



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting

Monday - October 25, 2021, 6:00 PM
Virtual

AGENDA

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1. Approval of the September 27, 2021 Minutes

ISD

2. **209691: Discuss** (White Jr.) – That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inform the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works whether the newspaper boxes throughout the city are permitted.

DPW

3. **210587: Discuss** (McLaughlin, Davis, Ballantyne, Clingan, Mbah) – That the Commissioner of Public Works submit a recycling plan for all buildings that do not receive city solid waste collection services, pursuant to Ordinance 11-40.
4. **211449: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin, Scott, Mbah, Strezo, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis) – That the Administration create clean, safe, and permanent public restrooms in several outdoor locations, similar to the "Portland Loos" that have been installed in Cambridge.

5. **212321: Discuss** (Strezo, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne, Clingan, Scott) – That the Commissioner of Public Works replace all the open garbage cans in city parks and on the Community Path with closed rat-proof garbage cans.

Mobility/Housekeeping

6. **211595: Discuss** (Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr.) – That the Director of Mobility and the Commissioner of Public Works work with the State Delegation to remove the hostile architecture public benches from the Davis Square MBTA station.

Eversource

7. **212225: Discuss** (Ballantyne, Clingan, White Jr.) – That Eversource representatives be requested to appear before the next meeting of this Council’s Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works to respond to the gas leak data along Somerville Avenue.
8. **210739: Discuss** (Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Strezo) – That the Director of Engineering and the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management urge Eversource to fix gas leaks at 721 Somerville Avenue and nearby, as identified by HEET, and appear with Eversource staff at the next meeting of the Council’s Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works to discuss this matter.