



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

City Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 13, 2023

7:00 PM

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1. OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen.

- 1.1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
(ID # [23-0640](#))

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- 1.2. Remembrances Remembrances.
(ID # [23-0641](#))

RESULT: APPROVED

- 1.3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, March 9, 2023.
(ID # [23-0637](#))

RESULT: APPROVED

2. CITATIONS

- 2.1. Withdrawn Withdrawn.
(ID # [23-0638](#))

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 3.1. Grant of Location Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 6 feet of conduit in
(ID # [23-0598](#)) Bow Street, from Utility Pole 39/9 to a point of pickup at 71 Bow Street.

Jacqui Duffy, representing Eversource, explained the reason for the request. There being no further comment, the public hearing was closed. Councilor Ewen-Campen commented that this work will not involve digging up the street.

RESULT: APPROVED

4. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

- 4.1. Order
(ID # [23-0523](#)) By Councilor Strezo
That the Chief of Police and relevant departments discuss the use and effectiveness of the Community Alert System and advise if an update to the system is necessary.
RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee
- 4.2. Order
(ID # [23-0545](#)) By Councilor Strezo
That the Director of Mobility install and/or replace decals in all business districts informing the public that bicycles, e-bikes and motorized scooters are forbidden by City Ordinance from being ridden on sidewalks.
RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee
- 4.3. Order
(ID # [23-0546](#)) By Councilor Strezo
That the Director of Economic Development update this City Council regarding the strategy and projected timeline for a Community Center in Union Square, including plans for a feasibility study.
RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee
- 4.4. Order
(ID # [23-0524](#)) 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.
RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
- 4.5. Order
(ID # [23-0525](#)) 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.
RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
- 4.6. Communication
(ID # [23-0547](#)) By Councilor Strezo
Conveying a report of the Children's Cabinet meetings of March 14, 2023 and April 11, 2023.
RESULT: LAI D ON THE TABLE
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- 4.7. Order
(ID # [23-0548](#))
- By Councilor Clingan
That this Council's Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works discuss the Somerville Internet Access Task Force's recommendation regarding Municipal Broadband.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
- 4.8. Ordinance
(ID # [23-0607](#))
- By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Scott and Councilor Strezo
Amending Section 9-116 of the Code of Ordinances, the Noise Ordinance, by prohibiting loud and disruptive construction activities on Saturdays and evenings.
- Councilor Gomez Mouakad assumed the Chair.
- Councilor Ewen-Campen spoke about some recent blasting of bedrock and the noise it created. He spoke to ISD and the Solicitor's Office to produce this proposed amendment. He believes that the city's noise ordinance is flawed and he would rather call out specific activities.
- Councilor Ewen-Campen reassumed the Chair. Councilor Gomez Mouakad suggested that ISD issue special permits for some activities. Councilor Scott would like to ensure that approval isn't just needed from ISD.
- RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee
- 4.9. Order
(ID # [23-0608](#))
- By Councilor Wilson and Councilor Clingan
That the Chief of Police provide this Council with a report containing the information requested within for all incidents where a firearm was discharged since January 1, 2018.
- Councilor Wilson commented on how common gunfire in the city has become. Councilor Kelly stated that there is some data available going back 3 years.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

- 4.10. Order
(ID # [23-0609](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management provide an update on the Building Conditions Analysis and Renovation Potential Assessment of the Winter Hill Community Innovation School and provide a schedule of the projected completion of this analysis and assessment.
- Councilor Gomez Mouakad would like this information made available for transparency.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee
- 4.11. Order
(ID # [23-0610](#))
- 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.
- Councilor Gomez Mouakad noted how the daily lives of municipal workers are being disrupted by these problems.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
- 4.12. Communication
(ID # [23-0611](#))
- By Councilor Gomez Mouakad
Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2024.
- Councilor Gomez Mouakad spoke about the need for a Program Manager for Prevailing Wage, Living Wage, and Wage Theft Ordinance Oversight under a Workforce Development Department/Division.
- RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE
- 4.13. Order
(ID # [23-0612](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Davis, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Gomez Mouakad
That the Director of Planning, Preservation and Zoning draft an amendment to the Zoning Ordinances for transit oriented height and density bonuses for additional affordable housing and other enumerated community benefits.
- Councilor McLaughlin said that he wants to get the discussion started about city-wide basic plans to increase affordable housing.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee
- 4.14. Order
(ID # [23-0613](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works address the accumulated trash along the guardrails on Chester Avenue.
- RESULT:** APPROVED

- 4.15. Order
(ID # [23-0614](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works address the accumulated trash by the intersection of Pinckney, Florence and Mount Vernon Streets.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 4.16. Order
(ID # [23-0615](#))

By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Engineering pave the second half of Otis Street, which remains only half complete after infrastructure work.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 4.17. Order
(ID # [23-0616](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Davis
That the Chief of Police and the Director of Communications and Community Engagement discuss with this Council the viability of establishing a gun buyback event, focused on those who may be a danger to themselves, including strategic outreach involving community partners in the healthcare industry.

Councilor Burnley commented that MA has the 4th lowest rate of suicide in the country, however 124 gun suicides were recorded in MA in 2020. Economic and mental health needs are not being met and need to be addressed in tandem. Buy back programs are a mixed bag in terms of effectiveness. He feels that mental health assistance should be provided in exchange for turning in guns. Councilor Burnley pointed out that, in the past, Somerville had a suicide prevention task force. He went on to say that the city should ensure that residents feel safe and that they can be cared for. Councilor McLaughlin pointed out that a buy back program won't work unless the community gets involved.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

- 4.18. Order
(ID # [23-0618](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr.
That the Director of Health & Human Services work with this Council and community partners to determine if the city has a current PILOT agreement with Mass General Brigham and other healthcare providers, and how mental health services can be a component of such agreements, particularly as part of a mental health gun buyback program.

Councilor Burnley commented that Somerville had a 20 year community services agreement with Brigham that could be amended, upon agreement of the parties. He stated that the city doesn't have the level of staff required to service the population needing help, although the city is home to various medical institutions, adding that he would like to develop partnerships with them.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

4.19. Order
(ID # [23-0622](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr.

That the City Solicitor work with this Council to determine the legality of requiring businesses of a certain size to post in clearly visible spaces, Worker's Rights Bills, which shall include the right to form a union without retaliation and consequences for violating workers' rights.

Councilor Burnley commented that there has been a rash of anti-union behavior in Somerville over the past several months and he wants workers to know that the city is a compassionate place to live, work and play.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad commented that there is some similar language in the wage theft ordinance.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

4.20. Order
(ID # [23-0624](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr.

That this Council work with the Worker's Center, Licensing Commission, and local unions, to discuss workers' rights and how violations of those rights could impact licenses and permits.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad spoke about information from the Attorney General's Office on this topic that she will share with all councilors.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

4.21. Order
(ID # [23-0626](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Wilson

That the Director of Parking, Director of Mobility, and Director of Communications and Community Engagement, discuss with this Council, efforts to publicize the state's recently implemented vulnerable road users law, including requesting signage from MassDOT detailing the safe passing distance for vehicles nearing vulnerable road users such as cyclists.

Councilor Burnley commented that this law recently went into effect and requires 4 feet of space when passing cyclists and vulnerable road users.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

- 4.22. Resolution (ID # [23-0620](#)) By Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Kelly, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Scott
Condemning Northeastern University's anti-union behavior.

Resident Sean Spinney, a graduate student worker at Northeastern, was sponsored to speak on the item by Councilor Burnley. He spoke about the university's efforts to thwart graduate student workers' efforts to unionize and listed some of the tactics being employed by the school. He asked for the Council's support of this resolution to put Northeastern on notice that the community is watching and that grad workers, like all workers, deserve a vote. Councilor Burnley stated that union busting tactics will not be taken lightly in the City of Somerville and Councilor Kelly noted that 10% of the city's population is comprised of graduate students.

RESULT: APPROVED

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 5.1. Grant of Location (ID # [23-0418](#)) Your Space Landscape and Const. Inc applying for a Grant of Location to install 85 feet of conduit in Professors Row, from Utility Pole 289/13 to a point of pickup at 114 Professors Row.

Stephen Peppi, representing Your Space Landscape and Const. Inc, explained the reason for the request. There being no further comment, the public hearing was closed.

RESULT: APPROVED

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

6.A. CHARTER REVIEW SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- 6.A.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-0535](#)) Report of the Special Committee on Charter Review, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on April 12, 2023.

Councilor Scott stated that the committee is in the final stages of the review and he urged that the meeting video be viewed. He noted that the administration is working on language for 2 sections. Councilor Scott stated his preference to hold a public hearing prior to the budget meetings commencing.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.A.2. Order
(ID # [23-0645](#))
- By Councilor Ewen-Campen
- Amending Section 2-7 (a) of the Charter Review Committee's proposed Charter text to read: SECTION 2-7: APPOINTMENTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL (a) Advisory Legal Counsel - Subject to appropriation, the city council may secure legal services, when needed, to seek a secondary legal opinion. The city council shall make a reasonable request for such legal services, and such request shall not be unreasonably denied by the mayor. The city solicitor and any advisory legal counsel shall consult to the extent practicable prior to the release of any secondary opinion. The legal services provided to the council shall not include representation of the council or any councilor in any litigation, or the issuance of formal legal opinions on behalf of the city. The city solicitor shall remain the only authorized officer of the city in all legal matters involving the city's government.

RESULT: APPROVED

6.B. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- 6.B.1. Committee Report
(ID # [23-0512](#))
- Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on March 28, 2023.

Councilor Clingan reported that details of the meeting may be found in the minutes or by watching the meeting video.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.B.2. Resolution
(ID # [23-0241](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Burnley Jr.
- That the Administration update this Council's Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters regarding efforts to hire more firefighters.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- 6.B.3. Resolution
(ID # [23-0242](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Burnley Jr.
- That the Administration inform this Council regarding efforts to update the firefighter hiring process, since the reserve list has been eliminated.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- 6.B.4. Mayor's Request
(ID # [23-0376](#))
- Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Michael Smith to the Public Library Board of Trustees.

RESULT: APPROVED

6.C. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 6.C.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-0514](#)) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on March 29, 2023.

Councilor Wilson reported that the submitted budget priorities are being considered by the administration. Councilor Davis commented that he thought that financing for additional council staff was included in the overall request and Councilor Wilson replied that there was not a sufficient level of support of the notion. Councilor McLaughlin stated that this reinforces the need for the council's rules to be followed. Councilor Gomez Mouakad suggested that a memorandum of the rules be prepared for next year.

Councilor Davis moved to amend the report to include a request to the mayor for additional FY-24 funds for staff for the City Council. City Clerk Wells suggested that the motion not be to amend the report, but rather to be sent to the mayor as an additional funding request.

Councilor Davis moved to include a request to the mayor for additional FY 2024 funds for staff for the City Council. The motion was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.C.2. Mayor's Communication (ID # [23-0159](#)) Conveying updates to the FY 2023 City Council budget requests and requesting budget priorities for FY 2024.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- 6.C.3. Communication (ID # [23-0371](#)) By Councilor Davis
Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2024.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- 6.C.4. Communication (ID # [23-0451](#)) By Councilor Strezo
Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2024.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- 6.C.5. Communication (ID # [23-0453](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen
Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2024.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- 6.C.6. Communication (ID # [23-0456](#)) By Councilor Pineda Neufeld
Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2024.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.C.7. Communication By Councilor Kelly
(ID # [23-0467](#)) Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2024.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.C.8. Communication By Councilor Wilson
(ID # [23-0468](#)) Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2024.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.C.9. Communication By Councilor McLaughlin
(ID # [23-0474](#)) Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2024.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.C.10. Communication By Councilor Clingan
(ID # [23-0475](#)) Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2024.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.C.11. Communication By Councilor Burnley Jr.
(ID # [23-0498](#)) Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2024.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.C.12. Communication By Councilor Scott
(ID # [23-0502](#)) Conveying budget priorities and requests for FY 2024.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.D. FINANCE COMMITTEE

6.D.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on April 11, 2023.
(ID # [23-0540](#))

Councilor Wilson reported on the funding requests that were recommended for approval by the committee. The Committee discussed outsourcing work for the Water and Sewer Department. Councilor Scott spoke about the \$600,000 request to cover operations for the Water Department for 3 months. He pointed out that all 11 SHMEO positions in the department have been vacant since at least August of last year. Councilor Scott told the members that his quick calculations show that the city's yearly total (all in compensation) salary cost for those 11 positions amounts to approximately \$641,492, meaning that the taxpayers of Somerville are essentially paying 4 times the cost by not having the work done in-house.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.D.2. Order
(ID # [23-0137](#))
- By Councilor Clingan, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Kelly and Councilor Burnley Jr.
That the Director of Communications provide this Council with an accounting of how the cable franchise fees have been expended over the past five years.
- RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED
- 6.D.3. Mayor's Request
(ID # [23-0190](#))
- Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$79,500 grant with no new match required, from the MA Executive Office of Public Safety to the Police Department for staffing costs.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- 6.D.4. Mayor's Request
(ID # [23-0298](#))
- Requesting approval to appropriate \$54,445 from the Street Tree Stabilization Fund for the 2023 Ash Tree Treatment Program.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- AYE:** City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis
- ABSENT:** Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld
- 6.D.5. Mayor's Request
(ID # [23-0369](#))
- Requesting the appropriation of \$600,000 from the Water and Sewer Department Retained Earnings account to the Water and Sewer Department Capital Outlay account for anticipated contractual obligations.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- 6.D.6. Mayor's Request
(ID # [23-0377](#))
- Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$28,000 grant with no new match required, from MassDEP to the Office of Sustainability and Environment for the Recycle Dividend Program.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
- 6.D.7. Mayor's Request
(ID # [23-0450](#))
- Requesting the rescission of \$435,000 from the Medical Marijuana Stabilization Fund appropriation of \$591,442 approved on February 24, 2022.
- RESULT:** APPROVED

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 6.D.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0487](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$50,000 from the Immigrant Legal Services Stabilization Fund for legal services for immigrants and asylum seekers seeking permanent residency.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

6.E. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- 6.E.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-0515](#)) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on March 30, 2023.

Councilor McLaughlin gave a brief summary of the actions taken by the committee.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

- 6.E.2. Resolution (ID # [22-0822](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Wilson That the Directors of Infrastructure and Asset Management, Engineering, Public Works, and the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, along with any other appropriate departments, work to develop a binding, equitable, citywide Electrical Infrastructure Master Plan to guide the location and design of electrical substations and other infrastructure.

RESULT: **WORK COMPLETED**

- 6.E.3. Public Communication (ID # [22-1769](#)) David Einis requesting the adoption of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Map to change the zoning district of 14 White Street Place from Neighborhood Residence (NR) to Mid-Rise 4 (MR4).
RESULT: WITHDRAWN
- 6.E.4. Order (ID # [23-0174](#)) By Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Planning, Preservation and Zoning provide the Ward 1 City Councilor with all materials pertaining to the proposed Zoning Overhaul, introduced in 2014.
RESULT: WORK COMPLETED
- 6.F. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE
- 6.F.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-0513](#)) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on March 28, 2023.
Councilor Davis spoke about the items that were before the committee, saying that the bulk of the time was spent on proposed amendments to the Neighborhood Council Designation Ordinance.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 6.F.2. Ordinance (ID # [22-1293](#)) By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Kelly Proposing Amendments to the Neighborhood Council Designation Ordinance (Chapter 7, Article IX) to encourage the formation of such neighborhood councils.
RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED
AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis
ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld
- 6.F.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0323](#)) Requesting the acceptance of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 138, Section 33B, to confirm the authorization of licensees under section twelve to sell alcoholic beverages between the hours of 10:00 AM and 12:00 noon on Sundays, the last Monday in May and on Christmas day or on the day following when said day occurs on Sunday.
RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.F.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0454](#)) Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition authorizing the City of Somerville to impose a real estate transfer fee.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 6.F.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0455](#)) Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition authorizing the City of Somerville to enact Right to Purchase legislation.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad, and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

ABSENT: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

6.G. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- 6.G.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-0534](#)) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on April 10, 2023.

See also agenda item #9.66.

Councilor Burnley reported on the actions taken by the committee, and noted that one item was recommended to be not approved due to a legal issue.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.G.2. License (ID # [23-0032](#)) New Used Car Dealer License Class 2, Top Speed Vehicle, 631 Somerville Ave, 8 cars inside, 6 outside, Mon-Fri 8am-6pm, Sat 8am-2pm, Sun Closed.

RESULT: NOT APPROVED

6.G.3. License (ID # [23-0222](#)) New Extended Operating Hours License, Chow N Joy, 626 Somerville Ave, opening Sun-Thurs until 1am and Fri-Sat until 2am for take-out and delivery services.

RESULT: APPROVED

6.G.4. License (ID # [23-0466](#)) New Extended Operating Hours License, Alfredo's Italian Kitchen, 288 Broadway, opening Fri & Sat until 3am for take-out and delivery services.

RESULT: APPROVED

6.H. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

6.H.1. Committee Report (ID # [23-0528](#)) Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on April 4, 2023.

Councilor Kelly reported on the items discussed by the committee, including warming and cooling centers and COVID-19 issues.

RESULT: APPROVED

6.H.2. Resolution (ID # [23-0163](#)) By Councilor Scott, Councilor Kelly and Councilor Burnley Jr. That the Administration provide an update regarding the progress in establishing a Warming Center for un-housed residents.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.H.3. Order (ID # [23-0216](#)) By Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Wilson That the Director of Health and Human Services discuss with this Council, the ending of the federal COVID-19 public health emergency, its impact on residents, and the city's access to vaccines, testing and other resources.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.H.4. Order (ID # [23-0237](#)) By Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Health and Human Services update this Council on efforts to provide warming centers for unhoused individuals during the recent cold spell.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- 6.H.5. Order
(ID # [23-0501](#))
- By Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Scott
That the Fire Chief, Inspectional Services Director, and Director of the Office of Housing Stability work with this Council to assess the feasibility of annual reporting on the number of fires, the causes of those fires, the number displaced by each fire, and if those displaced were able to relocate within Somerville.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.I. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

- 6.I.1. Committee Report
(ID # [23-0511](#))
- Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on March 27, 2023.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad reported that the committee discussed equitable bus travel, flexible bollards for the community path, traffic calming, Medford Street bridge expansion joints, and HAWK signals.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.I.2. Order
(ID # [22-0300](#))
- By Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Davis, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Scott and Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Director of Mobility conduct an equity study of bus routes to determine targets for fare-free buses.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- 6.I.3. Order
(ID # [22-2115](#))
- By Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Clingan
That the Director of Engineering install a protective guard over the expansion joint on the Medford Street bridge, as it poses a safety risk for bicyclists.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- 6.I.4. Order
(ID # [22-2147](#))
- By Councilor Scott
That the Director of Mobility update this Council regarding replacement of the HAWK signals on Beacon Street with RYG stoplights.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- 6.I.5. Order
(ID # [23-0295](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Parking replace the missing No Left Turn sign at the intersection of Mt. Pleasant Street and Perkins Street.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- 6.I.6. Order (ID # [23-0320](#)) By Councilor Clingan and Councilor Wilson
That the Director of Mobility install speed humps on Medford Street, between Sycamore and School Streets.

RESULT: **WORK COMPLETED**

7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 7.1. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0575](#)) Requesting authorization for the Superintendent of Schools to submit a Statement of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) for the Benjamin G. Brown School.

Jackie Piques, Interim Director of Communications and Grants, spoke on these item and noted that votes are required by the School Committee and the City Council in order to move forward and that the statements are due tomorrow. The city and School District are committed to these 2 schools and the statements are solely to demonstrate the needs of the buildings and to get them into the queue. Councilor Gomez Mouakad commented that this will be a complicated journey and may involve the relocation of students. Councilor Gomez Mouakad made a motion to approve the item. The item was approved. Councilor Gomez Mouakad made a motion to reconsider in the hope that reconsideration fails. Reconsideration failed.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 7.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0577](#)) Requesting authorization for the Superintendent of Schools to submit a Statement of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) for the Winter Hill Community Innovation School.

See agenda item #7.1.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad made a motion to approve the item. The item was approved.

Councilor Gomez Mouakad made a motion to reconsider in the hope that reconsideration fails. Reconsideration failed.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, and Ward Five City Councilor Gomez Mouakad

ABSENT: Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

- 7.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0510](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$1,618,683 from the Community Preservation Act Fund Affordable Housing Reserve to the Affordable Housing Trust.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of item #7.3 through #7.15 and asked that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0527](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$180,000 from the Medical Marijuana Stabilization Fund for the Substance Use Prevention Coordinator position for FY 2024 and FY 2025.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of item #7.3 through #7.15 and asked that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0539](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$135,050.89 from the Parks and Open Space Stabilization fund for completion of the 25% design services for Union Square Plaza and Streetscape project.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of item #7.3 through #7.15 and asked that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0533](#)) Requesting authorization to borrow \$7,110,000 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for participation in the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority's Local Water System Assistance Program for Water Main Rehabilitation projects.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of item #7.3 through #7.15 and asked that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0530](#)) Requesting authorization to borrow \$4,200,000 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for additional work on the Somerville Ave Streetscape & Utilities project.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of item #7.3 through #7.15 and asked that they be referred to the Finance Committee.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0532](#)) Requesting authorization to borrow \$2,840,000 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for the recurring FY 2023 Building Improvements program.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of item #7.3 through #7.15 and asked that they be referred to the Finance Committee.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0531](#)) Requesting authorization to borrow \$2,000,000 in a bond, and to appropriate the same amount for additional work on the Somerville Ave Streetscape & Utilities project.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of item #7.3 through #7.15 and asked that they be referred to the Finance Committee.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0507](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$30,000 from the DPW Electrical Account to the DPW Fleet Account for costs related to motor parts and accessories.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of item #7.3 through #7.15 and asked that they be referred to the Finance Committee.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.11. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0542](#)) Requesting the transfer of \$12,729.52 in available funds from the Parks & Recreation Uniforms Account to the Department of Public Works Interior Building Maintenance Account for the installation of a buzzer system with a security camera at the Edgerly Building.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of item #7.3 through #7.15 and asked that they be referred to the Finance Committee.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.12. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0633](#)) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$1,000 from the Engineering Personal Services Salaries Account to the Infrastructure & Asset Management Personal Services Salaries Account to fund the IAM Administrative Assistant position reclassification.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of item #7.3 through #7.15 and asked that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.13. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0526](#)) Requesting the use of \$14,154.88 in available funds from the Health and Human Services Salaries Account to fund a Finance Manager position.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of item #7.3 through #7.15 and asked that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.14. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0521](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend an \$18,840 grant with no new match required, from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection to the Department of Public Works for mattress recycling.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of item #7.3 through #7.15 and asked that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.15. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0544](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a grant of \$2,500 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council to the Public Library for a Library Comix Con event.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the readings of item #7.3 through #7.15 and asked that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 7.16. Mayor's Request (ID # [23-0585](#)) Requesting approval of the Citywide Bicycle Network Plan.

Director of Mobility Brad Rawson informed the Council that the citywide Bicycle Network Plan, which was developed with the assistance of multiple city departments, has been completed. The plan will improve the quality of life in the city by helping to have safe streets in the city and to saving lives. Councilor Gomez Mouakad noted the importance of connectivity. Councilor Burnley commented on the amount of data analyzed in the creation of this plan, adding that it will save lives as it's built out. He asked about timelines for implementation documents and Director Rawson responded that those documents are already in the works and he noted that most of the networks specified in the plan have yet to be built. Director Rawson said that questions should be referred to transportation@somervillema.gov. President Ewen-Campen asked that a public hearing be scheduled for this item.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

- 7.17. Mayor's Communication (ID # [23-0543](#)) Conveying the newly established Code of Conduct for Board, Commission and Committee members.

Liaison Carrillo informed the Council that all Board and Commission members will be required to sign the new document. Workshops will be held to introduce the code to Board and Commission members.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 8.1. Officer's Communication (ID # [23-0538](#)) Retirement Board notifying this City Council of a vote at the May 30, 2023 meeting regarding a 2023 Cost of Living Adjustment for eligible retirees.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1. Public Communication (ID # [23-0634](#)) John Fragione and Agostino Feola, requesting the adoption of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Map to change the zoning district of 295-297 Medford Street and 93 Walnut Street from MR3 to MR5.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

- 9.2. Public Communication (ID # [23-0635](#)) 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.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee
- 9.3. License (ID # [23-0551](#)) Renewing Billiards and Bowling License, Lucky Strike, 325 Revolution Dr.
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.4. License (ID # [23-0552](#)) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Caruso Corp.
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.5. License (ID # [23-0553](#)) Renewing Drainlayer's License, C.J. Doherty Inc.
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.6. License (ID # [23-0554](#)) Renewing Drainlayer's License, E.B. Rotondi & Sons Inc.
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.7. License (ID # [23-0555](#)) Renewing Drainlayer's License, F.E. French Construction Inc.
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.
RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.8. License
(ID # [23-0560](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Hercules C+G Drain Inc.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.9. License
(ID # [23-0556](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, J. Derenzo Co.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.10. License
(ID # [23-0557](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, J. Marchese and Sons Inc.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.11. License
(ID # [23-0558](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Jason Anthony Corp.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.12. License
(ID # [23-0561](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, JET Excavation.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.13. License
(ID # [23-0636](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, JNJ Sacca.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.14. License
(ID # [23-0559](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, JRF Corporation.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.15. License
(ID # [23-0562](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Kealey Excavation Corporation.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.16. License
(ID # [23-0563](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, McCourt Construction.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.17. License
(ID # [23-0564](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Milltown Plumbing & Heating Inc.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.18. License
(ID # [23-0565](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Tri Construction Co., Inc.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.19. License
(ID # [23-0566](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, United Civil Inc.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.20. License
(ID # [23-0567](#))
- Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Cataldo Ambulance Service, 137 Washington St.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.21. License
(ID # [23-0568](#))
- Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Mayer Campus Center, 44 Professors Row.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.22. License
(ID # [23-0569](#))
- Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Tisch Library Cafe, 35 Professors Row.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.23. License
(ID # [23-0570](#))
- Transferring Flammables License, from Internap Corp to Evocative at 50 Inner Belt Rd.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.24. License
(ID # [23-0632](#))
- Renewing Flammables License, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 259 McGrath Hwy.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.25. License
(ID # [23-0571](#))
- Renewing Flammables License, Speedway #02513, 709 McGrath Hwy.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.
- RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.26. License
(ID # [23-0572](#))

Renewing Flammables License, The Home Depot #2667, 75 Mystic Ave.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.27. License
(ID # [23-0573](#))

Renewing Flammables License, Union Gulf Service, 231 Washington St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.28. License
(ID # [23-0574](#))

Renewing Garage License, 101 South Street Owner LLC, 101 South St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.29. License
(ID # [23-0576](#))

Renewing Garage License, Aris Auto Inc, 3 Craigie St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.30. License
(ID # [23-0578](#))

Renewing Garage License, Automotive Transport Services, 40 Joy St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.31. License
(ID # [23-0579](#))

Renewing Garage License, BBC Auto Repair, 42 Joy St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.32. License
(ID # [23-0580](#))
- Renewing Garage License, Broadway Brake Corp, 45 Broadway.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.33. License
(ID # [23-0581](#))
- Renewing Garage License, Cataldo Ambulance Service, 4 Joy St.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.34. License
(ID # [23-0582](#))
- Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 141 Beacon St.
- Councilor Scott requested that items #9.34 through #9.36, #9.40, #9.44, #9.45 and #9.50 be referred to the Licenses and Permits Committee.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee
- 9.35. License
(ID # [23-0583](#))
- Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 381 Washington St.
- Councilor Scott requested that items #9.34 through #9.36, #9.40, #9.44, #9.45 and #9.50 be referred to the Licenses and Permits Committee.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee
- 9.36. License
(ID # [23-0584](#))
- Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 387 Washington St.
- Councilor Scott requested that items #9.34 through #9.36, #9.40, #9.44, #9.45 and #9.50 be referred to the Licenses and Permits Committee.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee
- 9.37. License
(ID # [23-0586](#))
- Renewing Garage License, D.M. Auto Body, 48 Joy St.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.
RESULT: APPROVED

9.38. License
(ID # [23-0587](#))

Renewing Garage License, Good Gas Somerville, 343 Medford St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.39. License
(ID # [23-0588](#))

Renewing Garage License, Goodyear Auto Service Center, 1 Bow St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.40. License
(ID # [23-0589](#))

Renewing Garage License, Herb Chambers, 259 McGrath Hwy.

Councilor Scott requested that items #9.34 through #9.36, #9.40, #9.44, #9.45 and #9.50 be referred to the Licenses and Permits Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

9.41. License
(ID # [23-0590](#))

Renewing Garage License, MAC, 53 Russell St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.42. License
(ID # [23-0591](#))

Renewing Garage License, Mass General Brigham, 399 Revolution Dr.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.43. License
(ID # [23-0592](#))

Renewing Garage License, Mass Inspection, 712 Mystic Ave.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.44. License
(ID # [23-0593](#))
- Renewing Garage License, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 161 Linwood St.

Councilor Scott requested that items #9.34 through #9.36, #9.40, #9.44, #9.45 and #9.50 be referred to the Licenses and Permits Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

- 9.45. License
(ID # [23-0594](#))
- Renewing Garage License, Mercedes Benz of Boston Commercial Vans, 161 Linwood St.

Councilor Scott requested that items #9.34 through #9.36, #9.40, #9.44, #9.45 and #9.50 be referred to the Licenses and Permits Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

- 9.46. License
(ID # [23-0595](#))
- Renewing Garage License, Sullivan Tire, 263 Beacon St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.47. License
(ID # [23-0596](#))
- Renewing Garage License, Union Gulf Service, 231 Washington St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.48. License
(ID # [23-0597](#))
- Renewing Garage License, William Doucette Auto Sales, 325 Alewife Brook Pkwy.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.49. License
(ID # [23-0599](#))
- Renewing Livery License, Mass Cab, 45 Endicott Ave.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.50. License
(ID # [23-0600](#))

Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 161 Linwood St.

Councilor Scott requested that items #9.34 through #9.36, #9.40, #9.44, #9.45 and #9.50 be referred to the Licenses and Permits Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

9.51. License
(ID # [23-0625](#))

Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Lochmere Taxi Inc, Med. #22, 24, 25, 26, 91.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.52. License
(ID # [23-0627](#))

Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Michael H. Garvey, Med. # 57.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.53. License
(ID # [23-0628](#))

Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Mystic Auto Sales, 712 Mystic Ave.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

RESULT: APPROVED

9.54. Public Event
(ID # [23-0601](#))

Tufts University applying for a Public Event License for Engineers Without Borders 6K Run on April 16 from 12pm to 5:30pm (raindate April 23).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.55. Public Event
(ID # [23-0602](#)) Community Growing Center applying for a Public Event License for Earth Day: Creatively Celebrating Together on April 22 from 11am to 5pm (raindate April 29).
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.56. Public Event
(ID # [23-0630](#)) Daniel Wolf applying for a Public Event License for Party @ the Bend on April 29 from 9am to 1pm (raindate April 30).
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.57. Public Event
(ID # [23-0603](#)) Somerville Open Studios applying for a Public Event License for Open Studios Information Table on May 6 and 7 from 11:30am to 6:30pm.
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.58. Public Event
(ID # [23-0631](#)) Flying Turtle applying for a Public Event License for Porchfest-Flying Turtle on May 13 from 11am to 3pm (raindate May 14).
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.59. Public Event
(ID # [23-0605](#)) Jonathan Bernhardt applying for a Public Event License for Porchfest on Charnwood on May 13 from 1:30pm to 4:30pm (raindate May 14).
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.
RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.60. Public Event
(ID # [23-0629](#))
- Roberto Fischer applying for a Public Event License for Porchfest on Beech on May 13 from 1:30pm to 4:30pm (raindate May 14).
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.61. Public Event
(ID # [23-0604](#))
- Nate Kaufman applying for a Public Event License for Highland Rd BP on May 13 from 1:30pm to 4:30pm (raindate May 14).
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.62. Public Event
(ID # [23-0617](#))
- Nels Nelson applying for a Public Event License for Porchfest on Greenville on May 13 from 3:30pm to 6pm (raindate May 14).
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.63. Public Event
(ID # [23-0619](#))
- Mass Farmers Market applying for a Public Event License for Davis Sq Farmers Market on every Wednesday, May 17-November 22 from 9:30am to 6:30pm.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.64. Public Event
(ID # [23-0621](#))
- Alexandra Weiner applying for a Public Event License for Calvin St BP on May 20 from 10am to 8pm (raindate May 21).
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.
- RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.65. Public Event
(ID # [23-0623](#)) Veterans Department applying for a Public Event License for Memorial Day Parade on May 28 from 8am to 3:30pm.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.66. Public
Communication
(ID # [23-0639](#)) Seven residents submitting comments re: item 23-0466.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**
- 10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**
- 10.1. Communication
(ID # [23-0642](#)) By Councilor Wilson
Conveying the draft schedule for the FY 2024 Budget Review.
- Councilor Wilson stated that a first pass budget schedule will be forthcoming and that the proposed budget is scheduled to be released on May 26th. The number of Committee of the Whole meetings will be minimized and councilors will be able to pre-submit questions for department heads. A Public Hearing on the proposed budget is tentatively scheduled for June 5th.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 10.2. Order
(ID # [23-0644](#)) By Councilor Clingan, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Kelly
That physical copies of City Council agendas be available in Braille in the Council Chamber at the start of each Council meeting.
- Councilor Clingan commented that the volume of documents being produced by the Perkins School is overwhelming, therefore, he thinks that an embosser for council agendas would be useful.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 10.3. Public Event
(ID # [23-0646](#)) Tufts University applying for a Public Event License for Tuftonia's Day Carnival on April 22 from 10am to 12am (raindate April 23).
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.
- RESULT: APPROVED**

- 10.4. Public Event
(ID # [23-0647](#)) Tufts Graduate Student Council applying for a Public Event License for Tufts GSC Community 5K on April 29 from 8am to 4pm.
- Councilor Burnley moved to waive the readings of items #9.3 through #9.33, #9.37 through #9.39, #9.41 through #9.43, #9.46 through #9.49, #9.51 through #9.65 and #10.3 through #10.4 and approve them.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 11. LATE ITEMS**
- 11.1. Order
(ID # [23-0648](#)) By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Inspectional Services and the Director of the Office of Housing Stability meet with this Council to discuss strategies to identify new housing construction and renovation that may lead to displacement of tenants.
- Councilor McLaughlin explained that he is looking for a way for ISD to provide a “heads up” when a property rehab is on the horizon that would dislocate residents.
- RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee
- 11.2. Order
(ID # [23-0649](#)) By Councilor Davis
That the submission of City Council budget priorities to the Mayor include City Council support for additional staff for the Council.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 11.3. Order
(ID # [23-0650](#)) By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works address the low hanging wire on Lincoln Ave and Lincoln Street.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 11.4. Order
(ID # [23-0651](#)) By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works address the trash at the intersection of Broadway and Lincoln Street.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 11.5. Order
(ID # [23-0652](#)) By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works address the low hanging wire at the intersection of Macarthur Street and Bonair Street.
- RESULT: APPROVED**

- 11.6. Order
(ID # [23-0653](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works address the double pole at the intersection of Bonair Street and McGrath Highway.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 11.7. Order
(ID # [23-0654](#))
- By Councilor Scott and Councilor Wilson
That the Budget Manager prepare and submit to this City Council a synopsis of all proposed budget initiatives and requests for additional funding for the upcoming FY 2024 budget, commonly known as Program Improvement Requests, in a format similar to that delivered at the Finance Committee meeting of March 25, 2020.

RESULT: APPROVED

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:25 PM.