



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

City Council

Special Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, June 28, 2023

6:00 PM

Virtual

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1. OPENING CEREMONIES

- 1.1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
(ID # [23-1123](#))
- 1.2. Remembrances Remembrances.
(ID # [23-1125](#))
- 1.3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting, June 1,
(ID # [23-1126](#)) 2023.

2. CITATIONS

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 5.1. Order By Councilor Wilson
(ID # [23-0922](#)) That the City Solicitor appear in executive session pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3) to update this council on the status of collective bargaining negotiations with all municipal bargaining units.

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**6.A. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- 6.A.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on June
(ID # [23-1121](#)) 27, 2023.
- Order By Councilor Pineda Neufeld
(ID # [23-0457](#)) That this City Council discuss data from the FY 2023 budget hearings and assess the budget hearing process for FY 2024.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.
- Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a multi-year lease agreement for
(ID # [23-0667](#)) the East Somerville Police Station.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- Mayor's Request Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$6,781
(ID # [23-0813](#)) Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) grant, with no new match required, from the Department of Fire Services to the Fire Department for fire prevention education for students.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- Mayor's Request Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$2,677
(ID # [23-0814](#)) Senior Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) grant, with no new match required, from the Department of Fire Services to the Fire Department for fire prevention education for older adults.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- Ordinance By Councilor Scott and Councilor Wilson
(ID # [23-0827](#)) Amending Section 2-323 of the Code of Ordinances, Salary Ranges, to provide cost-of-living adjustments for School Committee Members and City Councilors.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be discharged with no recommendation.

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- Mayor's Request
(ID # [23-0844](#)) Requesting authorization to borrow \$6,430,638 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for the Assembly Square Fire Station fit-out.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- Mayor's Request
(ID # [23-0846](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$24,117.07 grant that requires a match, from the Metropolitan Mayors Coalition Community Safety Initiative to the Police Department for youth violence prevention.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- Mayor's Request
(ID # [23-0847](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$8,039.02 from the Police Department Personal Services Overtime Account to the Police Department Special Items Grant Match Account to fund the Metropolitan Mayors Coalition Community Safety Initiative Shannon Grant match.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- Mayor's Request
(ID # [23-0925](#)) Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Sections 2-322 and 2-323 of the Code of Ordinances, to update categories and associated salaries for non-union positions.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- Mayor's Request
(ID # [23-0947](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$80,000 from the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Fund Undesignated Fund to Vida Real for continued restoration of the bell tower at 404 Broadway.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- Mayor's Request
(ID # [23-0951](#)) Requesting approval to accept the 2023-2024 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant, Home Investment Partnership and Emergency Solutions Grant programs, totaling \$3,321,097.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.
- Mayor's Request
(ID # [23-1063](#)) Requesting approval of the First Amendment to Fiber Optic Communications Easement Agreement with TOWARDEX.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.

Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1065](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$500,000 grant amendment with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Addiction Services to the Health and Human Services Department for regional youth substance misuse prevention efforts.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.

Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1088](#)) Requesting authorization to seek funding and enter into related agreements with the Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) grant, appropriate funding, and dedicate 217 Somerville Avenue as open space and recreational use in perpetuity.
RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.

7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

7.1. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-1119](#)) Requesting the transfer of \$310,000 from the Health Insurance Account to the Law Department's Damages to Persons and Property Account to fund settlement of John Doe v. City of Somerville & Josh Wairi.

8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

8.1. Officer's Communication (ID # [23-1120](#)) City Solicitor requesting to appear in Executive Session with attorneys from Brody, Hardoon, Perkins & Kesten, LLP, to discuss John Doe v. City of Somerville & Josh Wairi.

9. NEW BUSINESS

10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

11. LATE ITEMS

12. ADJOURNMENT