 PM
City Council Chamber and Remote Participation

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OPENING CEREMONIES

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
(ID # 29000)

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
(ID # 29001)

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, May
(ID # 29002) 26, 2022 and Special Meeting, June 2, 2022.

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

4. Order By City Councilor Strezo
(ID # 28970) That the Commissioner of Public Works immediately
replace the three outdoor picnic tables on the plaza
outside the Somerville Media Center due to their unsafe
condition.

5. Order By City Councilor Davis, Burnley, Jr.
(ID # 28982) That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the port-
a-potties in and around Davis Square, including Seven
Hills Park, regularly maintain them, and leave them in
place regardless of complaints from neighbors.

6. Order (ID # 28987) By City Councilor Davis
That the Commissioner of Public Works undertake immediate-term repairs on crosswalks and sidewalks in Davis Square while planning for longer term solutions is underway.
7. Order (ID # 28983) By City Councilor Davis, McLaughlin
That the Director of Health and Human Services deploy, maintain, and leave in place "sharps boxes" for safe disposal of needles in appropriate locations throughout the city, including in Davis Square and Seven Hills Park.
8. Order (ID # 28984) By City Councilor Davis, McLaughlin
That the Director of Health and Human Services immediately secure space and open a warming/cooling center for people to seek shelter from the summer heat and winter cold.
9. Order (ID # 28985) By City Councilor Davis, Kelly
That the Director of Health and Human Services move forward with an overdose prevention facility, using a mobile facility as an initial, immediate option until permanent brick and mortar locations can be opened.
10. Order (ID # 28986) By City Councilor Davis
That the Director of Health and Human Services continue hosting Narcan training and distribution events, and expand the days and times that they are offered to make them available to a wider range of people.
11. Order (ID # 28990) By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management update the Ward 1 City Councilor on plans to renovate Tufts Street.
12. Resolution (ID # 28989) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Scott
That the city recognize Juneteenth and Bunker Hill Day as separate holidays with regard to days off and holiday pay.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

13. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 28971) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on June 2, 2022.

14. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on June 6, 2022.
Report (ID # 28972)

15. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on June 8, 2022.
Report (ID # 28973)

16. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on June 13, 2022.
Report (ID # 28974)
- B. Officer's Director of Water and Sewer submitting the proposed
Communication water and sewer volumetric rates for FY23.
213867
- RECOMMENDED: Approved

17. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on June 14, 2022.
Report (ID # 28975)

18. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a
Report Committee of the Whole on June 15, 2022.
(ID # 28976)
- B. Order By City Councilor Scott
(ID # 29011) That \$127,833 be cut from the AV supplies line in the
Police Department's Ordinary Maintenance budget for
body-worn cameras.
- C. Order By City Councilor Scott
(ID # 29012) That the Salaries line in the Police Department's
Personal Services budget be reduced by \$277,000.
- D. Order By City Councilor Scott
(ID # 29013) That the Police Department's Personal Services budget
be reduced by \$27,330 (six vacant positions for one
month).

- E. Resolution By City Councilor Burnley, Jr.
(ID # 29014) That \$200,000 be added to the Health and Human Services Department's budget for an unarmed alternative emergency response program.

19. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report
(ID # 28977) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on June 16, 2022.
- B. Resolution By City Councilor Scott
(ID # 28967) That the mayor provide \$200,000 in immediate accessible funds for the Acting City Solicitor to bring on temporary legal help while the hiring process is underway.
RECOMMENDED: Approved.

20. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report
(ID # 28978) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on June 21, 2022.

21. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report
(ID # 28979) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on June 22, 2022.
- B. Mayor's Request 213850 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.
RECOMMENDED: Discharged w/no Recommendation
- C. Mayor's Request 213851 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.
RECOMMENDED: Discharged w/no Recommendation
- D. Mayor's Request 213852 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.
RECOMMENDED: Discharged w/no Recommendation
- E. Mayor's Request 213853 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.
RECOMMENDED: Discharged w/no Recommendation

- F. Mayor's Request 213855 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.
RECOMMENDED: Discharged w/no Recommendation
- G. Mayor's Request 213900 Requesting the rescission of \$21,717,918 of authorized but un-issued borrowings.
RECOMMENDED: Discharged w/no Recommendation
- H. Mayor's Request 213912 Requesting the appropriation of \$292,720,095 to fund the FY 2023 General Fund Operating Budget.
RECOMMENDED: Discharged w/no Recommendation
- I. Mayor's Request 213913 Requesting the appropriation or reserve of \$3,862,866 in estimated FY 2023 Community Preservation Act revenue for CPA projects and expenses.
RECOMMENDED: Discharged w/no Recommendation
- J. Mayor's Request 213914 Requesting the appropriation of \$17,514,916 to fund the FY 2023 Water Enterprise Fund budget.
RECOMMENDED: Discharged w/no Recommendation
- K. Mayor's Request 213915 Requesting approval to appropriate \$748,185 from the Water Capital Stabilization Fund to the Water Enterprise Fund to balance the FY 2023 Water Enterprise Fund budget.
RECOMMENDED: Discharged w/no Recommendation
- L. Mayor's Request 213916 Requesting an appropriation of \$28,856,300 to fund the FY 2023 Sewer Enterprise Fund budget.
RECOMMENDED: Discharged w/no Recommendation
- M. Mayor's Request 213917 Requesting an appropriation of \$1,300,000 from the Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings Account to the Sewer Capital Stabilization Fund.
RECOMMENDED: Discharged w/no Recommendation
- N. Mayor's Request 213918 Requesting an appropriation of \$372,490 to fund the FY 2023 Founders Ice Rink Enterprise Fund budget.
RECOMMENDED: Discharged w/no Recommendation
- O. Mayor's Request 213919 Requesting an appropriation of \$372,490 from the Founders Ice Rink Retained Earnings Account to subsidize the FY 2023 Founders Ice Rink Enterprise Fund budget.
RECOMMENDED: Discharged w/no Recommendation
- P. Mayor's Request 213920 Requesting the appropriation of \$193,000 to fund the FY 2023 Dilbooy Field Enterprise Fund budget.
RECOMMENDED: Discharged w/no Recommendation
- Q. Mayor's Request 213921 Requesting the appropriation of \$25,000 from the Dilbooy Field Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings Account to subsidize the FY 2023 Dilbooy Field Enterprise Fund budget.
RECOMMENDED: Discharged w/no Recommendation
- R. Mayor's Request 213922 Requesting the appropriation of \$539,801 to fund the FY 2023 Kennedy School Pool Enterprise Fund budget.

- RECOMMENDED: Discharged w/no Recommendation
- S. Mayor's Request 213923 Requesting an appropriation of \$191,455 from the Kennedy School Pool Retained Earnings Account to subsidize the FY 2023 Kennedy School Pool Enterprise Fund budget.
RECOMMENDED: Discharged w/no Recommendation
- T. Mayor's Request 213924 Requesting the appropriation of \$420,663 for the FY 2023 Cable Television PEG Access Fund Budget.
RECOMMENDED: Discharged w/no Recommendation
- U. Mayor's Request 213925 Requesting a transfer of \$975,088 from the Salary Contingency Account to the Salary and Wage Stabilization Fund.
RECOMMENDED: Discharged w/no Recommendation
- V. Mayor's Request 213926 Requesting the approval of FY 2023 expenditure limitations for departmental Revolving Funds.
RECOMMENDED: Discharged w/no Recommendation
- W. Mayor's Request 213927 Requesting the appropriation of \$3,000,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") Account to the Facility Construction and Renovation Stabilization Fund.
RECOMMENDED: Discharged w/no Recommendation
- X. Mayor's Request 213928 Requesting the appropriation of \$2,400,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") Account to the Sewer Capital Stabilization Fund.
RECOMMENDED: Discharged w/no Recommendation
- Y. Mayor's Request 213929 Requesting the appropriation of \$2,000,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") Account to the Parks Stabilization Fund.
RECOMMENDED: Discharged w/no Recommendation
- Z. Mayor's Request 213930 Requesting the appropriation of \$1,250,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Fund.
RECOMMENDED: Discharged w/no Recommendation
- AA. Mayor's Request 213931 Requesting the appropriation of \$1,000,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") Account to the Street Reconstruction & Renovation Stabilization Fund.
RECOMMENDED: Discharged w/no Recommendation
- AB. Mayor's Request 213932 Requesting the appropriation of \$800,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") Account to the Traffic Safety Stabilization Fund.
RECOMMENDED: Discharged w/no Recommendation
- AC. Mayor's Request 213933 Requesting the appropriation of \$600,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") Account to the Water Capital Stabilization Fund.
RECOMMENDED: Discharged w/no Recommendation
- AD. Mayor's Request 213934 Requesting the appropriation of \$500,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") Account to the Marijuana Stabilization Fund.
RECOMMENDED: Discharged w/no Recommendation

