



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

### Regular Meeting Agenda

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#### Roll Call

1. Committee Minutes (ID # 23-0733) **Approval Review:** Approval of the Minutes of the Public Utilities and Public Works Committee Meeting of May 8, 2023.
2. Order (ID # [23-1399](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Davis  
That the Administration report to this Council on the ability to require further repairs on Highland Ave, and if none, an explanation on whether that complies with road engineering regulations.
3. Order (ID # [23-1397](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Wilson and Councilor Pineda Neufeld  
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management update this Council on the sewer separation work and any opportunities for prioritizing problematic areas of the city.

4. Order  
(ID # [23-1183](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the Director of Water and Sewer and the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management explain what maintenance will be required for the new Poplar Street Pump Station and Spring Hill Sewer Separation Project, and how these maintenance requirements will be staffed to ensure their proper upkeep.
5. Order  
(ID # [23-1355](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson  
That the Director of Engineering re-pave Highland Avenue from Central Street to Walnut Street this year instead of waiting until 2024.
6. Order  
(ID # [23-0997](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** 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.
7. Order  
(ID # [23-0888](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** 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.
8. Order  
(ID # [23-0885](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** 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.
9. Order  
(ID # [23-0055](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** 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.
10. Order  
(ID # [23-0892](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Director of Mobility repaint the NO BIKES ON SIDEWALKS signs along East Broadway.

11. Order  
(ID # [23-0887](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor McLaughlin,  
Councilor Wilson and Councilor Strezo  
That the Director of Mobility install speed bumps on  
Myrtle Street, Lincoln Avenue and Virginia Street.
12. Order  
(ID # [23-1363](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** 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.
13. Order  
(ID # [23-0996](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** 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.
14. Order  
(ID # [23-0884](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** 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.
15. Order  
(ID # [23-0883](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** 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.
16. Order  
(ID # [23-0783](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** 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.
17. Order  
(ID # [23-0788](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** 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.
18. Order  
(ID # [23-0789](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** 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.

19. Order (ID # [23-0780](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** 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.
20. Order (ID # [23-0524](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** 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.
21. Order (ID # [23-0525](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** 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.
22. Order (ID # [23-0328](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** 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.
23. Order (ID # [23-0790](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** 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.
24. Order (ID # [23-0787](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** 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.
25. Order (ID # [23-1187](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Burnley Jr.  
That the Commissioner of Public Works appear before this Council to discuss what actions have and can be taken to ensure that trash and recycling barrels do not obstruct sidewalks after pick-up.

26. Order  
(ID # [23-1184](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management report on recent air conditioning failures in City Hall and what repairs have been or will be completed to address those issues.
27. Order  
(ID # [23-0891](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the tree wells in front of 173 Broadway for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
28. Order  
(ID # [23-0889](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor McLaughlin  
That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the potholes on the unfinished side of Otis Street.
29. Order  
(ID # [23-0610](#)) **Sent for Discussion:** By Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Wilson  
That the Commissioner of Public Works report on leaks and building system failures that have caused the shutdown of municipal buildings, excluding school buildings, in the last five years.