



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CITY COUNCIL

JAKE WILSON
CITY COUNCILOR AT LARGE

To: Honorable Members of the City Council
From: Jake Wilson, City Councilor-At-Large
RE: City Council Consensus FY 2023 Budget Priority Process
Date: March 21, 2022

Honorable Members of the City Council:

There will be a Committee of the Whole meeting for the Finance Committee on Wednesday, March 30, at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers, for the purpose of determining a consensus of this council's FY 2023 budget priorities. Your FY 2023 budget priority resolutions will be categorized and grouped by subject, allowing us to take up similar items together at this meeting.

A draft copy of that meeting's agenda will be shared with councilors on Friday, March 25. Councilors are asked to familiarize themselves with the agenda ahead of time, and to identify up to 10 items they would like to see this council convey to the Administration as consensus budget priorities.

The meeting on March 30 will begin with a brief explanation of the process and a link to a survey form will be shared with councilors. We then will look to take up the full agenda in its entirety, with councilors having the opportunity to speak for up to one (1) minute in support of an item. Given the length of the agenda, councilors are asked to speak on only their absolute top budget priorities.

At the end of the agenda, councilors should submit their surveys, supporting up to 10 budget priority items. Once all surveys are submitted, the meeting will go into a recess, during which the survey results will be tabulated by this council's Legislative and Policy Analyst, Brendan Salisbury.

Following the recess, we will take up motions for consensus budget priority resolutions beginning with the item(s) receiving the most support in the survey, and working our way down until we have no more than seven (7) consensus budget priority resolutions to convey to the Administration.

Sincerely,

Jake Wilson
Chair, Finance Committee