

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

November 23, 2021, 7:00 PM
Meeting by Remote Participation

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<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7585240867915852044>.

OPENING CEREMONIES

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
(ID # 27625)

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
(ID # 27626)

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting,
(ID # 27627) October 28, 2021.

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. Officer's Chief Assessor presenting proposed FY2022 Tax
Communication Classifications and requesting: 1) the adoption of a
(ID # 27629) residential factor of 86.0377, the minimum allowable for
 the City for FY2022; and 2) the acceptance of MGL c59
 s5C, approving a residential exemption of 35% of
 average assessed value for owner occupied properties for
 FY2022.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

5. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report of the Committee on Confirmation of
Report Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on
(ID # 27617) November 16, 2021.

- B. Mayor's Request 212526 Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Eli D. Kim to the position of Police Sergeant.
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- C. Mayor's Request 212629 Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Daniel Costa to the position of Fire Lieutenant.
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- D. Mayor's Request 212630 Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Joseph G. Papetti to the position of Fire Lieutenant.
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- E. Mayor's Request 212631 Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Cheri Ruane to the position of Full Member of the Urban Design Commission.
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- F. Mayor's Request 212632 Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Timothy Houde to the position of Alternate Member of the Urban Design Commission.
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- G. Mayor's Request 212633 Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jacques Thomas, Jr. to the position of Licensing Commission member.
RECOMMENDED: Approved.

6. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 27618) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on November 16, 2021.
- B. Order 210782 By City Councilor Davis, Ballantyne, Clingan That the Director of SPCD present zoning recommendations addressing the size of ground floor commercial spaces produced by development, to ensure that street level development in certain areas maintains multiple smaller-sized commercial spaces to enhance the pedestrian experience.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- C. Mayor's Request 211693 Requesting approval of proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinances at Article 8.2 - Small Business Overlay District, and to the Zoning Map.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- D. Mayor's Request 212306 Requesting approval of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for Commercial Spaces.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- E. Public Communication 212540 10 registered voters requesting the adoption of a Zoning Map amendment to change the zoning district of 3 Prescott Street from UR to NR.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- F. Mayor's Request 212606 Requesting approval of amendments to Sections 2.1 and 2.4 of the Zoning Ordinance.

- RECOMMENDED: Approved
- G. Officer's Communication 212637 Director of Planning submitting information relative to the proposed Upper Central Street Local Historic District.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- H. Mayor's Request 212642 Requesting approval of an Ordinance amending the Local Historic District Map to create a new Upper Central Street Historic District encompassing properties in the area of Central Street and Broadway.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

7. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 27619) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on November 22, 2021.
- B. Public Communication 212301 AP Davis Square Plaza, LP requesting the adoption of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Map to re-zone four parcels in Davis Square Plaza from MR-4 to Civic and CC-4.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

8. RULES SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 27620) Report of the Special Committee on Rules, meeting on November 22, 2021.
- B. Resolution 205107 By City Councilor Ballantyne, Rossetti, Hirsch, and the Entire Board
That the Administration work with this Board to implement a Code of Conduct policy and discuss training all staff and Aldermen.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- C. Order 212232 By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Mbah, Davis, Ballantyne, Clingan, Strezio
That this Council adopt a code of conduct and anti-harassment policy.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- D. Order (ID # 27636) By City Councilor White Jr., Rossetti, Davis
That the City Council approve four amendments to the Rules of the City Council, as written herein and as recommended by the Special Committee on Rules.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

9. Mayor's Request (ID # 27628) Requesting approval of amendments to Sections 3.1.14.a and 3.2.13.a Contextual Front Setbacks of the Neighborhood Residence and Urban Residence zoning districts of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance.

10. Mayor's Request (ID # 27615) Requesting approval of the Clarendon Hill District Improvement Financing (DIF) Development Program.
11. Mayor's Request (ID # 27616) Requesting approval of Clarendon Hill District Improvement Financing (DIF) Development District.
12. Mayor's Request (ID # 27609) Requesting the renaming of Cedar Street Place as Carole Place.
13. Mayor's Request (ID # 27621) Requesting an amendment to the Somerville High School Construction appropriation to a new amount of \$283,859,233 and increasing the amount of bonds, fund transfers, and other available funds of the city authorized to meet said appropriation.
14. Mayor's Request (ID # 27623) Requesting the appropriation of \$148,950 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Communications-Office of Immigrant Affairs Salaries Account to establish several new positions.
15. Mayor's Request (ID # 27622) Requesting the appropriation of \$52,050 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to various Ordinary Maintenance Accounts in the Communications-Office of Immigrant Affairs Department.
16. Mayor's Request (ID # 27624) Requesting the appropriation of \$22,988 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to Communications-Office of Immigrant Affairs Salaries for salary adjustments.
17. Mayor's Request (ID # 27561) Requesting approval to create the Assembly Square Off-Site Infrastructure Stabilization Fund and accept a payment to said Fund of \$687,260 from the Alta Xmbly Development project, for off site infrastructure to support and enhance the surrounding neighborhoods.
18. Mayor's Request (ID # 27566) Requesting approval to create the Assembly Square Public Realm and Area Improvements Stabilization Fund and accept a payment to said Fund of \$549,808 from the Alta Xmbly Development project, to support and enhance the public realm in the surrounding neighborhoods.

19. Mayor's Request (ID # 27565) Requesting approval to create the Assembly Square Transit Area Improvements Stabilization Fund and accept a payment to said Fund of \$103,089 from the Alta Xmbly Development project, for transit area improvements to support and enhance the surrounding neighborhoods.
20. Mayor's Request (ID # 27611) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jennifer Civitella Hilario to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.
21. Mayor's Request (ID # 27612) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Henry Edward Hardy to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

22. Officer's Communication (ID # 27516) Planning Board conveying its recommendations for proposed amendments to the Somerville Zoning Ordinance (items #212048, #212301, #212305, #212306, #212307, and #212309).
23. Officer's Communication (ID # 27613) Planning Board conveying its recommendations for the following proposed amendments to the Somerville Zoning Ordinance (items #212308 and #212337).
24. Officer's Communication (ID # 27610) Commissioner of Public Works submitting a memo in response to items #212569 and #211134 regarding the Snow Shoveling Pilot for FY22.
25. Officer's Communication (ID # 27604) Memorialization Committee conveying the naming of the Teen Center at Somerville High School after Mayor Dorothy Kelly Gay.
26. Officer's Communication (ID # 27605) Memorialization Committee conveying the naming of the Media/Broadcasting Vocational space at Somerville High School after Barbara Galpin.

NEW BUSINESS

27. License/Permit (ID # 27589) Renewing Used Car Dealer's Class 2 License, Barnes and Walsh, 224 Somerville Ave.
28. License/Permit (ID # 27590) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 3, Ed's Used Auto Parts, 516 Columbia St.
29. License/Permit (ID # 27591) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Executive Auto Leasing and Sales, 30 Medford St.

- 30. License/Permit (ID # 27592) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Green Automotive, 600 Windsor Pl.
- 31. License/Permit (ID # 27593) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Master Used Cars, 121 Prospect St.
- 32. License/Permit (ID # 27594) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 3, Nissenbaum Auto Parts, 0 Windsor St.
- 33. License/Permit (ID # 27595) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 3, Nissenbaum Auto Parts, 480 Columbia St.
- 34. License/Permit (ID # 27596) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Real Auto Shop, 463 McGrath Hwy.
- 35. License/Permit (ID # 27597) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Somerville Motors, 182 Washington St.
- 36. License/Permit (ID # 27598) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, United Motors, 188 Broadway.
- 37. License/Permit (ID # 27599) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Web Motor Sales, 5 Middlesex Ave.
- 38. License/Permit (ID # 27600) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Webster Auto Sales, 61 Prospect St.
- 39. License/Permit (ID # 27601) Renewing Open Air Vendor License, Next Wave-Full Circle School, 8 Bonair St.
- 40. License/Permit (ID # 27603) Renewing Outdoor Goods License, When Pigs Fly, 241 Elm St.
- 41. License/Permit (ID # 27602) Renewing Outdoor Goods License, 130 Broadway LLC, for Fat Hen and Perfect Dental.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 42. Citation (ID # 27639) By City Councilor Clingan Commending Marjorie MacDonald for 43 years as the owner and operator of Margie's Salon.
- 43. Order (ID # 27630) By City Councilor Strezo That the Executive Director of OSPCD and the Director of Economic Development discuss the city's maintenance plan for tenants and occupants of the Arts at the Armory.

44. Communication (ID # 27631) By City Councilor Niedergang Reporting on discussions and decisions of the Traffic Commission from July through November 2021.
45. Resolution (ID # 27638) By City Councilor Davis That the Traffic Commission install traffic calming on the streets surrounding the Brown School, in particular between Morrison and Kidder Avenues, including consideration of a "Your Speed Is" radar sign.
46. Mayor's Request (ID # 27641) Submitting proposed amendments to modernize the City's Biotechnology Ordinance.
47. Mayor's Request (ID # 27567) Requesting approval to create the Encore Artist and Cultural Support Stabilization Fund and accept a payment to the Fund of \$100,000 from Encore mitigations payments to support the Arts and Cultural activities and communities.
48. Mayor's Request (ID # 27614) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$63,474.53 using available funds in the DPW Department from various Admin, Fleet, Buildings, Sanitation, and Highway accounts.
49. Officer's Communication (ID # 27632) City Clerk requesting confirmation of the appointment of Bernabe Rodriguez to the position of Assistant City Clerk.
50. Officer's Communication (ID # 27640) Planning Board conveying its recommendations for proposed amendments to the Somerville Zoning Ordinance (items #212540, #212606, and #212541).
51. Officer's Communication (ID # 27635) City Clerk conveying the non-binding votes of the 2022 City Council Caucus.
52. License/Permit (ID # 27642) New Drainlayer's License, NECM Corp.

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT