



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

City Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 14, 2026

7:00 PM

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1. OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin. The City Council entered recess at 7:27 PM and returned at 7:35 PM.

- 1.1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
(ID # [26-0843](#))

Councilor Hardt arrived at 7:01 PM.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, and Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin

Aye: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, and Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

Absent: City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

- 1.2. Remembrances Remembrances.
(ID # [26-0844](#))

RESULT: **APPROVED**

- 1.3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 26, 2026.
(ID # [26-0845](#))

RESULT: **APPROVED**

- 1.4. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 9, 2026.

(ID # [26-0846](#))

RESULT: APPROVED

- 1.5. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of April 14, 2026.

(ID # [26-0847](#))

RESULT: APPROVED

2. CITATIONS

- 2.1. Citation By Councilor McLaughlin
(ID # [26-0748](#)) Commending Lillian Bartolucci on the auspicious occasion of her 100th birthday.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 2.2. Citation By Councilor Ewen-Campen
(ID # [26-0828](#)) Commending the Salvation Army for their dedicated commitment and generosity in supporting the city.

RESULT: APPROVED

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 3.1. Grant of Location Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 10 feet of conduit in
(ID # [26-0750](#)) Hudson Street, from Utility Pole 202/9 to a proposed new handhole next to 135 Hudson Street.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

- 3.2. Grant of Location Verizon New England applying for a Grant of Location to install 4 feet of
(ID # [26-0751](#)) conduit in Pearl Street, from existing Manhole 44/52A to a proposed new handhole next to 115 Pearl Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 3.3. Grant of Location Verizon New England applying for a Grant of Location to install 61 feet of
(ID # [26-0752](#)) conduit in Medford Street, from existing Manhole 44/430 to a proposed new handhole next to 350 Medford Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

4. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

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- 4.1. Resolution (ID # [26-0821](#)) By Councilor Mbah and Councilor Hardt
That the Administration, the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, the Director of Health and Human Services, and the Director of the Office of Housing Stability, engage with leadership of Saint James Church to explore opportunities for partnership between the city and the church to activate underutilized space for community-serving purposes.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Housing, Community Development and Equity Committee
- 4.2. Resolution (ID # [26-0822](#)) By Councilor Mbah and Councilor Hardt
That the Director of Mobility install speed bumps on Elmwood Street and assess whether closing the street to non-residents during rush hours would be possible and useful to reduce the cut-through traffic to and from Cameron Avenue.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee
- 4.3. Communication (ID # [26-0823](#)) By Councilor Mbah
Conveying a report of the Job Creation and Retention Trust Fund.
- RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE
- 4.4. Resolution (ID # [26-0805](#)) By Councilor Sait and Councilor Clingan
That the Director of Public Works place a portable restroom at Hoyt-Sullivan playground.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Sustainability and Infrastructure Committee
- 4.5. Resolution (ID # [26-0806](#)) By Councilor Sait
That the Director of Mobility install a speed bump on Vernon Street.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee
- 4.6. Resolution (ID # [26-0824](#)) By Councilor Strezo
That the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator submit a written report to this City Council regarding the timeline for ADA Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 under Title II, and the plan for its completion.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee
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- 4.7. Resolution (ID # [26-0825](#)) By Councilor Strezo
That the Administration submit a written report to this Council regarding the timeline and process for staffing the Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Coordinator role and update this Council on the plan to process ADA complaints and accessibility coordination when this position is vacant.
RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee
- 4.8. Resolution (ID # [26-0826](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Wheeler
Supporting the Governor’s Executive Order “Facilitating Safe and Affordable Single-Stair Multifamily Residential Buildings”.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 4.9. Resolution (ID # [26-0827](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Administration work with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to ensure that extremely loud construction does not occur overnight.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 4.10. Resolution (ID # [26-0831](#)) By Councilor Hardt
That the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development develop and share with the public, a list of all the spaces that are available for community use, including and especially those that are part of private developments.
RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Housing, Community Development and Equity Committee
- 4.11. Resolution (ID # [26-0832](#)) By Councilor Hardt
That the Director of Water and Sewer provide an overview of the water and sewer metering and billing practices.
RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Sustainability and Infrastructure Committee
- 4.12. Resolution (ID # [26-0834](#)) By Councilor Wheeler
That the Director of Planning, Preservation and Zoning consider revising the demolition review cutoff date to 1945, rather than a date relative to the present year.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 4.13. Communication (ID # [26-0833](#)) By Councilor Wheeler
Conveying the existing Body Worn Camera Policy.
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RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- 4.14. Zoning Ordinance By Councilor Davis
(ID # [26-0835](#)) Proposing an amendment to Section 2.1.1 of the Zoning Ordinance regarding Homeless Shelters.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

- 4.15. Resolution By Councilor McLaughlin
(ID # [26-0836](#)) That the Commissioner of Public Works install a street light at the corner of Tufts and Washington Streets near the East Somerville Station crosswalk to increase visibility and pedestrian safety.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 4.16. Resolution By Councilor McLaughlin
(ID # [26-0837](#)) That the Director of Mobility use urban Neighborways art on Perkins Street, in front of the playground, to increase pedestrian safety.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

- 4.17. Resolution By Councilor Link
(ID # [26-0838](#)) That the Chief Information Officer provide this Council with a summary report on the current accessibility status of city-operated digital properties including websites, platforms, and portals, and share any plans to ensure new properties comply with Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) using principles like "accessibility-first design."

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

- 4.18. Order By Councilor Link and Councilor McLaughlin
(ID # [26-0839](#)) That the Commissioner of Public Works provide an update to this Council on improvements made to custodial staffing at the East Somerville Community School.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: School Building Facilities and Maintenance Committee

- 4.19. Order By Councilor Link and Councilor McLaughlin
(ID # [26-0841](#)) That the Commissioner of Public Works provide an update on the improvements made to the temperature in the Edgerly Education Center Cafetorium and kitchen following the installation of the air conditioning unit.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: School Building Facilities and Maintenance Committee

- 4.20. Resolution
(ID # [26-0840](#))
- By Councilor Link and Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Director of Mobility evaluate the feasibility of implementing a raised intersection or crosswalk at the intersection of Columbus Avenue, Prospect Hill Parkway, and Stone Avenue, and report findings to the City Council.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

- 4.21. Resolution
(ID # [26-0842](#))
- By Councilor Link and Councilor Sait
That the Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry consider snow clearing requirements to maintain inclusive winter use when selecting turf materials for the new Kennedy School inclusive playground.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**FOLLOWUP:** School Building Facilities and Maintenance Committee**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS****6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES****6.A. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE**

- 6.A.1. Committee Report
(ID # [26-0814](#))
- Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on May 4, 2026.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.A.2. Resolution
(ID # [26-0239](#))
- By Councilor Link, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Mbah
That the Director of Human Resources review the hiring for crossing guards, ensuring that the process and requirements are right-sized and not unnecessarily burdensome such that they deter qualified candidates.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- 6.A.3. Mayor's Request
(ID # [26-0380](#))
- Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Logan Brill to the Conservation Commission.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.A.4. Mayor's Request
(ID # [26-0381](#))
- Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Valerie Locker to the Conservation Commission.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.A.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0483](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Eric Weisman as Commissioner of Public Works.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 6.A.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0698](#)) Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Dennis Sullivan to the position of Fire District Chief.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 6.A.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0701](#)) Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Sean Marquis to the position of Fire Lieutenant.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 6.A.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0702](#)) Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Michael J. Marino to the position of Fire Captain.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 6.A.9. Order (ID # [26-0713](#)) By Councilor Davis
In his capacity as President, recommending the appointment of Courtney Henderson to the position of City Clerk.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 6.B. LAND USE COMMITTEE
- 6.B.1. Committee Report (ID # [26-0816](#)) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on May 7, 2026.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 6.B.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0204](#)) Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Section 8.1 of the Zoning Ordinance to provide for larger buildings, additional dimensional flexibility, and fewer use restrictions for affordable housing projects.
RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED
AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezio, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, and Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin
ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

- 6.B.3. Public Communication (ID # [26-0287](#)) 26 registered voters requesting a Zoning Text Amendment to amend the Zoning Ordinance sections 3.1.8c, 3.1.9c, 3.1.10c, 3.1.13k, 3.1.13l, 3.2.12l, and 3.2.12m.
- Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to substitute the ordinance language in agenda item #26-0851 for the ordinance language in this item #26-0287. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.
- Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to sever the item from the committee report and lay it on the table to await a Planning Board recommendation. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.
- RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE**
- 6.B.4. Officer's Communication (ID # [26-0649](#)) Planning Board conveying recommendations for item #26-0204.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.B.5. Order (ID # [26-0848](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Sait and Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Planning, Preservation, and Zoning prepare a revised amendment to item #26-0287 to include a two-foot setback for dormers.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 6.B.6. Order (ID # [26-0850](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Sait, Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Clingan
That the Director of Planning, Preservation, and Zoning prepare a revised amendment to item #26-0287 to remove the third story by right from detached house, semidetached house, and duplex house.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 6.C. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE
- 6.C.1. Committee Report (ID # [26-0811](#)) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on April 28, 2026.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 6.C.2. Public Communication (ID # [26-0495](#)) Hala Jadallah submitting comments re: surveillance.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.C.3. Public Communication (ID # [26-0496](#)) Three residents submitting comments re: item #26-0485, Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Crime Tracer.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- 6.C.4. Public Communication (ID # [26-0607](#)) Tamara Grasty and Emma Rybeck submitting comments re: item #26-0485, Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Crime Tracer.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.D. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- 6.D.1. Committee Report (ID # [26-0815](#)) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on May 5, 2026.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.D.2. Order (ID # [22-0504](#)) By Councilor Burnley Jr.
That this Council amend its Rule 24 by requiring a majority vote of the Council before a councilor can be removed from a committee.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- 6.D.3. Order (ID # [25-1439](#)) By Mayor Wilson, Councilor Mbah, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Scott
That the City Clerk work with this Council to amend the Code of Ordinances to better regulate the sale of second-hand goods.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- 6.D.4. Order (ID # [26-0354](#)) By Councilor Davis
That Rule 4 of the Rules of the City Council be amended to update submission deadlines for agenda items, consistent with the provisions of the Open Meeting Law.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Wheeler, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, and Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

6.E. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- 6.E.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on May 13,
(ID # [26-0817](#)) 2026.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.E.2. Grant of Location Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 318 feet of conduit in
(ID # [26-0525](#)) Kent Street and Somerville Avenue, from existing Manhole 14831 to point
of pickup at 22 Kent Street, and additional conduit from Manhole 14831 to
an existing Manhole 8634.

RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

6.F. SCHOOL BUILDING FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

- 6.F.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on School Building Facilities and Maintenance,
(ID # [26-0813](#)) meeting on April 30, 2026.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.F.2. Officer's Director of Infrastructure & Asset Management conveying the Strategic
Communication Asset Management Plan report.
(ID # [26-0266](#))

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- 6.F.3. Resolution By Councilor Davis
(ID # [26-0491](#)) That the Administration update this Council on plans to upgrade electrical
and air conditioning equipment for the gym and cafeteria at the Edgerly
School.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- 6.F.4. Resolution By Councilor Sait
(ID # [26-0521](#)) That the Commissioner of Public Works address the radiator dysfunction in
one of the Kennedy School classrooms.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.G. SUSTAINABILITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

- 6.G.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Sustainability and Infrastructure, meeting on
(ID # [26-0812](#)) April 29, 2026.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.G.2. Public Communication (ID # [26-0259](#)) Christopher Beland submitting comments re: items #26-0175, #26-0176, #26-0177, #26-0178, #26-0179, #26-0180, #26-0181, #26-0182, #26-0183, #26-0184, #26-0185, #26-0186, and #26-0187, Eversource applying for Grants of Location.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.G.3. Order (ID # [26-0336](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Hardt, Councilor Link, Councilor Mbah, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Sait, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wheeler That the Director of Inspectional Services discuss with this Council how to ensure that temporary dumpster permits do not conflict with handicapped parking spaces, or that temporary handicapped parking spaces are relocated for the duration of the dumpster permit.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.G.4. Resolution (ID # [26-0337](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Hardt, Councilor Link, Councilor Mbah, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Sait, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wheeler That the Commissioner of Public Works discuss with this Council how to ensure that handicapped parking spaces are not used for snow storage and are cleared at the same time as other spaces.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.G.5. Resolution (ID # [26-0338](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Hardt, Councilor Link, Councilor Mbah, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Sait, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wheeler That the Commissioner of Public Works discuss with this Council how to ensure that accessible sidewalk ramps are cleared following snowstorms, and ensure that 311 reports on this issue are promptly responded to.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.G.6. Order (ID # [26-0353](#)) By Councilor Hardt That the Commissioner of Public Works discuss with this Council the frequency of street sweeping throughout the period of April through November.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.G.7. Order (ID # [26-0468](#)) By Councilor Wheeler That the Director of Constituent Services update this Council on the 311 system, recent and upcoming improvements, open roles, and the approach being taken to directing the wide variety of resident needs to provide answers, solutions, and follow-through.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.G.8. Resolution
(ID # [26-0473](#))

By Councilor Strezo, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Scott and Councilor Mbah
That the Administration discuss the process of disposal of city surplus items, and whether those items may be offered to employees or the public through the creation of a Freecycle style system.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.G.9. Resolution
(ID # [26-0481](#))

By Councilor Clingan and Councilor Sait
That the Director of Constituent Services appear before the Committee on Sustainability and Infrastructure to discuss the process by which 311 tickets are routed or closed after re-routing.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.G.10. Resolution
(ID # [26-0490](#))

By Councilor Link
That the Commissioner of Public Works conduct a citywide sweep to remove large debris from the Community Path and bike lanes now that snow season has concluded.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.H. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

6.H.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on April 27, 2026.
(ID # [26-0809](#))

RESULT: APPROVED

6.H.2. Resolution
(ID # [26-0279](#))

By Councilor Link
That the Director of Public Works and the Director of Mobility update this Council regarding plans to keep bike lanes, protected bike lanes, and other separated micromobility facilities clear and passable on major throughways, with particular attention to school routes, timelines after snowfall, staffing, and equipment capacity.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

7.1. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an amendment to the Assembly Square District Improvement Financing District Map and Program to include the Assembly Square Fire Station, 45 Middlesex Avenue, and improvements to the intersection of Middlesex Avenue and Mystic Avenue.
(ID # [26-0745](#))

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0797](#)) Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to authorize the City of Somerville to regulate leases and tenancy at will agreements.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION****FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

- 7.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0746](#)) Requesting approval of the Urban Center Housing Tax Increment Financing (UCH-TIF) Zone, Plan, and Form of Agreement for Assembly Square and East Somerville.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION****FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

- 7.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0818](#)) Requesting approval to appropriate \$3,940,905 from the Street Reconstruction and Resurfacing Stabilization Fund to the Street Resurfacing Bond Fund to pay down street reconstruction and resurfacing expenses.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION****FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0808](#)) Requesting approval to appropriate \$2,381,625 from the Street Reconstruction and Resurfacing Stabilization Fund to the Somerville Avenue Streetscape Bond Fund to pay down capital expenses.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION****FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0807](#)) Requesting approval to appropriate \$999,000 from the Facility Construction and Renovation Stabilization Fund to the Building Improvements Bond Fund to pay down building renovation expenses.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION****FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0819](#)) Requesting approval to appropriate \$545,985 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to Fire Pumper Bond Fund 51855 for the purposes of funding a new fire pumper.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION****FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0820](#)) Requesting approval to appropriate \$532,449 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to the Fire Pumper Bond Fund 5187 for the purpose of funding a new fire pumper.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0810](#)) Requesting approval to appropriate \$320,000 from the Street Reconstruction and Resurfacing Stabilization Fund to the Union Square Streetscape and Plaza Bond Fund to pay down streetscape improvement expenses.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION****FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0803](#)) Requesting approval to appropriate \$182,469 from the Opioid Recovery and Remediation Stabilization fund for the Healthcare for the Homeless program.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION****FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.11. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0733](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$4,000 from the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Undesignated Fund Balance to the CPA Historic Preservation Reserve.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION****FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.12. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0763](#)) Requesting approval to enter into a 60-month contract renewal term with Waste Management of Massachusetts Inc. for solid waste disposal.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION****FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.13. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0738](#)) Requesting approval to establish an Arts Council Furniture Account and to use \$2,000 in available funds from the Arts Council Professional & Technical Services Account to purchase new desks and chairs for staff.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION****FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.14. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0740](#)) Requesting approval of a time-only contract extension until 5/22/2027 for the contract with UELContractors Inc. for the completion of improvements at Junction Park.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION****FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

- 7.15. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0732](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend an \$11,000 grant and a \$4,200 grant with no new match required, from the Department of Fire Services to the Fire Department for fire safety education and supplies for school children and senior citizens.

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| | RESULT: <u>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</u> |
| | FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 7.16. Mayor's Request
(ID # 26-0707) | Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$6,660 using available funds in the Police Department Maintenance Software Account for fingerprinting machine software. |
| | RESULT: <u>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</u> |
| | FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 7.17. Mayor's Request
(ID # 26-0688) | Requesting approval of the 2026-2027 Housing and Urban Development One Year Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant, Home Investment Partnership, and Emergency Solutions Grant programs. |
| | RESULT: <u>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</u> |
| | FOLLOWUP: Housing, Community Development and Equity Committee |
| 7.18. Mayor's Request
(ID # 26-0830) | Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for CrimeTracer. |
| | RESULT: <u>REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</u> |
| | FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee |
| 7.19. Mayor's Request
(ID # 26-0729) | Requesting approval of an exemption for Linzy Buffington as required by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 268A, Section 20(b). |
| | RESULT: <u>APPROVED</u> |
| 7.20. Mayor's Request
(ID # 26-0730) | Requesting approval of an exemption for John Haverty as required by Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 268A, Section 20(b). |
| | RESULT: <u>APPROVED</u> |
| 7.21. Mayor's Request
(ID # 26-0731) | Requesting approval of an exemption for Peter George as required by Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 268A, Section 20(b). |
| | RESULT: <u>APPROVED</u> |
| 7.22. Mayor's Request
(ID # 26-0829) | Requesting approval of an exemption for Jasper Coles as required by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 268A, Section 20(b). |
| | RESULT: <u>APPROVED</u> |
| 7.23. Mayor's
Communication
(ID # 26-0741) | Proclaiming that the week of May 10 through May 17, 2026 is Taiwanese American Heritage Week. |
| | RESULT: <u>PLACED ON FILE</u> |
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- 7.24. Mayor's Communication (ID # [26-0742](#)) Proclaiming May 2026 to be Jewish American Heritage Month.
RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
- 7.25. Mayor's Communication (ID # [26-0743](#)) Proclaiming May 2026 to be Haitian American Heritage Month.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
- 7.26. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0654](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Christopher Camara to the position of Police Officer.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 7.27. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0734](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Kaleigh Kosta to the position of Police Officer.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 7.28. Mayor's Request (ID # [26-0655](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Taylor Perkins to the Fair Housing Commission.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee
- 7.29. Mayor's Communication (ID # [26-0727](#)) Conveying the appointment of Georgy Cohen to the Public Financing of Campaigns Committee.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
- 7.30. Withdrawn (ID # [26-0719](#)) Withdrawn.
RESULT: WITHDRAWN
- 7.31. Withdrawn (ID # [26-0498](#)) Withdrawn.
RESULT: WITHDRAWN
- 7.32. Withdrawn (ID # [26-0728](#)) Withdrawn.
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RESULT: WITHDRAWN

- 7.33. Withdrawn
(ID # [26-0737](#))

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 8.1. Officer's
Communication
(ID # [26-0735](#))
- City Clerk conveying her resignation, effective May 17, 2026.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- 8.2. Officer's
Communication
(ID # [26-0749](#))
- City Clerk conveying Block Party Licenses issued.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1. License
(ID # [26-0753](#))
- Renewing Drainlayer's License, Alfa Excavation Inc.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.2. License
(ID # [26-0754](#))
- Renewing Drainlayer's License, BSI Engineering.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.3. License
(ID # [26-0755](#))
- Renewing Drainlayer's License, CRL Inc.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.4. License
(ID # [26-0756](#))
- Renewing Drainlayer's License, F.E. French Construction Inc.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.5. License
(ID # [26-0757](#))
- Renewing Drainlayer's License, J.J. Phelan & Son Co., Inc.

RESULT: APPROVED

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| 9.6. License
(ID # 26-0758) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Kealey Excavation Corporation. |
| RESULT: <u>APPROVED</u> | |
| 9.7. License
(ID # 26-0759) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Milltown Plumbing & Heating Inc. |
| RESULT: <u>APPROVED</u> | |
| 9.8. License
(ID # 26-0760) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Riccio Excavation. |
| RESULT: <u>APPROVED</u> | |
| 9.9. License
(ID # 26-0761) | Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Alfredo's Italian Kitchen, 288 Broadway. |
| RESULT: <u>APPROVED</u> | |
| 9.10. License
(ID # 26-0762) | Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Cataldo Ambulance Service Inc., 137 Washington Street. |
| RESULT: <u>APPROVED</u> | |
| 9.11. License
(ID # 26-0764) | Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Chow N Joy, 626 Somerville Avenue. |
| RESULT: <u>APPROVED</u> | |
| 9.12. License
(ID # 26-0765) | Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Eat Greek Gyros, 215 Elm Street. |
| RESULT: <u>APPROVED</u> | |
| 9.13. License
(ID # 26-0766) | Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Lemon Thai Cuisine, 215 Highland Avenue. |
| RESULT: <u>APPROVED</u> | |
| 9.14. License
(ID # 26-0767) | Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Lucky Strike, 325 Revolution Drive. |
| RESULT: <u>APPROVED</u> | |
| 9.15. License
(ID # 26-0769) | Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Mayer Campus Center, 44 Professors Row. |
| RESULT: <u>APPROVED</u> | |
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- 9.16. License (ID # [26-0768](#)) Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Papa John's, 622 Somerville Avenue.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.17. License (ID # [26-0770](#)) Renewing Flammables License, Hillside Auto Repair, Inc., 583 Broadway.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.18. License (ID # [26-0771](#)) Renewing Flammables License, Somerville Mobil, 360 Medford Street.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.19. License (ID # [26-0772](#)) Renewing Garage License, Auto Plus, 229 Lowell Street.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.20. License (ID # [26-0773](#)) Renewing Garage License, Boston Sand and Gravel Company, 492R Rutherford Avenue.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.21. License (ID # [26-0774](#)) Renewing Garage License, Building 2 Owner LLC, 808 Windsor Street.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.22. License (ID # [26-0775](#)) Renewing Garage License, DW Propco EF LLC, 250 Water Street.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.23. License (ID # [26-0776](#)) Renewing Garage License, Four Wheels Auto, 83A Albion Street.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.24. License (ID # [26-0777](#)) Renewing Garage License, Fred M. Susan Auto Body, Inc., 269 Somerville Avenue.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.25. License (ID # [26-0778](#)) Renewing Garage License, Green Automotive Inc., 600 Windsor Place.
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| 9.26. License
(ID # 26-0779) | Renewing Garage License, Somerville Auto Center, 193 Somerville Avenue. |
| | RESULT: <u>APPROVED</u> |
| 9.27. License
(ID # 26-0780) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Yolande Trans., Inc., Med. #15. |
| | RESULT: <u>APPROVED</u> |
| 9.28. License
(ID # 26-0781) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Green and Yellow TNC of Somerville, Med. #27,33,34,35,36,37,38,53,54,67,68. |
| | RESULT: <u>APPROVED</u> |
| 9.29. License
(ID # 26-0782) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Mount Pleasant Taxi Inc, Med. #28,30,31,32,39,40,41,42,43. |
| | RESULT: <u>APPROVED</u> |
| 9.30. License
(ID # 26-0783) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Early Bird Transportation, LLC, Med. #49. |
| | RESULT: <u>APPROVED</u> |
| 9.31. License
(ID # 26-0784) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Charlie's Family LLC, Med. #80. |
| | RESULT: <u>APPROVED</u> |
| 9.32. License
(ID # 26-0785) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, HollyPaul Desravines, Med. #92. |
| | RESULT: <u>APPROVED</u> |
| 9.33. License
(ID # 26-0786) | Renewing Taxi Stand License, Green and Yellow Cab, 1 Davis Square. |
| | RESULT: <u>APPROVED</u> |
| 9.34. Public Event
(ID # 26-0789) | Office of Immigrant Affairs applying for a Public Event License for Haitian Flag Raising on May 18 from 2:30pm to 5:30pm. |
| | RESULT: <u>APPROVED</u> |
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- 9.35. Public Event
(ID # [26-0790](#)) Office of Immigrant Affairs applying for a Public Event License for New England Hong Kong Festival on May 30 from 8am to 8pm (raindate May 31).
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.36. Public Event
(ID # [26-0794](#)) Veterans Services Department applying for a Public Event License for Pride Flag Raising on June 4 from 4:30pm to 6:30pm.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.37. Public Event
(ID # [26-0796](#)) Mobility Division applying for a Public Event License for Quick Build Safety Improvements Open House on June 9 from 5pm to 8pm (raindate June 10).
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.38. Public Event
(ID # [26-0791](#)) Department of Racial and Social Justice applying for a Public Event License for Juneteenth Flag Raising on June 16 from 11am to 1:30pm (raindate June 17).
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.39. Public Event
(ID # [26-0788](#)) St. Anthony Parish applying for a Public Event License for Festa Junina 2026 on June 20 from 10am to 1am (raindate June 21).
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.40. Public Event
(ID # [26-0787](#)) Parks and Recreation Department applying for a Public Event License for Family Fun Day on June 27 from 10am to 7:30pm.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.41. Public Event
(ID # [26-0795](#)) Citixen Joy LLC applying for a Public Event License for Somer Fest on July 25 from 10am to 7:30pm (raindate July 26).
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.42. Public Event
(ID # [26-0793](#)) Alex Pickert applying for a Public Event License for NICE, a fest Vendor Market on July 25 and July 26 from 12pm to 12am.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.43. Public Event
(ID # [26-0792](#)) Police Department applying for a Public Event License for National Night Out on August 4 from 9am to 10:30pm (raindate August 5).
RESULT: APPROVED
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- 9.44. Public Communication (ID # [26-0798](#)) 25 residents submitting comments re: item #26-0287, a Zoning Text Amendment to amend the Zoning Ordinance sections 3.1.8c, 3.1.9c, 3.1.10c, 3.1.13k, 3.1.13l, 3.2.12l. and 3.2.12m.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
- 9.45. Public Communication (ID # [26-0799](#)) Four residents submitting comments re: item #26-0484, Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Body Worn Cameras.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
- 9.46. Public Communication (ID # [26-0800](#)) Dorinda Jaquith submitting comments re: parking permits.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
- 9.47. Public Communication (ID # [26-0801](#)) Hayley Richards submitting comments re: Kensington Avenue.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
- 9.48. Public Communication (ID # [26-0802](#)) Alison Davis submitting comments re: water in city parks.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
- 9.49. Public Communication (ID # [26-0804](#)) Yes In My Backyard (YIMBY) submitting comments re: 90 Washington Street.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 10.1. Officer's Communication (ID # [26-0849](#)) Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management conveying that a public hearing on proposed FY27 water and sewer rates will be held on May 28, 2026, pursuant to Section 11-125 of the Code of Ordinances.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
- 10.2. Officer's Communication (ID # [26-0851](#)) Director of Planning, Preservation and Zoning conveying updated language for item #26-0287, an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, as requested by the Committee on Land Use.
Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to substitute the ordinance language in this

item for the ordinance language in agenda item #26-0287. The text of this item can be found in agenda item #26-0287.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

10.3. Public Event
(ID # [26-0862](#))

Benjamin G. Brown School applying for a Public Event License for BGB Fun Run on May 22 from 7:30am to 2:30pm (raindate June 5).

RESULT: APPROVED

10.4. Public Event
(ID # [26-0863](#))

Isabel Calder applying for a Public Event License for Touch Grass & Meet IRL on May 23, June 21, and July 25 for various times (raindate May 24).

RESULT: APPROVED

10.5. Public
Communication
(ID # [26-0852](#))

Urban Forestry Committee submitting comments re: 90 Washington Street.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

10.6. Public
Communication
(ID # [26-0864](#))

John Henderson submitting comments re: item #26-0750, a Grant of Location to install 10 feet of conduit next to 135 Hudson Street.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:26 PM.