



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## City Council

### Meeting Minutes

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**Thursday, April 10, 2025**

**7:00 PM**

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#### 1. OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Ward Seven City Councilor Judy Pineda Neufeld.

The City Council entered recess at 7:18 PM and returned at 7:38 PM.

The City Council entered recess at 9:02 PM and returned at 9:15 PM.

- 1.1. Roll Call                      Call of the Roll.  
(ID # [25-0754](#))

Councilor McLaughlin arrived at 7:05 PM.

**RESULT:      PLACED ON FILE**

**Present:**      City Councilor At Large Wilfred N. Mbah  
City Councilor At Large Jake Wilson  
Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen  
Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott  
Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin  
City Councilor At Large Willie Burnley Jr.  
Ward Five City Councilor Naima Sait  
City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo  
Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan  
Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis  
Ward Seven City Councilor Judy Pineda Neufeld

- 1.2. Remembrances              Remembrances.  
(ID # [25-0755](#))

**RESULT:      APPROVED**

- 1.3. Minutes                      Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 13, 2025.  
(ID # [25-0756](#))

**RESULT:      APPROVED**

#### 2. CITATIONS

#### 3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

#### 4. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

4.1. Resolution  
(ID # [25-0738](#))

By Councilor Clingan

That the Middlesex District Attorney appear before this Council to provide an update on the unsolved murders of Deanna Cremin and Charline Rosamond.

Prior to sponsoring Middlesex County District Attorney (DA) Marion Ryan to address the City Council, Councilor Clingan reported that there has been a development in one of these cases.

DA Ryan spoke about how her office investigates crimes and noted that since the creation of the Cold Case Squad (CCS), answers have been brought to 10 families, with the latest being the family of Charline Rosamond. Today, a murder indictment was issued and a suspect was arrested. DA Ryan praised the diligent work of the Somerville Police, State Police and investigators in her office for their persistence investigating this case. Councilor Wilson asked what changed that led to the indictment being issued and DA Ryan said it wasn't a sudden breakthrough, but rather more of confidants coming forward with additional information. She went on to say that sometimes the passage of time influences people to come forward with information.

Councilor Clingan sponsored Rosalie Rosamond, Charline's sister, who said that receiving the call regarding the indictment was a step towards justice. Councilor Clingan also sponsored Katherine Cremin, Deanna's mother, who said it's been 30 years since her daughter's murder and that her hope gets stronger that the case will be solved. Councilor Clingan sponsored Deanna's friend, Jamie MacDonald, who said she has spent 30 years trying to bring justice to Deanna's family and to keep her memory alive.

DA Ryan discussed DNA testing, explaining that any DNA recovered has to be useable in order to create a DNA profile. She stated that rarely is a pristine sample found at crime scenes, and that leads to a lessening of the profile. She also explained that in Massachusetts, the DNA sample collected has to be twice as large as what is needed for testing and that half of the sample has to be preserved. Having larger samples allows for many rounds of testing as new technology becomes available. She also noted that Massachusetts has its own forensic genealogist and explained that forensic genealogy allows a profile with several matching points to be used to develop a family tree to narrow down the pool of suspects, hopefully leading to a positive match.

Councilor Clingan commented that the CCS seems to be more active and he asked if Deanna's case is with that squad and DA Ryan replied that the case has been with the same investigator for 30 years and will move to the CCS when that investigator retires, and she assured him that a tremendous amount of work has been put into this case, adding that a lack of resolution does not mean a lack of effort. She is confident that the day will come when this case is solved and she said she is confident that there are people in this city who have information about Deanna's case and it would be helpful for

them to come forward. Councilor Clingan mentioned mitochondrial DNA and asked why the District Attorney's Office is reluctant to accept expert help elsewhere to which DA Ryan replied that this isn't something that can crowdsourced. She emphatically stated that her office does use other partners and labs, noting that there is no reluctance to use other experts. Councilor Clingan asked if she would be willing to release something new about Deanna's case. DA Ryan replied that she won't share any evidentiary matters since there are always pieces of a crime that are held close to the vest and not made part of the public discussion. She commented that her office is very transparent but information releases aren't done during investigations. She also noted that families are advised of all court dates pertaining to the case by an advocate assigned to them. Councilor Mbah asked what support is available to families affected by crime and DA Ryan said that her office makes referrals to appropriate agencies or groups and has created a program to counsel children who have experienced trauma as a result of a crime. Councilor Wilson asked about having a new set of eyes on the case and the District Attorney explained that her office uses a collaborative approach to solve crimes and that there is a value to having the same investigator on a case.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

4.2. Resolution  
(ID # [25-0741](#))

By Councilor Sait, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Mbah, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson

In support of an Act Facilitating Public Ownership of Public Utilities.

Councilor Sait reported that Representative Connolly has filed a bill, which if passed, would establish a task force to examine ways to have public ownership of public utilities. She spoke about the increased utility bills received by National Grid and Eversource customers in Somerville and noted that there are over 2,000 municipalities in the United States utilizing publicly owned electric systems, and over 1,000 municipalities utilizing publicly owned natural gas systems.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

4.3. Order  
(ID # [25-0742](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin

That the City Solicitor appear before this City Council to discuss the proposed Charter currently in the Mayor's office and update this Council on its progress.

Councilor McLaughlin noted that the Administration requested a few more days to resolve this matter.

**RESULT: LAI D ON THE TABLE**

- 4.4. Order  
(ID # [25-0743](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Director of Mobility install a rapid flashing beacon with push button STOP sign in front of the East Somerville Community School, on the Cross Street side, to assist in street crossings.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

- 4.5. Order  
(ID # [25-0744](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin  
That Commissioner of Public Works increase the lighting at Chuckie Harris Park along the fence abutting properties on Minnesota Avenue.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

- 4.6. Order  
(ID # [25-0745](#))
- By Councilor Wilson and Councilor Ewen-Campen  
That the Chief Assessor and the City Treasurer discuss with this Council the issue of residents not receiving initial motor vehicle excise tax bills, resulting in demand fees.

Councilor Wilson commented that some residents on Belmont Street did not receive their initial notices but did receive the demand notices. Councilor Ewen-Campen commented that 20-30 residents were affected on Belmont Street, suggesting that perhaps it may be a United States Post Office (USPS) issue. He noted that the city has no authority to waive demand fees as they are mandated by state law. Councilor Clingan encouraged everyone to sign up for the USPS's Informed Delivery service which provides daily images of incoming mail. Councilor Mbah commented that this should be pursued at the state level to seek reimbursement of the demand fee.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

## 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 5.1. Resolution  
(ID # [25-0609](#))
- By Councilor Sait, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Mbah, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson  
In support of completing the Mass Central Rail Trail.

Councilor Sait sponsored Alan Moore, co-president of Friends of the Community Path. Mr. Moore spoke about the path being on an abandoned railroad that stretches for 104 miles. Currently, 66 miles are open and the goal is to open the path through to Northampton. Councilor Ewen-Campen thanked everyone involved in advocating for the city's community path and Councilor McLaughlin expressed his hope that other communities will follow Somerville's lead in this matter.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES****6.A. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE**

- 6.A.1. Committee Report (ID # [25-0748](#)) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on April 8, 2025.

Councilor Ewen-Campen summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that the committee recommended approval of six promotions within the Fire Department and kept three appointments for Somerville Housing Authority Police Officers in committee to allow time to receive clarification on the process.

Following the approval, the City Clerk issued the oath of office to the six promoted firefighters.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.A.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [24-1689](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Alfred Rymill III as Housing Authority Police Officer.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

- 6.A.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0572](#)) Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Eric Saulnier to the position of Fire Captain.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.A.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0573](#)) Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Mark Wall to the position of Fire Lieutenant.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.A.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0574](#)) Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Patrick Barry to the position of Fire Lieutenant.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.A.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0575](#)) Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Joseph Laudano to the position of Fire Lieutenant.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.A.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0577](#)) Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Troy Saulnier to the position of Fire Lieutenant.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.A.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0578](#)) Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Eric Collins to the position of Fire Lieutenant.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.B. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 6.B.1. Committee Report (ID # [25-0667](#)) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on April 2, 2025.

Councilor Wilson summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that this meeting was dedicated to discussing councilors' budget priorities and requests for FY 2026.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.B.2. Communication (ID # [25-0360](#)) By Councilor Strezo  
Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2026.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.B.3. Communication (ID # [25-0476](#)) By Councilor Clingan  
Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2026.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.B.4. Communication (ID # [25-0567](#)) By Councilor Mbah  
Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2026.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.B.5. Communication (ID # [25-0594](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen  
Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2026.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.B.6. Communication (ID # [25-0607](#)) By Councilor Davis  
Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2026.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.B.7. Communication (ID # [25-0608](#)) By Councilor Pineda Neufeld  
Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2026.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.B.8. Communication (ID # [25-0640](#)) By Councilor Sait  
Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2026.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.B.9. Communication By Councilor McLaughlin  
(ID # [25-0643](#)) Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2026.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.B.10. Communication By Councilor Wilson  
(ID # [25-0644](#)) Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2026.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.B.11. Communication By Councilor Burnley Jr.  
(ID # [25-0650](#)) Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2026.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.C. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 6.C.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on April 8, 2025.  
(ID # [25-0747](#))

Councilor Wilson summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that the committee recommended for approval the acceptance and expenditure of two grants, payment of four prior year invoices, two appropriations, one contract extension, an amendment to the Code of Ordinances relative to compensation for elected officials, and an authorization to borrow \$9,750,000 for the Clarendon Hill Housing Project. The committee also received an update on federal grant funding to cities. Councilor Wilson noted that the Law Department recommended some changes to the proposed cost of living adjustment (COLA) compensation item and explained that the reasoning for amending the dates was to make budget planning more efficient. Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to sever the compensation item from the committee report to allow for discussion of the matter this evening. The motion was approved. Councilor Davis moved to sever the Founder's Rink appropriation item from the committee report to allow for discussion of the matter this evening. The motion was approved.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.C.2. Order By Councilor Strezo  
(ID # [25-0036](#)) That the Director of Finance discuss the path for City Councilors to receive administrative support staff to assist with City Council work and communication with constituents.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**



6.C.3. Order  
(ID # [25-0037](#))

By Councilor Strezo

That the Director of Finance discuss the path for City Councilors to receive administrative support staff in the form of paid internships to assist City Councilors with City Council work and communication with constituents.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.C.4. Order  
(ID # [25-0251](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr.

That the Director of Racial and Social Justice provide an update on the citywide disparity study, including when the report will be made available to the public.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.C.5. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [25-0280](#))

Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$25,600 grant that requires an in-kind match which is a portion of the Director's salary, to the Office of Emergency Management for emergency management and Fire Department supplies.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.C.6. Ordinance  
(ID # [25-0375](#))

By Councilor Ewen-Campen

Amending the Code of Ordinances by adding Section 2-325 to Chapter 2, Article VI, Division 3 related to compensation for elected officials.

After severing the item, Councilor Ewen-Campen pointed out that it has been nine years since the pay for City Councilors was adjusted and noted that the Municipal Compensation Advisory Board has repeatedly come back with the same recommendation. He argued that if the pay was appropriate nine years ago, and no raises were given over that period, then not receiving a raise this year essentially amounts to a pay cut. He went on to say that the approach being sought here is used in other communities, noting however, that other communities may be afraid to raise their own salaries, therefore, when comparing compensation, it gives the impression that the salaries in Somerville are justified. Councilor Ewen-Campen stated that this is difficult because councilors are trying to decide something pertaining to them and he's trying to take that decision away from them.

Councilor McLaughlin commented that although he is not in favor of this item, it is a good faith effort, not a money grab, however giving the City Council the authority to vote raises down every year is a big concern to him. He noted that the salary for City Councilors jumped 62% in 1 year, going from \$25,000 to \$40,000. Councilor Davis stated that he appreciated the effort but this issue is not the most pressing matter the City Council has in serving the people of Somerville, therefore, he will not support it. He pointed out that the Council has added staff to help with the workload and that there are better ways to spend money to help them perform their jobs more effectively. Councilor Scott noted that every non-union employee on the city payroll has received a 4% increase and that this request is for 2%.



Councilor Mbah stated his opinion that the pay raise would serve as an incentive for more people to run for office. Councilor Clingan said he's struggling with voting on his own salary, adding that the optics are bad and that maybe this question should be put on the ballot for voters to decide. Councilor Sait said that this is an awkward situation and that she is doing the job full-time and wants to see more people wanting to do this job.

**RESULT:**     **NOT APPROVED**

**AYE:**           City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., and Ward Five City Councilor Sait

**NAY:**           Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

6.C.7. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [25-0414](#))

Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$787.50 using available funds in the Parks and Recreation Department Recreation Supplies Account for ray catchers.

**RESULT:**     **APPROVED**

6.C.8. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [25-0415](#))

Requesting the approval of a time-only contract extension for three years for the Somerville Hispanic Association for Community Development for restoration of 59 Cross Street.

**RESULT:**     **APPROVED**

6.C.9. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [25-0456](#))

Requesting the appropriation of \$160,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Department of Public Works Repairs to Buildings Account for fabrication and installation of courts at Founders Rink.

Councilor Wilson spoke about the Department of Public Works Commissioner's update regarding the flooring at Founders Rink and explained that a third party would run the rink and that the city would realize some revenue from rentals. After severing the item, Councilor Davis stated that an ice rink is a recreation facility and an asset to the city and that he was not confident that the Administration would support this item. He commented that one option would be to keep it as an ice rink, like before. He went on to say the numbers put forth might seem conservative to some, adding that it's ok to spend money to maintain recreational facilities and that the city doesn't have to make money on them. He asked that this matter be referred to the Committee on Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations to keep the conversation going so something can be worked out. Councilor McLaughlin credited the city for trying to come up with additional recreation spaces and he inquired if the rink's original

concrete base could be used rather than flooring.

Councilor Ewen-Campen stated that he wants to vote for this item as soon as the Administration makes a commitment to having ice at the rink next winter and Councilor Burnley noted that he has been asked by constituents to not vote in favor of the item until a commitment is made to having ice at the rink. Councilor Scott stated that the City Council's action on this item will make no difference to whether or not there is ice at the rink next winter, since that decision will be made by the Administration.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee

6.C.10. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [25-0493](#))

Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$276.94 using available funds in the Parks and Recreation Department Kennedy Pool Account for paint supplies.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

6.C.11. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [25-0531](#))

Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$3,000 grant with no new match required, from Somerville Cambridge Elder Services to the Council on Aging for senior transportation services.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

6.C.12. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [25-0542](#))

Requesting approval to appropriate \$76,787.19 from the Medicinal Marijuana Stabilization Fund for the salary and fringe of the Prevention Services Coordinator for FY 2026.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

6.C.13. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [25-0579](#))

Requesting approval to pay prior year invoice totaling \$1,200 using available funds in the Human Resources Professional and Technical Services Account for arbitration services.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

6.C.14. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [25-0585](#))

Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$2,282.76 using available funds in the Police Department Public Safety Supply Account for bicycles, parts, and accessories.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.C.15. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0601](#)) Requesting authorization to borrow \$9,750,000 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for a portion of the costs associated with the development of the Clarendon Hill Phase II Housing Project.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

**AYE:** City Councilor At Large Mbah, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

6.D. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- 6.D.1. Committee Report (ID # [25-0721](#)) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on April 3, 2025.

Councilor McLaughlin summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that most of the meeting dealt with an amendment to the Zoning Ordinances for transit-oriented height and density bonuses for additional affordable housing and other enumerated community benefits. The Council's new Land Use Analyst, Samantha Carr, gave a presentation on Transit Oriented Development upzoning and fielded questions from the committee. Councilor McLaughlin stated his intention to have committee discussions on this matter every other week. A proposed zoning map amendment for property in Union Square was kept in committee to allow the Union Square Neighborhood Council additional time to discuss concerns from residents and to allow time for the committee to hear from the Ward 2 Councilor.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.E. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- 6.E.1. Committee Report (ID # [25-0660](#)) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on April 1, 2025.

Councilor Davis summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that the committee discussed a Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Hudl Focus cameras, an amendment to the Code of Ordinances to update the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change, and an amendment to the Code of Ordinances to modify the Tree Preservation Ordinance. After lengthy discussions, all three of these items were kept in committee. Councilor Wilson stated for the record, his belief that Hudl

cameras do not have an option to not record audio.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

6.F. OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE

- 6.F.1. Committee Report (ID # [25-0746](#)) Report of the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, meeting on April 7, 2025.

Councilor Mbah summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that the committee heard from department staff regarding the possibility of creating a position to deal with Invasive Species, replacing the damaged plaque at Nunziato Field, and implementing a change to the yard waste collection calendar. There was a discussion with representatives from Eversource regarding increased utility costs, supply and demand concerns, the city's substation projects, and Eversource's long-term plan for load growth.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 6.F.2. Order (ID # [24-0106](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Davis, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Sait, Councilor Mbah, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Ewen-Campen  
That the Director of the Office of Sustainability and Environment work with this Council and Green and Open Somerville to develop a job description for an Invasive Species position to spearhead outreach, education, and citywide invasive plant species removal and to allocate funding for such a position in the FY 2025 budget.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.F.3. Order (ID # [25-0067](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Ewen-Campen  
That the Director of Parks and Recreation restore or replace the nearly 30 year old Nunziato Field plaque.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.F.4. Order (ID # [25-0083](#))

By Councilor Sait  
That the Commissioner of Public Works make a change to the calendar by extending the yard waste collection by at least one week.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

6.G. SCHOOL BUILDING FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- 6.G.1. Committee Report (ID # [25-0658](#)) Report of the Special Committee on School Building Facilities and Maintenance, meeting on March 31, 2025.

Councilor Davis summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that the committee discussed the possibility of opening the

Highlander Cafe within Somerville High School to the public, rodent mitigation strategies in Somerville Public School buildings, estimating the renovation cost of the Cummings School building, and problems at the Ginny Smithers Pool. Councilor Clingan reported that the Department of Public Works has drained the pool. He also stated that he doesn't know who is running the pool, but that its operation is unacceptable, adding that people have given up on the reliability of the pool.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED**

6.G.2. Resolution  
(ID # [25-0116](#))

By Councilor Strezo and Councilor Mbah

That the Superintendent of Schools consider opening the Highlander Cafe within Somerville High School to the public for regular lunch hours while school is in session and that the Administration address any barriers to this request.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

6.G.3. Order  
(ID # [25-0236](#))

By Councilor Pineda Neufeld

That the Director of Inspectional Services discuss the metrics for measuring the effectiveness of rodent mitigation strategies in Somerville Public School buildings.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

6.G.4. Order  
(ID # [25-0489](#))

By Councilor Sait and Councilor Wilson

That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management work with a consultant to provide this Council with the renovation cost of the Cummings School building.

**RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**

6.G.5. Resolution  
(ID # [25-0727](#))

By Councilor Davis

That the Administration report to this Council on the cause of the reported chemical imbalance at the Ginny Smithers Pool and the process being used to address the imbalance.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee

6.G.6. Resolution  
(ID # [25-0729](#))

By Councilor Davis

That the Administration develop a new process to address ongoing maintenance at the Ginny Smithers Pool and report to this Council to describe that process.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

**FOLLOWUP:** School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee

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## 7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 7.1. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0737](#)) Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Article 2 and Article 10 of the Zoning Ordinance to revise definitions and the green score calculation of columnar trees.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

- 7.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0523](#)) Requesting approval of a Deed, Maintenance License, and Maintenance Easement for 808 Windsor Street.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION  
**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0720](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Kevin McGuirk to the position of Firefighter

**RESULT:** APPROVED

- 7.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0730](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Mitzschael Myrthil to the position of Firefighter.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

- 7.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0731](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Norberto Maldonado to the position of Firefighter.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

- 7.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0733](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Nolan Carrier to the position of Firefighter.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

- 7.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0734](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Peter Donovan to the position of Firefighter.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

- 7.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0653](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jovana Calvillo to the Human Rights Commission.

Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 7.8 through 7.13 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

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**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

- 7.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0654](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Primrose Chareka to the Human Rights Commission.
- Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 7.8 through 7.13 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee
- 7.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0655](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Suelin Chen to the Human Rights Commission.
- Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 7.8 through 7.13 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee
- 7.11. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0656](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Salma Kazmi to the Human Rights Commission.
- Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 7.8 through 7.13 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee
- 7.12. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0657](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Paola Mendez to the Human Rights Commission.
- Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 7.8 through 7.13 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee
- 7.13. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0732](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Martin Pavlinic to the Urban Design Commission.
- Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings of items 7.8 through 7.13 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and



Personnel Matters.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

- 7.14. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0752](#)) Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Hudl Focus cameras.

**RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

- 7.15. Mayor's Communication (ID # [25-0739](#)) Proclaiming that the week of April 5 through April 11, 2025 is the Week of the Young Child.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

- 7.16. Mayor's Communication (ID # [25-0740](#)) Proclaiming that the week of April 21 through April 25, 2025 is Community Development Week.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

- 7.17. Mayor's Communication (ID # [25-0751](#)) Conveying the appointment of Lisa Anne Davidson to the Affordable Housing Trust.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

- 7.18. Mayor's Communication (ID # [25-0749](#)) Responding to item #25-0482, a Home Rule Petition to establish a charter for the City of Somerville.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

## 8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 8.1. Officer's Communication (ID # [25-0711](#)) Retirement Board notifying this City Council of a vote at the May 29, 2025 meeting regarding a 2025 Cost of Living Adjustment for eligible retirees.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

- 8.2. Officer's Communication (ID # [25-0735](#)) Deputy Director of Human Resources conveying the Civil Service signing list for Certification #09897.

**RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

- 8.3. Officer's Communication (ID # [25-0736](#)) City Clerk conveying Block Party Licenses issued.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1. License (ID # [25-0669](#)) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Caruso Corp.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47 and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.2. License (ID # [25-0670](#)) Renewing Drainlayer's License, E.B. Rotondi & Sons Inc.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47 and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.3. License (ID # [25-0671](#)) Renewing Drainlayer's License, F.E. French Construction Inc.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47 and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.4. License (ID # [25-0672](#)) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Form Up Sitework LLC.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47 and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.5. License (ID # [25-0673](#)) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Kealey Excavation Corporation.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47 and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.6. License (ID # [25-0675](#)) Renewing Drainlayer's License, LaMountain Brothers Inc.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47

and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.7. License  
(ID # [25-0676](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Meninno Construction Co., Inc.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47 and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.8. License  
(ID # [25-0677](#))

Renewing Flammables License, Broadway Sunoco, 258 Broadway.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47 and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.9. License  
(ID # [25-0678](#))

Renewing Flammables License, Hillside Auto Repair, Inc., 583 Broadway.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47 and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.10. License  
(ID # [25-0679](#))

Renewing Flammables License, Keolis Commuter Services, LLC, 23R Inner Belt Rd.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47 and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.11. License  
(ID # [25-0680](#))

Renewing Flammables License, Keolis Commuter Services, LLC, 70R Third Avenue.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47 and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.12. License  
(ID # [25-0681](#))

Renewing Flammables License, Keolis Commuter Services, LLC, 132 Washington Street.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47 and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.13. License  
(ID # [25-0682](#))

Renewing Flammables License, Pearl Street Auto Sales, 182 Pearl Street.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47 and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.14. License  
(ID # [25-0684](#))

Renewing Garage License, 101 South Street Owner LLC, 101 South Street.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47 and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.15. License  
(ID # [25-0685](#))

Renewing Garage License, Automotive Transport Services Inc, 40 Joy Street.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47 and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.16. License  
(ID # [25-0687](#))

Renewing Garage License, BBC Auto Repair, 42 Joy Street.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47 and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.17. License  
(ID # [25-0688](#))

Renewing Garage License, Brazil Auto Repair Inc, 635 Somerville Avenue.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47 and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.18. License  
(ID # [25-0689](#))

Renewing Garage License, Broadway Gulf Inc., 212 Broadway.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47 and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.19. License  
(ID # [25-0690](#))

Renewing Garage License, Dino's Auto Center, 308 McGrath Highway.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47 and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

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- 9.20. License  
(ID # [25-0691](#))
- Renewing Garage License, Federal Realty Investment Trust, 445 Artisan Way.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47 and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.21. License  
(ID # [25-0692](#))
- Renewing Garage License, GE Auto Repair, 631 Somerville Avenue.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47 and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.22. License  
(ID # [25-0693](#))
- Renewing Garage License, John's Auto Sales, Inc., 181 Somerville Avenue.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47 and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.23. License  
(ID # [25-0694](#))
- Renewing Garage License, Mass Inspection, 712 Mystic Avenue.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47 and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.24. License  
(ID # [25-0695](#))
- Renewing Garage License, New England Collision Center Inc., 224 Somerville Avenue.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47 and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.25. License  
(ID # [25-0696](#))
- Renewing Garage License, Ravelo's Auto Service, 63 Washington Street.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47 and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.26. License  
(ID # [25-0697](#))
- Renewing Garage License, Union Gulf Service LLC, 231 Washington St.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47 and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
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- 9.27. License  
(ID # [25-0698](#))
- New Livery License, Osho Uber Services LLC, 68 Gilman Street, operating 1 vehicle.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47 and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.28. License  
(ID # [25-0699](#))
- Renewing Outdoor Parking License, John's Auto Sales, 216 McGrath Highway.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47 and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.29. License  
(ID # [25-0700](#))
- New Sign/Awning License, Los Tacos Hermanos, 253 Washington Street, 1 sign.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47 and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.30. License  
(ID # [25-0701](#))
- Transferring Taxi Medallion License, from Bostonshuttles.com LLP to Renesans LLC for Medallions #69,71,89.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47 and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.31. License  
(ID # [25-0702](#))
- Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Yolande Trans., Inc., Med. #15.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47 and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.32. License  
(ID # [25-0703](#))
- Renewing Taxi Medallion, Jolina Taxi, Inc., Med. #52.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47 and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.33. License  
(ID # [25-0704](#))
- Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Michael H. Garvey, Med. #57.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47 and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.

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**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.34. License  
(ID # [25-0705](#))

Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Charlie's Family LLC, Med. #80.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47 and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.35. License  
(ID # [25-0706](#))

Renewing Taxi Medallion License, SSR Cab Inc, Med. #81.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47 and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.36. License  
(ID # [25-0709](#))

Renewing Taxi Stand License, Green and Yellow Cab, 295 Broadway.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47 and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.37. License  
(ID # [25-0707](#))

Renewing Taxi Stand License, Green and Yellow Cab, 1 Davis Square.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47 and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.38. License  
(ID # [25-0708](#))

Renewing Taxi Stand License, Green and Yellow Cab, 22-26 Union Square.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47 and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.39. License  
(ID # [25-0710](#))

Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Ravelo's Auto Sales, 63 Washington Street.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47 and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.40. Public Event  
(ID # [25-0715](#))

Mutual Aid Medford and Somerville applying for a Public Event License for Mutual Aid Medford and Somerville Free Store on April 19 from 10am to 4pm (raindate April 27).



Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47 and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.41. Public Event  
(ID # [25-0719](#))

Somerville Museum applying for a Public Event License for Patriots Day Colonial Fair on April 21 from 8am to 1:30pm.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47 and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.42. Public Event  
(ID # [25-0712](#))

Arts Council and SomerViva applying for a Public Event License for Haitian Flag Festival on May 17 from 12pm to 8pm (raindate May 18).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47 and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.43. Public Event  
(ID # [25-0716](#))

Mystic River Watershed Association applying for a Public Event License for Mystic River Herring Run and Paddle on May 18 from 7am to 3pm.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47 and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.44. Public Event  
(ID # [25-0717](#))

SomerViva applying for a Public Event License for New England Hong Kong Festival on May 31 from 8am to 8pm (raindate June 1).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47 and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.45. Public Event  
(ID # [25-0713](#))

Abbey Judd applying for a Public Event License for Joy Fest on May 31 from 9am to 7pm (raindate June 1).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47 and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9.46. Public Event  
(ID # [25-0714](#))

Kids Like You and Me applying for a Public Event License for KLYAM Summer Series on May 31 from 1pm to 7pm (raindate June 1).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47 and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

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- 9.47. Public Event  
(ID # [25-0718](#)) Arts Council applying for a Public Event License for SomerStreets: Carnival on June 1 from 2pm to 8pm (raindate June 8).  
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47 and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.  
**RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.48. Public Communication  
(ID # [25-0723](#)) Four residents submitting comments re: Founders Memorial Skating Rink.  
**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**
- 9.49. Public Communication  
(ID # [25-0724](#)) Eight residents submitting comments re: item #25-0269, a Zoning Map Amendment to change the zoning district of 295-297 Medford Street and 93 Walnut Street from Mid-Rise 3 (MR3) to Mid-Rise 4 (MR4).  
**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee
- 9.50. Public Communication  
(ID # [25-0725](#)) Senator Jehlen and 61 residents submitting comments re: items #24-1460, #25-0128, #25-0129, and #25-0131, amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for laboratory, research and development, and arts uses.  
**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee
- 9.51. Public Communication  
(ID # [25-0726](#)) Charlotte Somerville submitting comments re: Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).  
**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**
- 9.52. Public Communication  
(ID # [25-0728](#)) 1,238 individuals, including 10 residents, submitting comments re: Israel.  
**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**
- 10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**
- 10.1. Citation  
(ID # [25-0766](#)) By Councilor Pineda Neufeld  
Commending the Somerville Public Libraries in honor of National Library Week.  
President Pineda Neufeld spoke about the importance of libraries in the city. Director of Libraries Cathy Piantigini thanked the Council for understanding the role that libraries play and acknowledged the libraries' staff and Board of
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Trustees, stating that the city's libraries are in good hands.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 10.2. Grant of Location (ID # [25-0762](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install approximately 14 feet of conduit in Warwick Street, from Utility Pole 357/4 to a point of pickup at 25 Warwick Street.

Jacqui Duffy, representing Eversource, spoke in favor of the item and explained the purpose of the request. There being no further speakers, the Public Hearing was closed.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

- 10.3. Home Rule Petition (ID # [25-0774](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Davis Proposing a Home Rule Petition to establish a charter for the City of Somerville.

**RESULT: LAI D ON THE TABLE**

- 10.4. Communication (ID # [25-0773](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen Conveying an update on the possible effects of expansion tanks on water meters.

Councilor Ewen-Campen reminded the Council about the particulars of this issue. He has heard from a number of residents who are also experiencing the same problem and he had conversations with the city, which he said seems to not want to take responsibility to fix the problem. He received information from an individual via email about testing the meters and apparently the result of the testing indicates that the problem is being caused by having an expansion tank and not having a backflow preventer installed. Councilor Ewen-Campen is asking the Administration to post the information on the city website and to make the information available to those who are experiencing the problem.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

- 10.5. Order (ID # [25-0757](#)) By Councilor Strezo That this City Council convene in Executive Session with relevant departments, to discuss the interaction between the Commission for Persons with Disabilities and Racial and Social Justice Department and to receive an update on what steps and goals have been established to resolve the disconnect between both parties.

Councilor Clingan sponsored Holly Simone, Chair of the Commission for Persons with Disabilities, to address the Council. Ms. Simone reported that the commission secured meeting spaces but had no official interaction with the mayor or her staff other than some emails from the Racial and Social Justice (RSJ) Department. Councilor Burnley noted that the commission asked not to be under the RSJ Department any longer but the Administration has indicated that it will remain there. He thinks this is an ongoing issue that

needs to be resolved. Liaison Hutter told the Council that the Director of RSJ continues to work with the commission and that the mayor's team has been responding to this matter.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

10.6. Communication  
(ID # [25-0760](#))

By Councilor Scott

Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2026.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

10.7. Officer's  
Communication  
(ID # [25-0776](#))

Commissioner of Public Works and Director of Parks and Recreation conveying program and cost information related to item #25-0456, appropriation of \$160,000 from Free Cash to the Department of Public Works Repairs to Buildings Account for fabrication and installation of courts at Founders Rink.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

**FOLLOWUP:** Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee

10.8. Small Wireless  
Facility  
(ID # [25-0763](#))

Crown Castle Fiber LLC applying for a Small Wireless Facility License for facilities on an existing pole at 81 Newton Street.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47 and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

10.9. License  
(ID # [25-0764](#))

Renewing Billiards and Bowling License, The Public, 563 Broadway.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47 and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

10.10. License  
(ID # [25-0765](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Riccio Excavation.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47 and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

10.11. License  
(ID # [25-0767](#))

Renewing Garage License, Boston Sand and Gravel Company, 492R Rutherford Avenue.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47

and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

10.12. License  
(ID # [25-0768](#))

Renewing Garage License, Broadway Motor Cars, 161 Broadway.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47 and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

10.13. License  
(ID # [25-0769](#))

Renewing Garage License, DW Propco JK, LLC, 0 Dawes Street.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47 and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

10.14. License  
(ID # [25-0770](#))

Renewing Garage License, Fred M. Susan Auto Body, Inc., 269 Somerville Avenue.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47 and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

10.15. License  
(ID # [25-0771](#))

New Sign/Awning License, Ginger Exchange & Bok Bok Chicken, 22 Highland Ave, 1 sign.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47 and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

10.16. Public Event  
(ID # [25-0772](#))

Bow Market applying for a Public Event License for Annual Curated Vintage Market on June 1 and September 28 from 8am to 9pm (raindate June 8).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items 9.1 through 9.47 and 10.8 through 10.16 and approve them this evening.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

10.17. Public  
Communication  
(ID # [25-0761](#))

Five residents submitting comments re: charter.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

- 10.18. Public Communication (ID # [25-0775](#)) 654 individuals submitting comments re: Israel.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:23 PM.