



**City of Somerville,  
Massachusetts  
Public Health and Public Safety  
Committee  
Meeting Minutes Dispositions**

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**Wednesday, March 20, 2024**

**6:00 PM**

**Virtual**

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The meeting took place virtually via Zoom and was called to order at 6:03 PM by Chair McLaughlin and adjourned at 7:47 PM on a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Councilors Sait, Davis and McLaughlin), none against and none absent.

Anne Gill - Director of Human Resources, Karin Carroll - Director of Health and Human Services, Hannah O'Halloran - Director of Homeless Services (Somerville Homeless Coalition), Kimberley Hutter - Mayor's Office Liaison, Peter Forcellese – Legislative Clerk.

**Roll Call**

**Present:** Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis and Ward Five City Councilor Naima Sait

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Public Health and Public Safety Committee Meeting of February 29, 2024. [24-0255](#)

Accepted

**Aye:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Davis and Ward Five City Councilor Sait

2. That the Administration appear before the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety to update the City Council on the status of the Police Chief search. [24-0177](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Ewen-Campen

Recommended to be marked work completed

3. That the Director of Health and Human Services discuss the availability of free city-funded COVID tests going forward after temporary relief funds have evaporated, including any plans and/or consideration of potential sources of COVID testing supplies provided through community partners. [24-0172](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Strezio, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Scott

Recommended to be marked work completed

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4. That the Director of Health and Human Services work with the Administration to allocate funding to secure COVID-19 rapid tests to be distributed at Public Libraries. [24-0168](#)  
  
**Sponsors:** Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Mbah, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Scott  
  
Recommended to be marked work completed
  
  5. That the Director of Health and Human services create an on-call emergency fire response unit to assist in connecting residents with available resources in the event of a displacement or loss of property due to a fire. [24-0149](#)  
  
**Sponsors:** Councilor Clingan, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Scott  
  
Recommended to be marked work completed
  
  6. That the Director of Inspectional Services address trash and other violations by the Rent-A-Center on Broadway. [24-0097](#)  
  
**Sponsors:** Councilor McLaughlin  
  
Kept in committee
  
  7. That the Director of Inspectional Services inspect 112 Broadway, 176-182 Broadway, and 24-28 Broadway for violations and report the findings to the Ward 1 City Councilor. [24-0096](#)  
  
**Sponsors:** Councilor McLaughlin  
  
Kept in committee
  
  8. That the Director of Inspectional Services update the Ward 1 Councilor regarding any fines associated with 176-182 Broadway, formerly Patsy's Pastries, in the last ten years. [24-0095](#)  
  
**Sponsors:** Councilor McLaughlin  
  
Kept in committee
  
  9. That the Director of Inspectional Services update the Ward 1 Councilor regarding any fines associated with 112 Broadway, formerly the East End Grill, for any violations within the last ten years. [24-0094](#)  
  
**Sponsors:** Councilor McLaughlin  
  
Kept in committee
  
  10. That the Director of Inspectional Services update the Ward 1 Councilor regarding any fines associated with 24-28 Broadway, the former Taco Loco site, due to repeated cleanliness and business violations within the [24-0093](#)
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last two years.

**Sponsors:** Councilor McLaughlin

Kept in committee

- 11.** That the Director of Health and Human Services provide monthly updates to this Council's Committee on Public Health and Public Safety regarding ongoing efforts to address homelessness. [24-0062](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Davis

Kept in committee

Referenced Documents:

- PHPS - 2024-03-2 ISD Response (with 24-0093, 24-0094, 24-0095, 24-0096)