



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

City Council

Regular Meeting Agenda

Thursday, September 22, 2022

7:00 PM

City Council Chamber and Remote
Participation

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1. OPENING CEREMONIES

- 1.1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
(ID # [22-1615](#))
- 1.2. Remembrances Remembrances.
(ID # [22-1616](#))
- 1.3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, August 25,
(ID # [22-1617](#)) 2022.

2. CITATIONS

- 2.1. Citation By Councilor McLaughlin
(ID # [22-1540](#)) Commending Rositha Durham for over 8 years of service as
the Clerk of Committees.
- 2.2. Citation By Councilor McLaughlin
(ID # [22-1541](#)) Commending J. Brandon Wilson for over 37 years of service in
the Planning and Historic Preservation divisions.

- 2.3. Citation By Councilor Ewen-Campen
(ID # [22-1550](#)) Commending Jessica Brayden for 15 years serving as CEO for RESPOND.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 3.1. Grant of Location Comcast applying for a Grant of Location to install 156 feet of
(ID # [22-1544](#)) conduit in Lake Street, from Utility Pole 1 to a point of pickup at the rear of 346 Somerville Avenue.
- 3.2. Grant of Location Comcast applying for a Grant of Location to install 45 feet of
(ID # [22-1545](#)) conduit in Sycamore Street, from Utility Pole 329/2 to a point of pickup at 8 Sycamore Street.
- 3.3. Grant of Location Verizon applying for a Grant of Location to install 174 feet of
(ID # [22-1546](#)) conduit in Broadway, from Manhole 44/302 located at the intersection of Broadway and Lincoln Street to a Utility Pole 18/2 located at the rear of 59 Broadway.
- 3.4. Grant of Location Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 60 feet
(ID # [22-1547](#)) of conduit in Washington Street, from Utility Pole 358/22 to a lighting control box.

4. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

- 4.1. Order By Councilor Strezo
(ID # [22-1564](#)) That the Chief Information Officer update this Council on the work to fix the WiFi signals and cell phone reception at the Winter Hill School.
- 4.2. Order By Councilor Strezo
(ID # [22-1565](#)) That the Director of Health and Human Services discuss how to support marginalized and under-served community members through expanded telehealth service availability.
- 4.3. Order By Councilor Strezo
(ID # [22-1566](#)) That the Director of Human Resources update this Council on the hiring process and staffing numbers for crossing guards for the 2022-2023 school year.
- 4.4. Order By Councilor Strezo
(ID # [22-1567](#)) That the Director of Human Resources discuss the possibility of modernizing crossing guard positions to attract candidates and increase hiring.
- 4.5. Order By Councilor Strezo
(ID # [22-1568](#)) That the Chief of Police inform this Council which intersections are prioritized with crossing guards.

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- 4.6. Order
(ID # [22-1570](#)) By Councilor Strezo
That the Director of Housing update this Council on maintenance issues of the 100 Homes Program.
- 4.7. Order
(ID # [22-1572](#)) By Councilor Strezo and Councilor Gomez Mouakad
That the Commissioner of Public Works take the necessary steps to remove the cable tied around the telephone pole at Lexington Avenue and Cedar Street.
- 4.8. Order
(ID # [22-1571](#)) By Councilor Strezo
That this Council's Committee on Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations hold a public hearing to discuss the feasibility of conducting CORI and SORI checks for Crisis Pregnancy Centers.
- 4.9. Order
(ID # [22-1573](#)) By Councilor Strezo
That this Council discuss the attached letter from the Somerville Council of PTAs regarding the condition of school buildings.
- 4.10. Order
(ID # [22-1574](#)) By Councilor Strezo and Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Director of Mobility place signs at the intersections of Central Street and Highland Avenue and Central Street and Summer Street, informing the public that the Somerville Museum is open during construction.
- 4.11. Resolution
(ID # [22-1569](#)) By Councilor Strezo
That the Memorialization Committee commemorate the legacy of Peggy Citarella, former Somerville resident and the first female welder at the Charlestown Navy Yard during WWII.
- 4.12. Order
(ID # [22-1590](#)) By Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Pineda Neufeld
That the Commissioner of Public Works report on the power outage at the West Somerville Public School on September 7, 2022 and the measures being taken for temporary and permanent repairs.
- 4.13. Order
(ID # [22-1591](#)) By Councilor Gomez Mouakad
That the Director of Mobility and the Commissioner of Public Works assess the need for additional bike racks in all school buildings.
- 4.14. Resolution
(ID # [22-1592](#)) By Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Pineda Neufeld
That this City Council hereby recognizes the period of September 15th to October 15th as Hispanic Heritage Month

- 4.15. Order
(ID # [22-1593](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Director of Planning, Preservation and Zoning update this Council on current draft zoning requirements of the MBTA Communities Act.
- 4.16. Order
(ID # [22-1594](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Clingan
That the Director of Water and Sewer update this Council on the cause of the sinkhole near 370 Medford Street and what is being done to address this problem.
- 4.17. Order
(ID # [22-1596](#)) By Councilor Burnley Jr.
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management present to this Council, a plan to fix the Somerville Media Center's roof.
- 4.18. Order
(ID # [22-1597](#)) By Councilor Burnley Jr.
That the Director of Racial and Social Justice present an update to this Council on efforts to hire an Executive Director for the Human Rights Commission.
- 4.19. Resolution
(ID # [22-1595](#)) By Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Ewen-Campen
That this City Council supports ending the United States blockade of Cuba.
- 4.20. Order
(ID # [22-1598](#)) By Councilor Wilson
That the Election Commissioner update this Council on the September 6, 2022 primary, including the number of voters moved to the List of Inactive Voters prior to this election and the number of affirmations signed by voters on the List of Inactive Voters, with comparisons to prior years.
- 4.21. Order
(ID # [22-1599](#)) By Councilor Wilson
That the Director of Mobility provide documentation of the current process for determining the locations of traffic calming measures, and communicate this information to the public via the website.
- 4.22. Order
(ID # [22-1600](#)) By Councilor Wilson
That the Director of Engineering provide documentation of the current process for determining the street selection for Fall and partial repaving, and communicate this information via the website.
- 4.23. Order
(ID # [22-1601](#)) By Councilor Wilson
That the Chief of Police and the Director of Parking enforce regulations on vehicular stopping and standing in bicycle lanes.

- 4.24. Order
(ID # [22-1602](#)) By Councilor Wilson
That the Director of the Office of Sustainability and Environment update this Council on plans to resume the composting program in Somerville Public Schools.
- 4.25. Order
(ID # [22-1603](#)) By Councilor Wilson
That the Commissioner of Public Works update this Council on the recent closure of Lincoln Park soccer field and the condition of the playing surface.
- 4.26. Order
(ID # [22-1604](#)) By Councilor Wilson
That the Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry update this Council on the status of current and future athletic field projects.
- 4.27. Order
(ID # [22-1605](#)) By Councilor Wilson
That the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development update this Council on any Host Community Agreements with recreational cannabis retail operators currently in development.
- 4.28. Order
(ID # [22-1606](#)) By Councilor Clingan
That the Commissioner of Public Works install speed bumps at Heath Street, Ash Avenue, and Edgar Avenue.
- 4.29. Order
(ID # [22-1608](#)) By Councilor Clingan and Councilor Strezo
That the Commissioner of Public Works install speed bumps on Thurston Street.
- 4.30. Order
(ID # [22-1607](#)) By Councilor Clingan
That the Director of Mobility install a NO HEAVY TRUCKS sign on Shore Drive.
- 4.31. Resolution
(ID # [22-1589](#)) By Councilor Pineda Neufeld
That the Somerville City Council supports Yes on 4 for Safer Roads.
- 4.32. Communication
(ID # [22-1534](#)) By Councilor McLaughlin
In his capacity as President, conveying updated Standing and Special Committee assignments and Commission appointments.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

6.A. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

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- 6.A.1. Committee Report (ID # [22-1577](#)) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters meeting on September 13, 2022.
- 6.A.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1087](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Neeraj Wadhra to the Council on Aging.
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- 6.A.3. Order (ID # [22-1459](#))
By Councilor Pineda Neufeld
That the City Solicitor update this Council on the 8/11/22 Civil Service Commission decision Fairchild, Matthew v. City of Somerville, and the impact on the confirmations process.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed.
- 6.A.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1510](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Mark Sternman to the Library Board of Trustees.
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- 6.A.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1512](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Lamia Mamoon to the Library Board of Trustees.
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- 6.A.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1513](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Janaki Perera to the Library Board of Trustees.
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- 6.B. EQUITY, GENDER, FAMILIES AND VULNERABLE POPULATIONS COMMITTEE**
- 6.B.1. Committee Report (ID # [22-1578](#)) Report of the Committee on Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations, meeting on September 19, 2022.
- 6.B.2. Order (ID # [22-0286](#))
By Councilor Strezo
That this City Council work with the Administration to explore an internship program for high school students.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed.
- 6.B.3. Resolution (ID # [22-0287](#))
By Councilor Strezo
That this City Council work with the Administration and School District on a year-round expansion of a summer jobs internship program with a focus on addressing Out of School Time.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed.
- 6.B.4. Order (ID # [22-0594](#))
By Councilor Wilson, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott and Councilor Kelly
That the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development and the Somerville Arts Council update this Council on the Arts Space Needs Assessment and the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) report.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed.
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- 6.B.5. Order
(ID # [22-1273](#)) By Councilor Scott and Councilor Clingan
That the ADA coordinator deliver to this Council, any budgetary requests of the Commission for Persons with Disabilities from the General Fund.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed.
- 6.B.6. Order
(ID # [22-1274](#)) By Councilor Scott and Councilor Clingan
That the Administration provide a report of all public HP parking spaces.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed.
- 6.B.7. Order
(ID # [22-1275](#)) By Councilor Scott and Councilor Clingan
That the Director of Finance provide a report of handicap parking fine receipts in FY 2022.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed.
- 6.B.8. Order
(ID # [22-1276](#)) By Councilor Scott and Councilor Clingan
That the Director of Parking provide a record of all parking tickets issued for handicap parking violations in FY 2022.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed.
- 6.B.9. Order
(ID # [22-1299](#)) By Councilor Strezo
That the Chief of Police provide this Council with the number of rape kits administered in the past five years, and the number that were included as evidence in court cases.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed.
- 6.B.10. Resolution
(ID # [22-1300](#)) By Councilor Strezo
That the Middlesex County District Attorney provide this Council with the number of rape kits tested and the number used as evidence in Somerville court cases over the past five years.
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed.

6.C. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 6.C.1. Committee Report
(ID # [22-1579](#)) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on September 20, 2022.
- 6.C.2. Mayor's Request
(ID # [22-1439](#)) Requesting authorization to borrow \$993,132 in a bond, and to authorization to appropriate the same amount for the General Fund portion of the Clarendon Hills Infrastructure Improvements project.
RECOMMENDED: Approved.

- 6.C.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1440](#)) Requesting authorization to borrow \$662,088 in a bond, and authorization to appropriate the same amount for the Sewer portion of the Clarendon Hills Infrastructure Improvements Project.
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- 6.C.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1509](#)) Requesting acceptance of an additional \$500,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development for Clarendon Hill Project infrastructure improvements.
RECOMMENDED: Approved.

6.D. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- 6.D.1. Committee Report (ID # [22-1576](#)) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on September 13, 2022.
- 6.D.2. Ordinance (ID # [22-1171](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Scott, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Davis, Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Burnley Jr.
Proposing an amendment to the Surveillance Oversight Ordinance (Chapter 10, Article III, Sec 10.63) to remove the exemption for body-worn cameras.
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- 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: Approved.
- 6.D.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1494](#)) Requesting the acceptance of Section 84 of Chapter 179 of the Acts of 2022 for local approval of the provisions of the Clean Energy and Offshore Wind Act.
RECOMMENDED: Approved.

6.E. RULES SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- 6.E.1. Committee Report (ID # [22-1575](#)) Report of the Committee on Rules, meeting on September 12, 2022.

- 6.E.2. Order
(ID # [22-0162](#)) By Councilor Strezo
That the Administration provide paper copies for any reports before this Council for approval, unless Councilors have opted-out.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File.
- 6.E.3. Order
(ID # [22-0502](#)) By Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Wilson and Councilor Davis
That this Council amend its rules to include gender neutral language rather than gender binary language such as "he/she".
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File.
- 6.E.4. Order
(ID # [22-0503](#)) By Councilor Burnley Jr.
That this Council amend Rule 31 to remove the mention of a mandatory prayer at the beginning of each Council meeting.
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File.

7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 7.1. Mayor's Request
(ID # [22-1526](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$286 using available funds in the Fire Department Computer Supplies Account for the purchase of ink for the graphics printer.
- 7.2. Mayor's Request
(ID # [22-1581](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Mark Atwater to the position of Firefighter.
- 7.3. Mayor's Request
(ID # [22-1582](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Zachary Avery to the position of Firefighter.
- 7.4. Mayor's Request
(ID # [22-1584](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Joseph Nutile to the position of Firefighter.
- 7.5. Mayor's Request
(ID # [22-1585](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Mark Scullari to the position of Firefighter.
- 7.6. Mayor's Request
(ID # [22-1586](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Christopher Tirrell to the position of Firefighter.
- 7.7. Mayor's Request
(ID # [22-1587](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Alex Artinian to the position of Firefighter.
- 7.8. Mayor's Request
(ID # [22-1588](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Brian Langton to the position of Firefighter.
- 7.9. Mayor's Request
(ID # [22-1614](#)) Requesting that the City Council authorize a Police Officer to be assigned at Polling Places on November 8, 2022 and authorize the Chief of Police to assign Police Officers to the listed Polling Places on November 8, 2022.

8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**9. NEW BUSINESS**

- 9.1. License New Drainlayer's License, D&M Civil Inc.
(ID # [22-1553](#))
- 9.2. License Renewing Drainlayer's License, Hercules C + G Drain Inc.
(ID # [22-1543](#))
- 9.3. License Renewing Flammables License, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 259
(ID # [22-1611](#)) McGrath Hwy.
- 9.4. License Renewing Garage License, Herb Chambers I-93, 71 Linwood
(ID # [22-1610](#)) St.
- 9.5. License Renewing Garage License, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 19 Joy
(ID # [22-1612](#)) St.
- 9.6. License Renewing Garage License, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 161
(ID # [22-1609](#)) Linwood St.
- 9.7. License Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Mercedes Benz of Boston,
(ID # [22-1613](#)) 161 Linwood St.
- 9.8. Public Event Parks and Recreation applying for a Public Event License for
(ID # [22-1548](#)) Fall Festival on September 24 from 12pm to 4:30pm (raindate
September 25).
- 9.9. Public Event David Margolin applying for a Public Event License for
(ID # [22-1554](#)) Highland Rd BP on September 24 from 2pm to 8pm (raindate
October 2).
- 9.10. Public Event Arts Council applying for a Public Event License for Ignite
(ID # [22-1580](#)) Festival on October 1 from 2pm to 11pm (raindate October 2).
- 9.11. Public Event Beth Kelves applying for a Public Event License for Hancock
(ID # [22-1561](#)) St BP on October 2 from 12pm to 7:30pm.
- 9.12. Public Event Tiffany Cayarga applying for a Public Event License for
(ID # [22-1556](#)) Blocktober Fest on October 15 from 5pm to 10pm (raindate
October 16).
- 9.13. Public Event Zachary Baum applying for a Public Event License for Annual
(ID # [22-1555](#)) Vintage Market on October 16 from 9am to 9pm (raindate
October 23).
- 9.14. Public Event Somerville Road Runners applying for a Public Event License
(ID # [22-1549](#)) for 26th Annual Gobble Gobble Race on November 24
from 6am to 1pm.

10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 10.1. Order (ID # [22-1618](#)) By Councilor Wilson and Councilor Gomez Mouakad
That the Director of Parks and Recreation update this Council on staffing challenges at the Ginny Smithers Sanders Pool.
- 10.2. Order (ID # [22-1619](#)) By Councilor Wilson
That the Director of Finance update this Council on the impact to long-term municipal revenue projections from the state law change lowering the Community Impact Fee for cannabis retail businesses.
- 10.3. Communication (ID # [22-1623](#)) By Councilor Pineda Neufeld
Conveying an update from the ARPA Advisory Committee meeting of September 21, 2022.
- 10.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1535](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$36,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Environmental Protection to the Department of Public Works for the Sustainable Materials Recovery Program.
- 10.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1560](#)) Requesting approval to enter into a new solar net metering agreement (IndustriPlex Class III) with ECA NEMA Brightfields II, LLC.
- 10.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1562](#)) Requesting approval to enter into a new solar net metering agreement (IndustriPlex Class II) with ECA NEMA Brightfields II, LLC.

11. LATE ITEMS**12. ADJOURNMENT**