- AE. Mayor's Request 213935 Requesting the appropriation of \$500,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") Account to the Open Space Acquisition Stabilization Fund.
RECOMMENDED: Discharged w/no Recommendation
- AF. Mayor's Request 213936 Requesting the appropriation of \$291,706 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") Account to the Energy Stabilization Fund.
RECOMMENDED: Discharged w/no Recommendation
- AG. Mayor's Request 213937 Requesting the appropriation of \$250,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") Account to the Street Tree Stabilization Fund.
RECOMMENDED: Discharged w/no Recommendation
- AH. Mayor's Request 213938 Requesting approval to create the Participatory Budgeting Stabilization Fund.
RECOMMENDED: Discharged w/no Recommendation
- AI. Mayor's Request 213939 Requesting the appropriation of \$1,000,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance Account ("Free Cash") to the Participatory Budgeting Stabilization Fund.
RECOMMENDED: Discharged w/no Recommendation
- AJ. Mayor's Request 213951 Requesting the rescission of \$30,000,000 of authorized but un-issued Green Line Extension borrowings.
RECOMMENDED: Discharged w/no Recommendation
- AK. Mayor's Request 213955 Requesting the appropriation of \$1,360,904 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") Account to the Facility Construction and Renovation Stabilization Fund.
RECOMMENDED: Discharged w/no Recommendation
- AL. Mayor's Request 213956 Requesting the appropriation of \$139,096 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") Account to the Central Hill PARC Account to cover a grant deficit.
RECOMMENDED: Discharged w/no Recommendation
- AM. Mayor's Request 213957 Requesting approval of a transfer of \$368,123 in the Department of Public Works from the Sanitation Account to the Snow Account for winter-related invoices.
RECOMMENDED: Discharged w/no Recommendation
- AN. Mayor's Request 213980 Requesting approval of an amendment to Ordinances 2-322 and 2-323 to update categories and associated salaries for non-union positions.
RECOMMENDED: Discharged w/no Recommendation
- AO. Resolution (ID # 28919) By City Councilor Scott, Wilson
That the salary ranges for City Councilors, Council President, and School Committee representatives be amended to at least the same percent increases as non-union members received since 2016.
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- AP. Resolution (ID # 28920) By City Councilor Scott
That the salaries for the clerks in the Clerk of Committees Department be increased to account for the years when no salary increase was received.

- RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- AQ. Resolution (ID # 28921) By City Councilor Scott
That the grade category for the archivist and assistant archivist be revisited by the administration prior to submitting a revised budget.
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- AR. Order (ID # 28966) By City Councilor Scott
That the Personal Services line for Accountability, Transparency and Access be reduced by \$89,821.
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- AS. Order (ID # 28969) By City Councilor Scott
That the Personal Services line of the Executive Administration budget be reduced by \$114,312.
RECOMMENDED: Not Approved.
- AT. Resolution (ID # 29004) By City Councilor Scott, Gomez Mouakad
That a line item be specifically added to ensure all City meetings open to the public be hosted in an online platform that enables interpretation support.
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- AU. Resolution (ID # 29005) By City Councilor Scott
That the salary grade for the Social Worker and LGBTQ+ Coordinator positions in Health and Human Services be increased to NU9 to correspond to similar positions in SOIA and COHR.
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- AV. Resolution (ID # 29006) By City Councilor Scott, Gomez Mouakad
That the Mayor's office allocate \$25,000 to the Parks Department's Professional and Technical Services line to accommodate translation needs for Parks websites.
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- AW. Order (ID # 29016) By City Councilor Scott
That the Personal Services line in the SPD budget be reduced by \$134,235.
- AX. Resolution (ID # 29017) By City Councilor Kelly
That the Administration allocate \$40,000 to SnapMatch via the Professional and Technical Services Line in the Health and Human Services budget.
- AY. Resolution (ID # 29018) By City Councilor Burnley, Jr.
That \$4,500 be added to the Communication line in the Communications & Community Engagement Department for the purchase of a Braille printer.
- AZ. Resolution (ID # 29019) By City Councilor Davis
That the Administration increase the Personal Services line of the City Clerk budget to fund an Administrative Liaison position at NU7.

- BA. Resolution (ID # 29020) By City Councilor Scott
That the Administration create an NU11 position in the Law Department budget for a Public Records Specialist.
- BB. Resolution (ID # 29021) By City Councilor Scott
That the Administration create an NU11 position in the City Clerk budget for a Meetings and Minutes Clerk.
- BC. Resolution (ID # 29022) By City Councilor Wilson
That the Administration increase funding for the Communications & Community Engagement Ordinary Maintenance budget for reliable, high-functioning hybrid meeting capability for the City Council Chamber.
- BD. Order (ID # 29023) By City Councilor Scott
That the Ordinary Maintenance line for Accountability, Transparency and Access be reduced by \$20,000.

22. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 28980) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on June 16, 2022.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 23. Mayor's Request (ID # 28952) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$7,112,000 in a bond, for financing the design and construction of the annual rehabilitation of water distribution systems.
- 24. Mayor's Request (ID # 28981) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,680,000 in a bond, for repairs and improvements to city-owned buildings.
- 25. Mayor's Request (ID # 28950) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,000,000 in a bond, for Preliminary Design of Sewershed CA (Morrison Ave & Greater Davis Square Area Sewer Separation).
- 26. Mayor's Request (ID # 28951) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,500,000 in a bond, for the preliminary design of Sewershed S2 (New Mystic River Outfall and Foss Park Area Sewer Separation).
- 27. Mayor's Request (ID # 28965) Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Mackenzie Richardson to the position of Police Sergeant.

- 28. Mayor's Request (ID # 28964) Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Timothy Van Nostrand to the position of Police Sergeant.
- 29. Mayor's Request (ID # 28968) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Katherine Garavaglia to the position of Full Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- 30. Mayor's Request (ID # 28961) Requesting approval of the attached Dog Rules and Dog Park Rules.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

NEW BUSINESS

- 31. License/Permit (ID # 28993) New Drainlayer's License, Coastal Excavation Corp.
- 32. License/Permit (ID # 28962) New Second Hand Dealer License, Great Eastern Village, 236 Pearl Street, primarily selling used clothes, furniture, antiques, and vinyl records.
- 33. License/Permit (ID # 28963) Renewing Taxi Stand License, Green Cab and Yellow Cab Assn, 3 cabs at 295 Broadway, 3 cabs at 1 Davis Sq, 2 cabs at 22-26 Union Sq.
- 34. License/Permit (ID # 28994) Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Country Club Transportation, Med #5,7,8,10,11,12,46.
- 35. License/Permit (ID # 28995) Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Lochmere Taxi, Med #22,24,25,26.
- 36. License/Permit (ID # 28996) Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Green and Yellow Cab TNC of Somerville, Med #27,36,37,38,53,54,67.
- 37. License/Permit (ID # 28997) Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Mt. Pleasant Taxi, Med #30,39,40,41,42.
- 38. License/Permit (ID # 28998) Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Honey Cab, Med #82.
- 39. License/Permit (ID # 28992) Public Event License, Spring Hill BP, Spring Hill Terrace, July 26, 5:30PM-10PM (raindate July 27).
- 40. Public Communication (ID # 28991) 34 residents submitting comments re: FY 2023 budget.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 41. Order (ID # 28988) By City Councilor Clingan, Ewen-Campen
That this City Council and the City of Somerville formally recognize the Gilman Square Neighborhood Council.
- 42. Order (ID # 29024) By City Councilor Scott
That the ADA Coordinator deliver a list of ADA complaints received from members of the public in FY 2021 and FY 2022.
- 43. Order (ID # 29025) By City Councilor Scott
That the ADA coordinator deliver to this Council, any budgetary requests of the Commission for Persons with Disabilities from the General Fund.
- 44. Resolution (ID # 29026) By City Councilor Scott
That the Administration provide a report of all public HP parking spaces.
- 45. Order (ID # 29027) By City Councilor Scott
That the Director of Finance provide a report of handicap parking fine receipts in FY 2022.
- 46. Order (ID # 29028) By City Councilor Scott
That the Director of Parking provide a record of all parking tickets issued for handicap parking violations in FY 2022.
- 47. Order (ID # 29029) By City Councilor Scott
That the ADA Coordinator provide a status on requests for Braille transcription of materials.
- 48. Order (ID # 29030) By City Councilor Scott
That the City Clerk provide a list of establishments that applied for outdoor dining permits in FY 2022.
- 49. Mayor's Request (ID # 29034) Requesting the appropriation of \$292,511,636 to fund the FY 2023 General Fund Operating Budget.
- 50. Mayor's Request (ID # 29033) Requesting approval of an amendment to Ordinances 2-322 and 2-323 to update categories and associated salaries for non-union positions.
- 51. Officer's Communication (ID # 29031) Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management requesting Council Orders for Water & Sewer Rate adjustments.

- 52. License/Permit (ID # 29010) Public Event License, Munroe and Greenville St BP, June 24, July 22, August 5, 3PM-8PM.
- 53. License/Permit (ID # 29003) Public Event License, Parkdale BP, Parkdale St, July 10, 11AM-5PM (raindate July 16).
- 54. License/Permit (ID # 29008) Public Event License, St. Benedict Parish, 25 Arlington St, July 17, 12:15PM-1PM.
- 55. Public Communication (ID # 29032) Denise Lauers submitting comments re: FY 2023 budget.

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT