



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

City Council

Regular Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

7:00 PM

**City Council Chamber and Remote
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1. OPENING CEREMONIES

- 1.1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
(ID # [22-1841](#))
- 1.2. Remembrances Remembrances.
(ID # [22-1842](#))
- 1.3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, September
(ID # [22-1843](#)) 22, 2022.

2. CITATIONS

- 2.1. Citation Commending Adda Santos on receipt of the award of
(ID # [22-1804](#)) Massachusetts History Teacher of the Year.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 3.1. Grant of Location Comcast applying for a Grant of Location to install 10 feet of
(ID # [22-1790](#)) conduit in Hawkins Street, from Utility Pole 164/1-1 to a point
of pickup at 3 Hawkins Street.

- 3.2. Grant of Location (ID # [22-1791](#)) Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 8 feet of conduit in the intersection of Princeton Street and Alpine Street, from Utility Pole 7/8 to a point of pickup at 4 Princeton Street.
- 4. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**
- 4.1. Order (ID # [22-1793](#)) By Councilor Strezo
That the Director of the Office of Housing Stability discuss the potential impact of the anticipated January 2023 Social Security cost of living increase on affordable housing.
- 4.2. Order (ID # [22-1794](#)) By Councilor Strezo, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Wilson
That the Director of Mobility discuss the possible implementation of Neighborways painting on Edgar Street.
- 4.3. Communication (ID # [22-1795](#)) By Councilor Strezo
Conveying a report on the Children's Cabinet meeting on Tuesday, October 11, 2022.
- 4.4. Order (ID # [22-1796](#)) By Councilor Clingan
That the Director of Inspectional Services develop a policy requiring all redevelopments to post the information detailed within on the outer perimeter of the property.
- 4.5. Resolution (ID # [22-1797](#)) By Councilor Clingan
That the Administration make information about all licenses and permits viewable without requiring a CitizenServ account.
- 4.6. Order (ID # [22-1826](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Director of Economic Development update this Council on progress toward a Task Force for creation of a Community Center.
- 4.7. Order (ID # [22-1827](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Director of Mobility work with the Ward 3 Councilor to make Benton Road one-way from Highland Ave to Summer Street.
- 4.8. Order (ID # [22-1828](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Director of Parking place a "Yield to Pedestrians" sign in the temporary crosswalk across Somerville Ave at Spring Street.
- 4.9. Resolution (ID # [22-1798](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Administration update this Council on efforts to use District Improvement Financing to capture new tax growth, specifically for new affordable housing.

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- 4.10. Resolution
(ID # [22-1829](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Administration create an electric bicycle incentive program for public employees.
- 4.11. Order
(ID # [22-1830](#)) By Councilor Gomez Mouakad
That the Director of Mobility present to this Council on where heavy commercial vehicles are restricted per Traffic Regulations Section 7-27 Operation of Heavy Commercial Vehicles.
- 4.12. Order
(ID # [22-1831](#)) By Councilor Gomez Mouakad
That the Director of Parking, Director of Mobility, and Police Chief present to this Council on enforcement of Traffic Regulations Section 7-27(a).
- 4.13. Order
(ID # [22-1832](#)) By Councilor Gomez Mouakad
That the Director of Parking, Director of Mobility, and Director of Engineering present to this Council on engagement and consideration of business needs regarding curbside changes.
- 4.14. Order
(ID # [22-1834](#)) By Councilor Gomez Mouakad
That the Director of Mobility and Director of Engineering present to this Council on documentation of vehicle types, timing and frequency, and turning movements when determining on-street loading zones.
- 4.15. Order
(ID # [22-1835](#)) By Councilor Gomez Mouakad
That the Director of Mobility provide an update on the businesses surveyed regarding Highland Ave improvements and share the data collected.
- 4.16. Order
(ID # [22-1836](#)) By Councilor Gomez Mouakad
That the Director of Constituent Services add a 311 Service Request category for reporting parking in bicycle lanes.
- 4.17. Order
(ID # [22-1837](#)) By Councilor Gomez Mouakad
That the Director of Mobility evaluate cut through traffic on Vernon Street and Trull Street and provide recommendations for traffic calming.
- 4.18. Order
(ID # [22-1838](#)) By Councilor Gomez Mouakad
That the Director of Mobility explore traffic calming options on Porter Street.
- 4.19. Order
(ID # [22-1839](#)) By Councilor Gomez Mouakad
That the Director of Mobility respond to the petition regarding traffic calming and additional bicycle parking at the Kennedy School.
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- 4.20. Order By Councilor Gomez Mouakad
(ID # [22-1840](#)) That the Director of Engineering report on how schools are notified of road construction projects or work that impacts bus routes within a half mile radius.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 5.1. Order By Councilor Scott
(ID # [22-1765](#)) That Outside Counsel Timothy Zessin update this Council on the 10/6/22 Civil Service Commission decision Kiely, Michael v. City of Somerville, and the impact on the confirmations process.

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

6.A. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 6.A.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on October 20,
(ID # [22-1781](#)) 2022.
- 6.A.2. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$36,000 grant with
(ID # [22-1535](#)) no new match required, from the MA Department of Environmental Protection to the Department of Public Works for the Sustainable Materials Recovery Program.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- 6.A.3. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$16,900 grant with
(ID # [22-1538](#)) no new match required, from Mass Cultural Council to the Arts Council for unrestricted operating support.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- 6.A.4. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to create the BikeShare Stabilization Fund
(ID # [22-1557](#)) and accept a payment to the Fund of \$75,000 from developer contributions to sponsor new Bike Share Stations.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- 6.A.5. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to appropriate \$75,000 from the Bike
(ID # [22-1559](#)) Share Stabilization Fund for installation and startup costs of a BlueBike station at the 100 Chestnut Development site.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- 6.A.6. Mayor's Request Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$24,000 to the
(ID # [22-1563](#)) Law Department Salaries Account to fund an anticipated deficit.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- 6.A.7. Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of \$60,155 from the CPA
(ID # [22-1637](#)) Undesignated Fund Balance for restoration of 181 Broadway.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.

- 6.A.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1639](#)) Requesting approval of the termination of the London Street easement.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- 6.A.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1662](#)) Requesting authorization to borrow \$4,390,000 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for the recurring FY23 Sewer Improvements program.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- 6.A.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1663](#)) Requesting authorization to borrow \$7,110,000 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for the recurring FY23 Water Main Rehabilitation program.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- 6.A.11. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1664](#)) Requesting authorization to borrow \$1,730,000 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for the annual recurring FY23 Sewer System Evaluation and Infiltration/Inflow Assessment.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- 6.A.12. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1665](#)) Requesting authorization to borrow \$1,477,738 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for participation in the FY23 MWRA Lead Line Replacement Program.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- 6.A.13. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1666](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$255,097.62 using available funds in various Department of Public Works Accounts.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- 6.A.14. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1667](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$200,000 grant with no new match required, from the City of Boston Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for First Responder portable radios.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- 6.A.15. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1670](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$60,000 from the SomerViva Professional & Technical Services Account to the Immigrant Legal Services Stabilization Fund to provide funding for immigrant legal defense services.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- 6.A.16. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1671](#)) Requesting approval to create the Immigrant Legal Services Stabilization Fund.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- 6.A.17. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1672](#)) Requesting approval to appropriate \$60,000 from the Immigrant Legal Services Stabilization Fund to fund legal services for immigrants seeking permanent residency.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.

- 6.A.18. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1673](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$1,000 donation from Iron Workers Local 7 Union to fund the Vietnam Moving Wall event November 10-14.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- 6.A.19. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1674](#)) Requesting approval to establish a Consolidated Gift Account to accept donations for the Vietnam Moving Wall event on Veterans Day Weekend.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- 6.A.20. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1677](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$62,020 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Grounds Account for tree services.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- 6.A.21. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1678](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$121,500 from the Salary Contingency, Salaries Account to the DPW Highway, Other Lump Sum Benefits account to fund an agreement with the Somerville Municipal Employees Association.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- 6.A.22. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1679](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$15,000 from the Salary Contingency, Salaries Account to the Law Department Judgments & Settlements Account to fund an Agreement with the Somerville Municipal Employees Association.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.

6.B. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- 6.B.1. Committee Report (ID # [22-1779](#)) Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on October 19, 2022.
- 6.B.2. Order (ID # [22-0169](#)) By Councilor Strezo and Councilor Gomez Mouakad That the Director of Economic Development discuss the city's maintenance plan for tenants and occupants of the Arts at the Armory.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.
- 6.B.3. Order (ID # [22-0501](#)) By Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Kelly, Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Gomez Mouakad That the Director of Economic Development update this Council on the efforts to hire a consultant regarding the Armory.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.

- 6.B.4. Public Communication (ID # [22-1032](#)) 55 voters submitting a petition calling for a public hearing re: the Arts at the Armory building.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.

6.C. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- 6.C.1. Committee Report (ID # [22-1780](#)) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on October 20, 2022.
- 6.C.2. Ordinance (ID # [22-0467](#)) By Councilor Scott
Proposing a zoning map amendment to change the zoning district of the contiguous parcels containing 250-256 Somerville Avenue and 5-27 Allen Street (odd side only: 5-7, 9, 11, 13, 17, 21-23, and 27) from Urban Residence (UR) to Neighborhood Residence (NR).
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be placed on file.
- 6.C.3. Ordinance (ID # [22-0468](#)) By Councilor Scott
Proposing a zoning map amendment to change the zoning district of the contiguous or abutting-across-a-public-way parcels of 29-31, 33-35, and 37-39 Allen Street (odd side only) and 34 Allen Street from Urban Residence (UR) to Commercial Business (CB).
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be placed on file.
- 6.C.4. Order (ID # [22-0668](#)) By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Strezo
That the Director of Mobility consider including Electric Vehicle charging station requirements in Section 11 of the Zoning Ordinances.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.
- 6.C.5. Public Communication (ID # [22-1407](#)) Boynton Yards LandCo LLC requesting approval of the attached Land Conveyance petition for Boynton Yards.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- 6.C.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1430](#)) Requesting ordainment of an amendment to the Somerville Zoning Ordinance Article 3, Residence Districts and Article 9, Use Provisions, to permit the adaptive reuse of commercial building types in the NR and UR zoning districts.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.

- 6.C.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1431](#)) Requesting ordainment of an amendment to the Somerville Zoning Ordinance Articles 4 (Mid Rise Districts), 5 (High Rise Districts), 6 (Commercial Districts), 8 (Overlay Districts), and 9 (Use Provisions) to permit additional uses for any ground story commercial space fronting a Pedestrian Street.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- 6.C.8. Officer's Communication (ID # [22-1442](#)) Planning Board Chair conveying the Planning Board's recommendations for proposed amendments to the Somerville Zoning Ordinance, items #213430, #213601, #213705, #213807, and #213886.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be placed on file.
- 6.D. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE**
- 6.D.1. Committee Report (ID # [22-1778](#)) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on October 18, 2022.
- 6.D.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1320](#)) Requesting approval of Police Officer assignments at Polling Places on Election Day as required by the VOTES Act.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be placed on file.
- 6.D.3. Ordinance (ID # [22-1461](#)) By Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson
That Chapter 2, Article VI, Section 2-319 of the Code of Ordinances, regarding bereavement leave, be amended as attached.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved as amended.
- 6.D.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1714](#)) Requesting ordainment of an amendment to the Code of Ordinances, Section 2-221, to extend the exclusive period for Group A and Group B Priority Marijuana License applicants.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.

7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 7.1. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1771](#)) Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Section 6.1 Commercial Districts: Fabrication of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance to permit additional uses for ground story commercial spaces fronting a Pedestrian Street.
- 7.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1823](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$38,752,085.12 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 grant from the United States Treasury.

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- 7.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1825](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Kelly J. Cooper to the Election Commission.
- 7.4. Mayor's Communication (ID # [22-1833](#)) Conveying a memorandum regarding the Condominium Conversion Ordinance.
- 8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**
- 8.1. Officer's Communication (ID # [22-1748](#)) City Clerk requesting confirmation of the appointment of Stephanie Widzowski to the position of Clerk of Committees.
- 9. NEW BUSINESS**
- 9.1. License (ID # [22-1786](#)) New Drainlayer's License, Alfa Excavation Inc.
- 9.2. License (ID # [22-1787](#)) New Drainlayer's License, Bassco Excavating.
- 9.3. License (ID # [22-1788](#)) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Insite Contracting Inc.
- 9.4. License (ID # [22-1789](#)) Renewing Garage License, Herb Chambers, 259 McGrath Hwy.
- 9.5. Public Event (ID # [22-1801](#)) Mayor's Office applying for a Public Event License for Truck O' Treat on October 27 from 4pm to 8pm.
- 9.6. Public Event (ID # [22-1792](#)) Denis Malkov applying for a Public Event License for Murdock St BP on October 29 from 11am to 5pm.
- 9.7. Public Event (ID # [22-1799](#)) Danielle Angelillo applying for a Public Event License for Halloween BP on October 31 from 3pm to 9pm.
- 9.8. Public Event (ID # [22-1802](#)) JT Scott applying for a Public Event License for Springfield St Halloween BP on October 31 from 4pm to 10pm.
- 9.9. Public Event (ID # [22-1800](#)) Dominique Stassart applying for a Public Event License for Halloween BP on Prospect Hill on October 31 from 4pm to 10:30pm.
- 9.10. Public Event (ID # [22-1803](#)) Veteran's Department applying for a Public Event License for Vietnam Veterans Moving Wall on November 10-14.
- 9.11. Public Communication (ID # [22-1769](#)) David Einis requesting the adoption of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Map to change the zoning district of 14 White Street Place from Neighborhood Residence (NR) to Mid-Rise 4 (MR4).
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- 9.12. Public Communication (ID # [22-1770](#)) Harvard University conveying its Fall 2022 Accountability Report.
- 9.13. Public Communication (ID # [22-1777](#)) 63 registered voters submitting comments regarding bicycle and bus lanes.
- 9.14. Public Communication (ID # [22-1772](#)) Bill Valletta submitting comments regarding Item #214069, proposed amendments to the Neighborhood Council Designation Ordinance (Chapter 7, Article IX).

10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 10.1. Order (ID # [22-1844](#)) By Councilor Gomez Mouakad That the Director of Racial and Social Justice provide an update on the Police Staffing Report.
- 10.2. Communication (ID # [22-1845](#)) By Councilor Gomez Mouakad Conveying an update on the All-Ward Community Meeting in Spanish on October 18, 2022.
- 10.3. Order (ID # [22-1848](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen That this Council discuss municipal broadband, and the implementation of the Somerville Internet Access Task Force.
- 10.4. Public Communication (ID # [22-1846](#)) Tufts University conveying its Fall 2022 Accountability Report.
- 10.5. Public Communication (ID # [22-1847](#)) Max Meinhold submitting comments regarding bicycle and bus lanes.

11. LATE ITEMS

12. ADJOURNMENT