



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

City Council Rodent Issues Special Committee

Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 1, 2025

6:00 PM

This meeting was held via Zoom and was called to order by Chair Wilson at 6:00 pm and adjourned at 6:37 pm on a roll call vote of 2 in favor (Councilors Burnley and McLaughlin), 0 opposed, and 1 absent (Councilor Wilson).

Others present: Alicia Privett - Environmental Health Coordinator, Colin Ziegler - Environmental Health Manager, Madalyn Letellier - Legislative Services Manager.

Roll Call

Present: City Councilor At Large Jake Wilson, Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin and City Councilor At Large Willie Burnley Jr.

1. Committee Minutes (ID # [25-0871](#)) Approval of the Minutes of the Rodent Issues Special Committee Meeting of April 30, 2025.

RESULT: ACCEPTED

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin and City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

2. Order (ID # [25-0243](#))

By Councilor Wilson
That the Director of Communications and Community Engagement update this Council on efforts to educate the public about preventing conditions conducive to growth of the rodent population.

This item was discussed with items # 25-0244, 25-0245, 25-1687. Environmental Health Coordinator Privett and Environmental Health Manager Ziegler presented on rodent control updates and practices, outlined in the presentation, *Rodents - 2025-12-1 Memo (with 25-0243, 25-0244, 25-0245, 25-1687)*. During the presentation Chair Wilson confirmed that contractors within the city are not using SCAR on public or private properties.

RESULT: RECOMMENDED TO BE MARKED WORK COMPLETED

- 3. Order (ID # [25-0244](#)) By Councilor Wilson
That the Director of Inspectional Services update this Council on efforts around enforcement of rodent-related ordinances, including the number of complaints, inspections, warnings, and fines issued for vegetation and trash violations.

This item was discussed with items #25-0243, 25-0245, and 25-1687.

RESULT: RECOMMENDED TO BE MARKED WORK COMPLETED

- 4. Order (ID # [25-0245](#)) By Councilor Wilson
That the Environmental Health Manager update this Council on rodent activity data and rodent mitigation efforts, including any novel approaches under consideration or being utilized.

This item was discussed with items #25-0243, 25-0244, 25-1687.

RESULT: RECOMMENDED TO BE MARKED WORK COMPLETED

- 5. Order (ID # [25-1687](#)) By Councilor Wilson
That the Director of Inspectional Services update this Council on the rodent hormonal birth control program being jointly piloted with the City of Cambridge.

This item was discussed with items #25-0243, 25-0244, 25-0245.

RESULT: RECOMMENDED TO BE MARKED WORK COMPLETED

Referenced Documents:

- Rodents - 2025-12-1 Memo (with 25-0243, 25-0244, 25-0245, 25-1687)