



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

City Council

Special Meeting Agenda

Monday, May 5, 2025

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Remote Participation

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1. OPENING CEREMONIES

- 1.1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
(ID # [25-0870](#))

2. CITATIONS

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 5.1. Order By Councilor McLaughlin
(ID # [25-0742](#)) That the City Solicitor appear before this City Council to discuss the proposed Charter currently in the Mayor's office and update this Council on its progress.

- 5.2. Home Rule Petition (ID # [25-0774](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Davis
Proposing a Home Rule Petition to establish a charter for the City of Somerville.
- 5.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0853](#)) Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to establish a charter for the City of Somerville.

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

9. NEW BUSINESS

10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 10.1. Order (ID # [25-0909](#)) By Councilor Scott
That the proposed Charter be amended relative to providing legal counsel for the City Council by inserting a new section placing the question on the ballot.
- 10.2. Order (ID # [25-0910](#)) By Councilor Scott
That the proposed Charter be amended relative to the inclusion of the Chief Administrative Officer as a Charter office by inserting a new section placing the question on the ballot.
- 10.3. Order (ID # [25-0911](#)) By Councilor Scott
That the proposed Charter be amended relative to the City Council authority to redirect budget funds by inserting a new section placing the question on the ballot.
- 10.4. Order (ID # [25-0912](#)) By Councilor Scott
That the proposed Charter be amended relative to reducing the voting age in municipal elections by inserting a new section placing the question on the ballot.
- 10.5. Order (ID # [25-0913](#)) By Councilor Scott
That the proposed Charter be amended relative to extending municipal voting rights to non-citizen residents by inserting a new section placing the question on the ballot.

- 10.6. Order (ID # [25-0914](#)) By Councilor Scott
That the proposed Charter be amended relative to utilizing ranked choice voting for single-occupant offices by inserting a new section placing the question on the ballot.

- 10.7. Order (ID # [25-0915](#)) By Councilor Scott
That the proposed Charter be amended relative to expanding public availability of the annual budget by inserting a new section placing the question on the ballot.

11. ADJOURNMENT