

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

November 9, 2021, 7:00 PM
Meeting by Remote Participation

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OPENING CEREMONIES

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
(ID # 27569)

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
(ID # 27570)

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Grant of Submitted by Verizon to install 75 feet of conduit in the
Location intersection of Broadway and Dartmouth Street from an
(ID # 27563) existing manhole 44/318 to an existing Utility Pole 45/13
 located at the rear of 350 Broadway.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

4. Order By City Councilor Strezo
(ID # 27499) That the Director of Health and Human Services update
 this Council on the staffing of the Environmental Health
 Coordinator position to help combat rat infestations
 throughout the city.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. Committee Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on
Report October 19, 2021.
212579

6. Committee Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking,
Report meeting on October 20, 2021.
212585

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

7. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 27553) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on November 8, 2021.

8. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 27554) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on November 4, 2021.

- B. Resolution 205701 By City Councilor Hirsch, Scott, Ballantyne
That the Administration share enforcement mechanisms for Ordinance 11-33, Driveway Construction, as it relates to pervious surface area.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File

- C. Resolution 205918 By City Councilor McLaughlin, Davis, Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board
That the Administration submit a Home Rule Petition similar to Boston's "Jim Brooks Act," but with less rigid language, to encourage passage by the State.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File

- D. Order 209224 By City Councilor Davis
That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance to address the Black Swallow-wort problem.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File

- E. Resolution 209640 By City Councilor Davis
That the Administration work with the Committee on Legislative Matters to consider revisions to the Noise Ordinance.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File

- F. Order 211232 By City Councilor Scott
That Ordinance 10-1 regarding the organization of the Police department be amended by removing the specified levels of patrol and superior officers.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 9. Mayor's Request (ID # 27543) Requesting approval of the city reprecincting based on the 2020 Federal Census results.

- 10. Mayor's Request (ID # 27558) Requesting the appropriation of \$1,481,578 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Parking Meter Receipts Account in order to reduce the FY22 Tax Rate.

11. Mayor's Request (ID # 27556) Requesting approval to appropriate \$74,326.85 from the Energy Stabilization Fund for projects to reduce carbon emissions and energy costs of City operations.
12. Mayor's Request (ID # 27414) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$1,096,778.31 using available funds in the Buildings Division for outstanding Electricity and Natural Gas charges.
13. Mayor's Request (ID # 27412) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$23,379.67 from various DPW Divisions as listed below and attached.
14. Mayor's Request (ID # 27541) Requesting approval of a time-only extension for Symmes Maini and McKee Associates Inc. (SMMA) for design and construction administration services for the City Hall boiler through 6/30/2024.
15. Mayor's Request (ID # 27550) Requesting approval of a time-only extension for Stantec Consulting Services for design and construction administration services for the Spring Hill Sewer Separation project through 12/31/2024.
16. Mayor's Request (ID # 27547) Requesting approval of a 1 Year Extension for the Dagle Electrical Contract
17. Mayor's Request (ID # 27551) Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Daniel Costa to the position of Fire Lieutenant.
18. Mayor's Request (ID # 27552) Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Joseph G. Papetti to the position of Fire Lieutenant.
19. Mayor's Request (ID # 27571) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Cheri Ruane to the position of Full Member of the Urban Design Commission.
20. Mayor's Request (ID # 27572) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Timothy Houde to the position of Alternate Member of the Urban Design Commission.
21. Mayor's Request (ID # 27573) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jacques Thomas, Jr. to the position of Licensing Commission member.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

22. Officer's Communication (ID # 27575) Submitting two versions of a Home Rule Petition to establish the right to charge electric vehicles.

- 23. Officer's Communication (ID # 27574) Chief Assessor requesting to appear before the City Council for the tax classification hearing on November 23, 2021.
- 24. Officer's Communication (ID # 27562) City Solicitor seeking approval to settle an outstanding claim per Section 2-124 of the Code of Ordinances and requesting to appear in Executive Session to discuss the matter.
- 25. Officer's Communication (ID # 27559) Director of Planning submitting information relative to the proposed Upper Central Street Local Historic District.
- 26. Officer's Communication (ID # 27531) Director of Infrastructure & Asset Management requesting to appear before this Council to provide an update on the Building Master Plan.

NEW BUSINESS

- 27. License/Permit (ID # 27564) New Drainlayer's License, Riccio Excavation Co.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 28. Order (ID # 27582) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development extend the public comment period for the Assembly Row Master Plan by 90 days to allow more public comment and give the incoming administration time for input.
- 29. Resolution (ID # 27583) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Mayor's office increase the Appointments Advisory Committee from three to five members and increase communication between said committee and the Chair of Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters to expedite the appointments process.
- 30. Mayor's Request (ID # 27581) 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.
- 31. Mayor's Request (ID # 27576) Requesting the appropriation of \$400,000.00 from the Unreserved Fund Balance Account ("Free Cash") to the Law Department's Damages to Persons and Property Account.

- 32. Mayor's Request (ID # 27555) Requesting approval of a time-only extension for Gienapp Architects LLC for on-call architecture and engineering services through 2/28/2023.
- 33. Officer's Communication (ID # 27577) Director of Intergovernmental Affairs responding in part to Item #212250 regarding the Ordinance to Safeguard Vulnerable Road Users.
- 34. License/Permit (ID # 27584) New Drainlayer's License, Conneely Excavation Inc.
- 35. License/Permit (ID # 27585) Public Event License, US Army Somerville, in front of 62 Highland Ave, Oct 10, 17, 24, 11AM-3:30PM (raindate Oct 11 & 18).
- 36. Public Communication (ID # 27586) Mayoral candidate William Tauro submitting comments re: investigation of election ballots.
- 37. Public Communication (ID # 27587) Lee Auspitz submitting comments re: Somerville Biotechnology Ordinance.

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT