



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee

### Regular Meeting Agenda

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Monday, February 3, 2025

6:00 PM

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#### Roll Call

1. Committee Minutes (ID # [24-1770](#)) **Agenda Ready:** Approval of the Minutes of the Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee Meeting of December 10, 2024.
2. Order (ID # [25-0039](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Strezo That the Director of Health and Human Services provide an update on the availability and accessibility of free menstrual products in all city-owned bathrooms, including realistic sizes.

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3. Resolution (ID # [25-0062](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Clingan, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Mbah, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Sait, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson  
That the Administration return the Vietnam and Korean War memorials to a new, public location as soon as possible rather than waiting for a comprehensive plan for all veterans memorials.
  4. Order (ID # [25-0043](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Strezo and Councilor Mbah  
That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Veterans Services install signage at the previous locations of Veteran Memorial landmarks, acknowledging the missing Veterans Memorials and conveying to the public a timeline and/or plan for their re-installation.
  5. Order (ID # [25-0042](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Strezo, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Mbah and Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Veterans Services provide an estimated timeline as to when the removed Veteran's memorial monuments on the City Hall concourse will be re-installed.
  6. Order (ID # [25-0041](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Strezo  
That the Director of the Council on Aging discuss how the Council on Aging can help support seniors dealing with grocery store inflation and how the city can help support their transportation to regional discount grocery stores.
  7. Resolution (ID # [25-0040](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Strezo and Councilor Mbah  
That the Administration create a full time staff position within the Executive office, known as a Senior Liaison, who will work to prevent potential barriers within Somerville to growing older in place.
  8. Resolution (ID # [24-1178](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Mbah, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Strezo, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Sait  
That the Administration hire a liaison dedicated to working with senior residents in order to amplify their voices in city decision making.

9. Order (ID # [24-0788](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Strezo  
That this Council discuss how the lapse in consistent mail delivery in Somerville has affected municipal bill collection, reports of bills not received, or accounts marked delinquent.