

**City of Somerville, Massachusetts
Matters of Business of the City Council**

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

October 22, 2020, 7:00 PM
Meeting by Remote Participation

NOTICE

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. C. 30A, s. 18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, as well as Mayor Curtatone's Declaration of Emergency, dated March 15, 2020, this meeting of the City Council will be conducted via remote participation. We will post an audio recording, audio-video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of these proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting on the City of Somerville website and local cable access government channels.

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OPENING CEREMONIES

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 (ID # 23631)
2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 (ID # 23632)
3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting,
 (ID # 23633) September 24, 2020.

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

4. Resolution By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin
 (ID # 23610) Supporting the Guaranteed Housing Stability Act
 (H.4878/S.2831), to prevent a wave of evictions in
 Massachusetts in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic.
5. Order By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott
 (ID # 23611) That the City Solicitor draft an Ordinance banning the
 use of tear gas by the Police Department and other law
 enforcement agencies operating in Somerville.

6. Resolution (ID # 23612) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Administration submit to this Council the Surveillance Technology Impact Reports that are required by the Surveillance Oversight Ordinance, which went into effect on Oct 15, 2020, and which gives this Council 60 days to review and vote on proposed surveillance technologies.
7. Order (ID # 23621) By City Councilor Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD report to this Council, no later than December 22, 2020, the Administration's response to the traffic calming petition submitted by 10 residents of Rogers Avenue between Kidder Avenue and Boston Avenue/Broadway.
8. Order (ID # 23620) By City Councilor Niedergang, Ewen-Campen
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.
9. Resolution (ID # 23622) By City Councilor Strezo
Supporting passage of the ROE Act (S.1209/H.3320) and committing to the protection of abortion rights, access to reproductive health care, and an individual's right to make reproductive decisions about one's own body.
10. Resolution (ID # 23623) By City Councilor Mbah
That the Administration appear before this Council to give a report on the building reopening plans.
11. Order (ID # 23624) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Clingan
That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance similar to Boston's PILOT ordinance, formalizing payments in lieu of taxes to create a fair and transparent system of taxation for large tax-exempt non-profit organizations.
12. Resolution (ID # 23625) By City Councilor Scott, Ewen-Campen, Davis
Proposing a Process to create the Somerville Community Safety Coalition.
13. Order (ID # 23626) By City Councilor Scott
That the Director of Parking address this Council regarding enforcement policies on Resident Permit Parking and other regulations during the Covid-19 pandemic.

- 14. Order (ID # 23627) By City Councilor Scott
That the Commissioner of Public Works address the fragility of the trash collection bins in relation to the rat population and inform this Council as to the duration and nature of the contract providing said bins to the City.

- 15. Communication (ID # 23609) By City Councilor Rossetti
Reporting on the High School Building Committee meeting of October 19, 2020.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 16. Resolution 210586 By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Mayor update this Council, in Executive Session, on alleged suspicious activity in the DPW Fleet yard in March of 2020.

- 17. Communication 210692 By City Councilor Strezo
Reporting on the demographic breakdown of employees in the E-911 dispatch, Fire Alarm dispatch, and Constituent Services Departments.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

18. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 23630) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on October 20, 2020.

- B. Mayor's Request 210645 Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$6,086,250 in a bond for the remediation and renovation of Conway Park.
RECOMMENDED: Approved.

- C. Officer's Communication 210662 Urban Forestry Committee conveying a statement on the planned remediation of Conway Park.

RECOMMENDED: Placed on File

- D. Mayor's Request 210698 Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,440,000 in a bond for the renovation and construction of the West Branch Library.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

- E. Mayor's Request 210699 Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$36,000 using available funds in the DPW Fleet Division Professional and Technical Maintenance Account for Stoneham Motor Company, for the rental of plow trucks.
RECOMMENDED: Approved

- F. Mayor's Request 210704 Requesting approval of a 5-year Lease to procure equipment for IT network upgrades.

RECOMMENDED: Approved

- G. Mayor's Request 210705 Requesting approval of a time-only contract extension for Design Technique for construction administration at the West Branch Library through 4/30/21.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- H. Mayor's Request 210706 Requesting approval of a time-only extension for Designlab for construction administration at the West Branch Library until 4/30/21.
RECOMMENDED: Approved
- I. Public Communication 210728 2 residents submitting comments re: #210645, Conway Park remediation and renovation.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- J. Order (ID # 23666) By City Councilor Rossetti That the Commissioner of Public Works provide this Council with a report of total known expenses for FY19, FY20 and FY21 to date.

19. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 23628) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on October 13, 2020.
- B. Order 207172 By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board That the Director of SPCD work with this Board to create overlay districts or other policies for "Opportunity Zones" in order to maximize community benefits generated by developments in these areas.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File.
- C. Resolution 209222 By City Councilor Rossetti That the Administration advise the Committee on Land Use how compliance with zoning is and will be monitored and enforced post-certificate of occupancy.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File.
- D. Order 210294 By City Councilor White Jr., Ballantyne, Strezo, Rossetti, Mbah, Davis That the Land Use Committee review the proposed amendment to Zoning Ordinance 15.4.2.b.iii when developing its own proposal to amend that ordinance.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File.
- E. Public Communication 210677 Burak Gokmen submitting comments re: #210364, to re-zone six parcels along Medford Street between School Street and Marshall Street.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File.

20. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 23629) Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on October 14, 2020.
- B. Order 201993 By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of Traffic and Parking stripe street arrows for Teele Square, in all directions, and on Broadway, at the intersection of Broadway and Route 16.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed.
- C. Resolution 202105 By City Councilor Davis, Niedergang
That the Administration develop a process for interim crosswalk painting and/or other measures to protect pedestrians when road work or other conditions prevent the immediate re-striping of road markings.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed.
- D. Order 204791 By City Councilor Davis
That the Commissioner of Public Works and/or the Director of Traffic and Parking install a second crosswalk at the intersection of College Avenue with Kidder Avenue and Summit Street, with additional pedestrian safety measures.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed.
- E. Order 204890 By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of Traffic and Parking install signs on the eastbound side of Broadway to restrict traffic on Victoria Street, Garrison Avenue and Farragut Avenue.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed.
- F. Order 205197 By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic and Parking Place a NO PARKING sign between 161 and 165 Broadway, between the bus stop and the metered spot, to increase vehicle visibility.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed.
- G. Order 206178 By City Councilor Niedergang
That the Chief of Police enforce the state law requiring a white light on the front of a bicycle and a red reflector or light on the back when operated from a-half hour after sunset to a half-hour before sunrise.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed.
- H. Order 206202 By City Councilor Hirsch
That the Director of Traffic and Parking share how it enforces the prohibition of cars and trucks parked in bus lanes and bike lanes.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed.

- I. Order 206693 By City Councilor Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD or the Director of Traffic and Parking alter the cycle of the traffic signals at Lowell Street and Highland Avenue ASAP to allow more time for vehicles to turn onto Highland Avenue from Lowell Street, especially during the morning rush hour, to alleviate the traffic backup on Hudson Street when the Cedar Street/Highland Avenue intersection is closed for construction.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed.
- J. Order 206776 By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Director of Engineering consider using colored asphalt rather than paint, for bike lanes.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed.
- K. Order 207279 By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Chief of Police enforce the speed limit on Sycamore Street, between Highland Avenue and Medford Street, and inform the Ward 3 Alderman on the outcome.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed.
- L. Order 207281 By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Director of SPCD work with the Ward 3 Alderman to address long-standing congestion at the intersection of Highland Avenue and Hamlet Street.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed.
- M. Order 207463 By City Councilor McLaughlin, Hirsch
That the Director of Traffic and Parking explain the recent addition of NO PARKING signs on Glen Street and remove them if there is no practical reason for them.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed.
- N. Order 207894 By City Councilor Davis
That the Director of SPCD update the Ward 6 Councilor on the timeframe for acquiring new signal switching equipment to allow additional traffic/pedestrian cycles in Davis Square.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed.
- O. Order 207917 By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Director of Traffic and Parking implement traffic calming measures on Avon Street.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed.
- P. Order 208031 By City Councilor Niedergang, Hirsch, Rossetti
That the Director of SPCD use the \$220,000 in traffic mitigation funds paid by Maxwell's Green in 2011 for traffic calming on Lowell Street, between Highland Avenue and Albion Street, by constructing a traffic-calming table at the Albion Street crosswalk.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed.

- Q. Order
 208252 By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
 That the Director of SPCD perform traffic volume and
 speed studies on Summit Avenue and Boston Street
 during morning and evening rush hours and report the
 findings to the Ward 3 City Councilor.
 RECOMMENDED: Work Completed.

- R. Order
 208823 By City Councilor Hirsch, Niedergang
 That the Director of SPCD provide information about
 ensuring that pedestrians on the Community Path can
 travel safely given the sometimes high speeds and
 volume of bicycles or scooters.
 RECOMMENDED: Work Completed.

- S. Order
 208826 By City Councilor Hirsch, Niedergang, Ewen-Campen,
 Ballantyne
 That the Director of SPCD provide an update on
 progress made on the 2017 Bicycle Friendly Community
 report card, including plans for actions steps on metrics
 where Somerville lags other communities.
 RECOMMENDED: Work Completed.

- T. Order
 208891 By City Councilor Clingan
 That the Director of SPCD deploy traffic calming
 measures on Jacques Street.
 RECOMMENDED: Work Completed.

- U. Order
 208921 By City Councilor Niedergang
 That the Director of SPCD schedule a meeting with the
 residents of Partridge Avenue who filed a traffic calming
 petition, or respond to them with a written
 communication.
 RECOMMENDED: Work Completed.

- V. Order
 209189 By City Councilor Ballantyne
 That the Director of Parking install the respective
 missing street signs at the intersection of North Street
 and Powderhouse Blvd.
 RECOMMENDED: Work Completed.

- W. Order
 209421 By City Councilor Niedergang, Clingan
 That the Director of SPCD implement traffic-calming
 measures for Central Street between Highland Avenue
 and Broadway as soon as possible, since traffic has
 increased dramatically with the Broadway
 reconfiguration, and will increase even more with the
 coming School Street closure.
 RECOMMENDED: Work Completed.

- X. Order
 209648 By City Councilor Niedergang
 That the Director of SPCD use the \$220,000 in traffic
 mitigation funds paid by Maxwell's Green in 2011 for a
 traffic-calming table on Lowell Street at the Albion
 Street crosswalk. (3rd request)
 RECOMMENDED: Work Completed.

- Y. Order 209783 By City Councilor Ballantyne, Scott
That the Director of SPCD and the Chief of Police discuss what can be done to mitigate delivery trucks' use of bike lanes and cycling tracks as parking when making deliveries.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed.
- Z. Order 210479 By City Councilor Clingan
That the Director of SPCD deploy traffic calming measures to reduce speeding vehicles on Heath Street from Moreland to Temple Streets, on Sycamore Street from Medford Street to Broadway, and on Shore Drive from Rts 16 to 38.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed.
- AA. Order 210500 By City Councilor Ballantyne, Scott, Strezio, Mbah
That the Chief of Police, the Director of Parking and the Director of SPCD discuss enforcement to eliminate delivery and other vehicles from parking on the Beacon Street cycle track, in order to provide a safe biking route for bicyclists.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed.
- AB. Order 210542 By City Councilor Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne, Mbah
That the Director of SPCD update this Council on the plans and process for the Holland Street and College Avenue mobility improvements.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed.
- AC. Order 210673 By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Director of SPCD update this Council on the citywide parking study that began last year.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

21. Mayor's Request (ID # 23597) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$473.54 using available funds in the Health & Human Services Supply Account for Somerville Farmers Market bags and folders for a training.
22. Mayor's Request (ID # 23569) Requesting the approval for a change in the scope of the CPA FY16 and FY19 award to the Somerville Museum.
23. Mayor's Request (ID # 23575) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Christine Stone to the Somerville Redevelopment Authority.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

24. Officer's Communication (ID # 23605) Special Counsel submitting a Home Rule Petition to permit Cambridge to provide, at no cost to Somerville, snow plowing and removal, water, storm water drainage, sanitary sewer, police, fire, and other emergency services to the Somerville building in the development known as Cambridge Crossing.

- 25. Officer's Communication (ID # 23651) City Clerk requesting approval of his Public Official's Bond.
- 26. Officer's Communication (ID # 23607) Planning Board conveying its recommendations re: #s 210452 and 210472, 2 requests for zoning map amendments.
- 27. Officer's Communication (ID # 23656) Licensing Commission conveying its policy for outdoor seating for restaurants in the coming year.

NEW BUSINESS

- 28. License/Permit (ID # 23649) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Tascon Corp.
- 29. License/Permit (ID # 23645) Renewing Flammables License, Nissenbaum Auto Parts, 480 Columbia St.
- 30. License/Permit (ID # 23644) Renewing Flammables License, Trum Field Sunoco, 541 Broadway.
- 31. License/Permit (ID # 23653) Renewing Garage License, Barnes and Walsh, 224 Somerville Ave.
- 32. License/Permit (ID # 23655) Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Somerville Transportation, Med #69,71.
- 33. License/Permit (ID # 23634) Small Wireless Facility License, Extenet Systems attaching small cell equipment on a replacement pole near 278 Broadway.
- 34. License/Permit (ID # 23646) Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Thai Massage, 55 Union Sq.
- 35. License/Permit (ID # 23647) Renewing Outdoor Seating License, When Pigs Fly, 241 Elm St.
- 36. License/Permit (ID # 23582) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, DM Auto Body, 48 Joy St.
- 37. License/Permit (ID # 23637) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Teele Sq Auto, 1284 Broadway.

- 38. License/Permit (ID # 23638) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Union Gulf Service, 231 Washington St.
- 39. License/Permit (ID # 23639) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, United Motors, 188 Broadway.
- 40. License/Permit (ID # 23640) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Pat's Enterprises, 308 McGrath Hwy.
- 41. License/Permit (ID # 23641) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Pat's Enterprises, 182 Washington St.
- 42. License/Permit (ID # 23642) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Pat's Towing, 160 McGrath Hwy.
- 43. License/Permit (ID # 23643) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Aris Auto, 3 Craigie St.
- 44. License/Permit (ID # 23650) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Somerville Motors, 182 Washington St.
- 45. License/Permit (ID # 23652) Renewing Used Car Dealer's Class 2 License, Barnes and Walsh, 224 Somerville Ave.
- 46. License/Permit (ID # 23635) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 3, Nissenbaum Auto Parts, 480 Columbia St.
- 47. License/Permit (ID # 23636) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 3, Nissenbaum Auto Parts, 0 Windsor St.
- 48. License/Permit (ID # 23648) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 3, Ed's Used Auto Parts, 516 Columbia St.
- 49. Public Communication (ID # 23654) 2 residents submitting comments re: #210645, Conway Park remediation and renovation.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 50. Communication (ID # 23657) By City Councilor Strezo Reporting on the Children's Cabinet.
- 51. Order (ID # 23667) By City Councilor Strezo That the Director of Health and Human Services appear before this Council's Committee on Housing and Community Development to discuss the Teen Snow Shoveling Program for the 2020-2021 winter season.

- 52. Order (ID # 23668) By City Councilor Davis
That the Director of SPCD present zoning recommendations addressing the size of ground floor commercial spaces produced by development, to ensure that street level development in certain areas maintains multiple smaller-sized commercial spaces to enhance the pedestrian experience.
- 53. Order (ID # 23669) By City Councilor Davis
That the Director of SPCD present zoning recommendations to establish density bonuses in certain areas, including increased building height, in exchange for additional community benefits.
- 54. Order (ID # 23670) By City Councilor Davis
That the Director of SPCD work with the Ward Six Councilor to prioritize pedestrian uses of public space in Davis Square, including on-street dining and/or retail as a permanent feature in 2021 and beyond.
- 55. Mayor's Request (ID # 23659) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$100,000 to the Executive Administration Special Items Charter Reform Study Account, to contract with a technical expert on charter reform.
- 56. Mayor's Request (ID # 23660) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$24,000 to the Executive Administration Salaries and Wages Temporary Account, to hire part-time staff to manage the Charter Reform Study effort.
- 57. Mayor's Request (ID # 23613) Requesting approval of the Winter Hill Urban Renewal Plan.
- 58. Mayor's Request (ID # 23672) Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Homeland Security Cameras.
- 59. Mayor's Request (ID # 23673) Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for GLX Cameras.
- 60. Mayor's Request (ID # 23674) Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for 911.
- 61. Mayor's Request (ID # 23675) Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for ShotSpotter.
- 62. Mayor's Request (ID # 23614) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Justin Bonner to the position of Fire Captain.

- 63. Mayor's Request (ID # 23615) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Michael Khoury to the position of Fire Captain.
- 64. Mayor's Request (ID # 23616) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Dennis Sullivan to the position of Fire Captain.
- 65. Mayor's Request (ID # 23617) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Thomas Bellini to the position of Fire Lieutenant.
- 66. Mayor's Request (ID # 23618) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Eric Saulnier to the position of Fire Lieutenant.
- 67. Mayor's Request (ID # 23619) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Danielle O'Hearn to the position of Fire Lieutenant.
- 68. Mayor's Communication (ID # 23671) Responding to #210586, a Resolution that the Mayor update this Council on the DPW Fleet Division.
- 69. Officer's Communication (ID # 23658) Interim Director of Water and Sewer submitting a draft Scope of Services for the long-term Water and Sewer Rate Study and Affordability Analysis.
- 70. Public Communication (ID # 23661) The Somerville Community Corp nominating Bill Dovhan to the Wage Theft Advisory Committee.
- 71. Public Communication (ID # 23662) The Carpenters Union nominating Juan Novoa to the Wage Theft Advisory Committee.
- 72. Public Communication (ID # 23663) MassCOSH nominating Mirna Morales to the Wage Theft Advisory Committee.
- 73. Public Communication (ID # 23664) The Building and Construction Trades Council nominating Jorge Rivera to the Wage Theft Advisory Committee.
- 74. Public Communication (ID # 23665) The Brazilian Worker Center nominating José Venancio to the Wage Theft Advisory Committee.

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT