



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee

Regular Meeting Agenda

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Virtual

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Roll Call

1. Committee Minutes (ID # [23-0337](#)) **Agenda Ready:** Approval of the Minutes of the Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee Meeting of February 28, 2023.
2. Order (ID # [22-0671](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Wilson
That the Director of Parks and Recreation report on enrollment processes, communications, matriculation data, staffing and programs offered in the past five years.
3. Order (ID # [22-0966](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Gomez Mouakad
That the Director of SomerViva provide the Committee on Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations with an update on translation services.

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4. Order (ID # [22-1272](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Scott and Councilor Clingan
That the ADA Coordinator deliver a list of ADA complaints received from members of the public in FY 2021 and FY 2022.
 5. Order (ID # [22-1277](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Scott and Councilor Clingan
That the ADA Coordinator provide a status on requests for Braille transcription of materials.
 6. Order (ID # [22-1298](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Strezo and Councilor Pineda Neufeld
That the Director of Health and Human services discuss the potential effects of the recent Supreme Court ruling on Dobbs v Jackson Women's Health on Somerville women, pregnant women, pregnant people and reproductive health.
 7. Order (ID # [22-1306](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Burnley Jr.
That the ADA Coordinator coordinate with the City of Cambridge or another nearby entity that can provide Braille translations in less than 3 to 4 weeks until the City can procure a Brailier.
 8. Resolution (ID # [22-1458](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Pineda Neufeld
That the Administration update this Council on the timeline and process for identifying a permanent Teen Center.
 9. Order (ID # [22-1571](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Strezo
That this Council's Committee on Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations hold a public hearing to discuss the feasibility of conducting CORI and SORI checks for Crisis Pregnancy Centers.
 10. Order (ID # [22-2120](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Kelly
That the Director of the Office of Racial and Social Justice, the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management and the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development document compliance with Code of Massachusetts Regulations (CMR) 521, Sections 3.3 and 3.5.

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11. Resolution (ID # [23-0073](#))
Sent for Discussion: By Councilor Wilson, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Scott
That the Administration and School Department prioritize fully meeting Somerville Public Schools families' demand for after school and vacation programming in the 2023-24 school year, including expanding the offerings of after-school enrichment clubs.
 12. Order (ID # [23-0080](#))
Sent for Discussion: By Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Kelly, Councilor Scott, Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Gomez Mouakad
That the Director of Procurement and Contracting Services update this Council on the status of the citywide disparity study.
 13. Order (ID # [23-0484](#))
Sent for Discussion: By Councilor Gomez Mouakad
That the Director of Parks and Recreation consider giving enrollment priority to low-income families in Parks and Recreation Programs, including but not limited to pre-registration priority.
 14. Order (ID # [23-0485](#))
Sent for Discussion: By Councilor Gomez Mouakad
That the Director of the SomerViva Office of Immigrant Affairs (SOIA) provide data on the process to connect immigrant families with legal services and the waitlist to receive those services vs. the waitlist for follow-up from government immigrant agencies.
 15. Order (ID # [23-0486](#))
Sent for Discussion: By Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Strezo
That this City Council consider options for Committee meetings like allowing schedule changes to the daytime or fixing presentation times in the evenings to facilitate flexibility for staff and Councilors who are new parents or facing childcare challenges.
 16. Resolution (ID # [23-1185](#))
Sent for Discussion: By Councilor Gomez Mouakad
That this Council and the Administration, resolve to support all programs to ensure that all youth reach their full potential and to eliminate all academic gaps between our white students and our students of color, starting at the early stages of development.

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17. Resolution
(ID # [23-1295](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Strezo
That the Administration designate a small children's section in City Hall between the Council Chamber and the Subcommittee Room for parents and caregivers.
18. Order
(ID # [23-1366](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Strezo
That the Director of Sustainability and Environment discuss the plan for outreach for the online Climate Survey and how residents without computers are brought into the conversation.
19. Order
(ID # [23-1438](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Strezo
That the Chief of Police report on the training, education and policies established for officers to address violence against LGBTQ and gender non-conforming individuals.
20. Mayor's Communication
(ID # [23-1557](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** Conveying the FY 2023 report of SomerViva: Office of Immigrant Affairs.
21. Order
(ID # [23-1621](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Clingan, Councilor Scott and Councilor Burnley Jr.
That the Director of Engineering provide this Council with an update on the 2013 Pedestrian Accessibility Study and the progress made in the 10 years since its release.
22. Order
(ID # [23-1622](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Clingan, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Gomez Mouakad
That the Director of the Office of Racial and Social Justice update this Council on the implementation of the FileVine system that was procured to track Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) complaints.
23. Order
(ID # [23-1623](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Clingan, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Scott
That the Director of the Office of Racial and Social Justice update this Council on the status of the procurement of a Braille embosser to accommodate requests for materials in Braille.
24. Resolution
(ID # [23-1626](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Burnley Jr.
That the Administration increase the \$55,000 allotted to support food access to \$100,000, in accordance with its promise to pledge \$1 million for participatory budgeting.