

City of Somerville, Massachusetts City Council

Regular Meeting Agenda

Thursday, October 12, 2023	7:00 PM	City Council Chamber and Remote
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1. **OPENING CEREMONIES**

1.1.	Roll Call (ID # <u>23-1535</u>)	Call of the Roll.
1.2.	Remembrances (ID # <u>23-1536</u>)	Remembrances.
1.3.	Minutes (ID # <u>23-1537</u>)	Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, September 14, 2023.
2.	CITATIONS	
2. 2.1.	CITATIONS Citation (ID # <u>23-1533</u>)	By Councilor Gomez Mouakad Commending Gandhy Aldana for her contributions to the Latino community in Somerville.

3. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

3.1.	Grant of Location (ID # <u>23-1527</u>)	Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 50 feet of conduit in Allen Street, from Manhole 31939 to a point of pickup at 13 Allen Street.
3.2.	Grant of Location (ID # <u>23-1528</u>)	Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install a total of 302 feet of conduit and a new manhole as follows: Starting from existing Manhole 86582 located at the intersection of Somerville Avenue and Allen Street to a new manhole. From said manhole, to a point of pickup at 21 Allen Street.
3.3.	Grant of Location (ID # <u>23-1529</u>)	Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 7 feet of conduit in Alpine Street, from Utility Pole 7/1 to a point of pickup at 2 Alpine Street.
3.4.	Grant of Location (ID # <u>23-1530</u>)	Cambridge Network Solutions applying for a Grant of Location to install 198 feet of conduit in pathway between Gore Street, Cambridge and Medford Street, from existing Verizon Manhole 26/514 to a point of pickup at 14 McGrath Highway.
4.	ORDERS, ORDIN	ANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS
4.1.	Order (ID # <u>23-1509</u>)	By Councilor Strezo and Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Director of Engineering consider installing speed humps and additional traffic calming measures to address excessive speed and cut-through traffic on Warren Avenue.
4.2.		
	Resolution (ID # <u>23-1510</u>)	By Councilor Strezo That the Administration report on the fall and winter food distribution plans for Winter Hill Community Innovation School students at both locations.
4.3.		That the Administration report on the fall and winter food distribution plans for Winter Hill Community

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4.5.	Resolution (ID # <u>23-1526</u>)	By Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Clingan Supporting the passage of H.3802 and S.1489, An Act Creating a Municipal and Public Safety Building Authority.	
5.	UNFINISHED BU	SINESS	
5.1.	Public Communication (ID # <u>23-1033</u>)	David Einis requesting the adoption of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Map to change the zoning district of 0 White Street Place from Mid-Rise 4 (MR4) to Urban Residential (UR) and 14 White Street Place from Neighborhood Residential (NR) to UR.	
6.	REPORTS OF CO	DMMITTEES	
<u>6.A.</u>	LAND USE COMM	<u>AITTEE</u>	
6.A.1.	Committee Report (ID # <u>23-1514</u>)	Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on October 5, 2023.	
6.A.2.	Mayor's Communication (ID # <u>23-0356</u>)	Conveying the Somerville Linkage Nexus Study Final Report. RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.	
6.A.3.	Order (ID # <u>23-0459</u>)	By Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Planning, Preservation and Zoning update this Council on the status of the property on Palmer Court, purchased by the city for the purpose of creating green space. RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.	
6.A.4.	Public Communication (ID # <u>23-0635</u>)	Union Square One Development, LLC requesting the adoption of a Zoning Text Amendment to Section 8.17. g. iii to permit variations to build out regulations by special permit in the CC5 District, USQ sub-area. RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be placed on file.	
<u>6.B.</u>	LEGISLATIVE MA	ATTERS COMMITTEE	
6.B.1.	Committee Report (ID # <u>23-1504</u>)	Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on October 3, 2023.	
6.B.2.	Order (ID # <u>22-0035</u>)	By Councilor Davis That the City Solicitor draft language to change all propouns in the city's ordinances to gender-neutral	

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6.B.3.	Ordinance (ID # <u>22-0168</u>)	By Councilor Strezo and Councilor Ewen-Campen Amendment to Ordinance 2-221, regarding adult use marijuana licenses, as described within. RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be placed on file.	
6.B.4.	Order (ID # <u>22-0278</u>)	By Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Wilson That the Director of Mobility review the attached draft Act Relative to the Operation and Regulation of Electric Bicycles in the City of Salem and consider supporting similar legislation. RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.	
6.B.5.	Ordinance (ID # <u>23-0076</u>)	By Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Kelly, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Scott Amending Chapter 8, Article I of the Code of Ordinances by adding a new section regarding Closed Captioning Accessibility. RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be approved.	
<u>6.C.</u>	PUBLIC UTILITIES	S AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE	
6.C.1.	Committee Report (ID # <u>23-1502</u>)	Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, meeting on October 2, 2023.	
6.C.2.	Order (ID # <u>23-0055</u>)	By Councilor Clingan That the Director of Engineering and the Superintendent of Water and Sewer appear before this Council's Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works to discuss the notification protocols for street work and water shutoffs. RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.	
6.C.3.	Order (ID # <u>23-0328</u>)	By Councilor Strezo and Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Commissioner of Public Works immediately remove, or raise to a safe height, the cables attached to a pole at the intersection of Harvard and Monmouth Streets, and report to the City Council who owns the pole. RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.	

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6.C.4.	Order (ID # <u>23-0524</u>)	By Councilor Strezo and Councilor Clingan That the Commissioner of Public Works remove, or raise to a safe height, the cables attached to a utility pole at 54 Ten Hills Road, and report to this City Council who owns the pole. RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.	
6.C.5.	Order (ID # <u>23-0525</u>)	By Councilor Strezo and Councilor Pineda Neufeld That the Commissioner of Public Works remove or raise above human reach, the overhead wires tied to a porch railing at 76 Curtis Street, and report back to this City Council who is responsible for the wires. RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.	
6.C.6.	Order (ID # <u>23-0780</u>)	By Councilor Strezo That the Commissioner of Public Works remove, or raise above human height, the dangling wire tied to a street sign in front of 88 Foskett Street, and report to this City Council who owns the pole. RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.	
6.C.7.	Order (ID # <u>23-0783</u>)	 By Councilor Strezo That the Commissioner of Public Works remove, or raise above human height, the wire wrapped around a pole at 336 Washington Street, and report to this City Council who owns the pole. RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed. 	
6.C.8.	Order (ID # <u>23-0787</u>)	By Councilor Strezo That the Commissioner of Public Works remove, or move to a safer location, the heavy cables tied to wires and suspended above the sidewalk in front of 67-69 Merriam Street, and report to this City Council who owns the poles. RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.	
6.C.9.	Order (ID # <u>23-0788</u>)	By Councilor Strezo That the Commissioner of Public Works remove, or raise above human height, the dangling wires in front of 143 Hudson Street, and report to this City Council who owns the poles. RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.	

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6.C.10.Order (ID # <u>23-0789</u>)	By Councilor Strezo That the Commissioner of Public Works remove, or raise above human height, the dangling wires in front of 43 Hudson Street, and report to this City Council who owns the poles. RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.	
6.C.11.Order (ID # <u>23-0790</u>)	By Councilor Strezo That the Commissioner of Public Works remove or relocate the wires tied around a pole in front of 21 Properzi Way, and report to this City Council who owns the poles. RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.	
6.C.12.Order (ID # <u>23-0883</u>)	By Councilor Strezo That the Commissioner of Public Works remove or raise above human height, the wire wrapped around a pole in front of 54 Porter Street, and report back to this City Council who owns the pole. RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.	
6.C.13.Order (ID # <u>23-0884</u>)	By Councilor Strezo That the Commissioner of Public Works remove or raise above human height, the wire wrapped around a street sign in front of 9 Brastow Avenue, and report back to this City Council who owns the pole. RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.	
6.C.14.Order (ID # <u>23-0885</u>)	By Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Engineering, the Director of Water and Sewer, and the Executive Director of the Arts Council collaborate to start an "Adopt a Catch Basin" program to promote visibility and cleanliness of catch basins in creative and artistic ways. RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.	
6.C.15.Order (ID # <u>23-0887</u>)	By Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Strezo That the Director of Mobility install speed bumps on Myrtle Street, Lincoln Avenue and Virginia Street. RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.	

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6.C.16	.Order (ID # <u>23-0888</u>)	By Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Engineering update the Ward 1 Councilor regarding the pavement of Otis Street, which is half completed on one side. RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.	
6.C.17	.Order (ID # <u>23-0889</u>)	By Councilor McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the potholes on the unfinished side of Otis Street. RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.	
6.C.18	.Order (ID # <u>23-0892</u>)	By Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Mobility repaint the NO BIKES ON SIDEWALKS signs along East Broadway. RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.	
6.C.19	.Order (ID # <u>23-0996</u>)	By Councilor Strezo and Councilor McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works remove or raise above human height, the low hanging wire in front of 11 Bonair Street, and report to this City Council who owns the pole. RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.	
6.C.20	.Order (ID # <u>23-0997</u>)	By Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Engineering utilize the partial paving program to address streets in East Somerville that have private trench restoration, to ensure half-paved streets are fully paved. RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.	
6.C.21	.Order (ID # <u>23-1363</u>)	By Councilor Strezo That the Commissioner of Public Works raise the low-hanging wires in front of 50 Chandler Street so that they do not get snagged on cars. RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.	
<u>6.D.</u>	SCHOOL BUILDIN	G FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE SPECIAL COMM	<u> 1ITTEE</u>
6.D.1.	Committee Report (ID # <u>23-1512</u>)	Report of the Special Committee on School Building Facilities and Maintenance, meeting on October 4, 2023.	

	(ID # <u>23-0992</u>)	Councilor Wilson
		That the Administration develop a five-year assessment
		plan for school building systems and structures for all
		schools over five years old, to ensure proper funding is in
		place for capital repairs and to ensure the safety and
		undisrupted operation of schools.
		RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.
6.D.3.	Resolution	By Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Clingan and
	(ID # <u>23-0993</u>)	Councilor Wilson
	·	That the Administration publish yearly on the city
		website, a list of ongoing school repairs and
		improvements, similar to that posted by Chelsea Public
		Schools, and provide a yearly report to the City Council
		of such repairs and improvements before and after completion.
		RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work
		completed.
6.D.4.	Order	By Councilor Clingan and Councilor Ewen-Campen
	(ID # <u>23-1359</u>)	That the Director of Capital Projects provide this Council
		with a printed timeline for the reconstruction of a new
		Winter Hill Community School.
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RECOMMENDED: Recommended to be marked work completed.

7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

7.1.	Mayor's Request (ID # <u>23-1493</u>)	Requesting the appropriation of \$113,440 from the Community Preservation Act Historic Preservation Reserve Fund to Just A Start for restoration and reinstallation of a historic window at 24 Webster Ave.
7.2.	Mayor's Request (ID # <u>23-1492</u>)	Requesting the appropriation of \$67,478 from the Community Preservation Act Historic Preservation Reserve Fund to the Somerville Museum for storage area renovation.
7.3.	Mayor's Request (ID # <u>23-1403</u>)	Requesting approval of a transfer of \$11,059.72 from the Health and Human Services Professional and Technical Account to the Department of Public Works Building Rentals Account for three additional seasonal, portable bathrooms.

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7.4.	Mayor's Request (ID # <u>23-1501</u>)	Requesting approval to accept and expend a grant with no new match required, from the Department of Fire Services to the Fire Department for the reimbursement of Hazardous Material Response Team members.	
7.5.	Mayor's Request (ID # <u>23-1474</u>)	Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$44,167.81 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Electricity Account for solar net metering.	
7.6.	Mayor's Request (ID # <u>23-1496</u>)	Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$26,721.10 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Electricity Account for solar net metering.	
7.7.	Mayor's Request (ID # <u>23-1475</u>)	Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$25,418.02 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Electricity Account for solar net metering.	
7.8.	Mayor's Request (ID # <u>23-1497</u>)	Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$4,729.64 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Natural Gas Account for natural gas supply services.	
7.9.	Mayor's Request (ID # <u>23-1404</u>)	Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$1,625 using available funds in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development Parks and Urban Forestry Division Account for Wedding Nook and Quincy Street open space production.	
7.10.	Mayor's Request (ID # <u>23-1498</u>)	Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$1,436.40 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Grounds R&M Facility, Parks & Playgrounds for irrigation system repair and maintenance.	
7.11.	Mayor's Request (ID # <u>23-1500</u>)	Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$371.44 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Motor Parts & Accessories Account for pump replacement parts.	
7.12.	Mayor's Request (ID # <u>23-1499</u>)	Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$280 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Employee Training Account for Construction Supervisor continuing education.	
7.13.	Mayor's Request (ID # <u>23-1531</u>)	Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for GrayKey Digital Forensics Analysis Tool.	

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7.14.	Mayor's Request (ID # <u>23-1532</u>)	Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Camera Ticket Enforcement.	
8.	COMMUNICATIO	ONS OF CITY OFFICERS	
8.1.	Officer's Communication (ID # <u>23-1507</u>)	City Clerk conveying information regarding item #23-0076, amending the Code of Ordinances by adding a new section regarding Closed Captioning Accessibility.	
9.	NEW BUSINESS		
9.1.	Public Event (ID # <u>23-1524</u>)	Tivoli Olsen applying for a Public Event License for Murdock St BP on October 14 from 10:30am to 6:30pm (raindate October 15).	
9.2.	Public Event (ID # <u>23-1523</u>)	Jack Connolly applying for a Public Event License for Grove St BP on October 14 from 1pm to 7pm (raindates October 15 and October 21).	
9.3.	Public Event (ID # <u>23-1520</u>)	Lorna McKenzie-Pollock applying for a Public Event License for Prospect Hill BP on October 14 from 3pm to 8pm (raindate October 15).	
9.4.	Public Event (ID # <u>23-1518</u>)	Dolly Goldenberg applying for a Public Event License for Belmont St Halloween BP on October 29 from 1pm to 6pm.	
9.5.	Public Event (ID # <u>23-1519</u>)	Kim Durniak applying for a Public Event License for Norwood Ave BP on October 29 from 1pm to 7pm (raindate November 5).	
9.6.	Public Event (ID # <u>23-1522</u>)	Ani Ajemian applying for a Public Event License for Halloween on Heath on October 29 from 1pm to 9pm.	
9.7.	Public Event (ID # <u>23-1521</u>)	Kelsey Kent applying for a Public Event License for Halloween on Lexington on October 31 from 4pm to 9pm.	
9.8.	Public Communication (ID # <u>23-1506</u>)	Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) conveying the alteration of location of a section of State highway.	
9.9.	Public Communication (ID # <u>23-1334</u>)	Five residents submitting comments re: item #23-0940, a Zoning Map Amendment to change the zoning district of 200 Inner Belt Road from Commercial Industry (CI) to High-Rise (HR).	

10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

10.1.	Withdrawn	Withdrawn.
	(ID # 23-1495)	

10.2.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval of a transfer of \$30,020 from the
	(ID # <u>23-1538</u>)	Parking Department Parking Meter Receipts Account to
		the Capital-Building Lease Account for rental of parking
		spaces per the lease agreement between the Trustees of
		Tufts College and the City of Somerville.

- 10.3. License
(ID # 23-1540)New Drainlayer's License, C Naughton Corp.
- 10.4.LicenseRenewing Flammables License, DW Propco JK LLC, 0(ID # 23-1541)Dawes St.
- 10.5.LicenseRenewing Flammables License, U-Haul of Boston, 151(ID # 23-1542)Linwood St.
- 10.6.LicenseTransferring Flammables License, from John's Auto
sales to Sam's Gas & Service 166 Boston Avenue.
- 10.7.License
(ID # 23-1545)New Garage License, Sam's Gas and Service, 166 Boston
Avenue, 2 vehicles inside, 4 vehicles outside, Mon-Fri:
8am-6pm, Sat: 8am-4pm, Sun: closed.
- 10.8.LicenseNew Used Car Dealer License, Sam's Auto Sales, 166(ID # 23-1544)Boston Avenue, 0 vehicles inside, 28 vehicles outside,
Mon-Fri: 8am-6pm, Sat: 8am-2pm, Sun: closed.
- 10.9.Public Event
(ID # 23-1543)Katie Aucella applying for a Public Event License for
Elizabeth Peabody House Fall Festival on October 14
from 9am to 6pm (raindate October 15).
- 10.10. Public Event
(ID # 23-1549)Emma Garfinkel applying for a Public Event License for
Pomi Playground Playdate on October 26 from 2pm to
6:30pm.
- 10.11. Public Event
(ID # 23-1548)Mayor's Office applying for a Public Event License for
2nd Annual Truck O Treat on October 26 from 4pm to
8pm.
- 10.12. Public
Communication
(ID # 23-1539)Robert Collins submitting comments re: transportation
infrastructure.
- 11. LATE ITEMS
- **12. ADJOURNMENT**