



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

City Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 24, 2025

7:00 PM

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1. OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Ward Seven City Councilor Judy Pineda Neufeld.

- 1.1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
(ID # [25-0840](#))

Councilor Clingan arrived at 7:03 PM.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

Present: City Councilor At Large Jake Wilson
 Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen
 Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott
 Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin
 City Councilor At Large Willie Burnley Jr.
 Ward Five City Councilor Naima Sait
 City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo
 Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan
 Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis
 Ward Seven City Councilor Judy Pineda Neufeld

Absent: City Councilor At Large Wilfred N. Mbah

- 1.2. Remembrances Remembrances.
(ID # [25-0841](#))

Councilor Burnley acknowledged that April is Autism Awareness Month.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 1.3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 27, 2025.
(ID # [25-0842](#))

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

2. CITATIONS

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

- 4.1. Order By Councilor Sait
(ID # [25-0839](#)) That the Director of Mobility update the traffic signal equipment at the intersection of Rogers Avenue and Boston Avenue.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

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.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE

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

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

6.A. EQUITY, GENDER, FAMILIES AND VULNERABLE POPULATIONS COMMITTEE

- 6.A.1. Committee Report (ID # [25-0820](#)) Report of the Committee on Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations, meeting on April 16, 2025.

Councilor Strezo summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that the potential for instituting a girls intramural hockey program, which she considers to be a gender equity issue, was discussed. The committee also received an update on crossing guard staffing and Councilor Strezo reported that of the 57 positions funded, 35 are currently filled and 10 are in the process of being filled. The committee was informed that retention is not a problem, but recruitment is. The committee also received an update on the city's Guaranteed Basic Income program.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

- 6.A.2. Order (ID # [25-0463](#)) By Councilor Strezo
That the Director of Human Resources, Director of Parking, Director of Mobility and Chief of Police respond to the recent incidents of four children being hit by cars in the past few months on their paths to school.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- 6.A.3. Order (ID # [25-0464](#)) By Councilor Strezo and Councilor Mbah
That the Chief of Police report on the current number of regularly staffed crossing guards throughout the city and the total number of crossing guard positions currently available.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

6.B. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- 6.B.1. Committee Report (ID # [25-0825](#)) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting in Joint Session with the Planning Board on April 17, 2025.

Councilor McLaughlin summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that 3 public hearings were held regarding proposed amendments to the Code of Ordinances as follows: 1) to allow dormers as of right, 2) to

remove conflicts with the state building code for sustainability issues and 3) to waive egress dimensional standards for certain projects. Councilor Burnley asked if the issue of roof heights was discussed and Councilor McLaughlin commented that it's unlikely to be an issue in the proposed districts. Councilor Sait noted that the issue was addressed in NR and UR by the amendment.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezio, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

6.C. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

6.C.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on April 15, 2025. (ID # [25-0782](#))

Councilor Davis summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that among the items discussed were amendments to the Tree Preservation Ordinance, amendments to the Code of Ordinances to update the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change, and the imposition of a community impact fee on short-term rentals. The committee also discharged 4 items without recommendation for referral to other committees.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezio, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

6.C.2. Order (ID # [24-1686](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Scott
That the City Solicitor confirm whether an LGBTQ Legal Services Stabilization Fund can be created to pay fees associated with gendered document changes and potential court sealing of records associated with such documents.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 6.C.3. Order
(ID # [25-0066](#))
- By Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Scott and Councilor Sait
That this Council discuss proposed amendments to the Tree Preservation Ordinance, as outlined in item #24-0493.
- RESULT:** **WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.C.4. Mayor's Request
(ID # [25-0257](#))
- Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Sections 2-304 through 2-310 of the Code of Ordinances to update the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change.
- RESULT:** **ORDINANCE ORDAINED**
- AYE:** City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezio, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld
- ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Mbah
- 6.C.5. Communication
(ID # [25-0270](#))
- By Councilor Burnley Jr.
Conveying the cost of changes to identity documents, in support of item #24-1686.
- RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 6.C.6. Public
Communication
(ID # [25-0336](#))
- Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition submitting comments re: item #24-1686, creation of an LGBTQ Legal Services Stabilization Fund.
- RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 6.C.7. Order
(ID # [25-0379](#))
- By Councilor Scott, Councilor Mbah, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Sait
That the Director of Inspectional Services enforce Section 11-111 of the Code of Ordinances - Registration and maintenance of vacant property, in light of the recent collapse of 316 Somerville Avenue.
- RESULT:** **APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee
- 6.C.8. Mayor's Request
(ID # [25-0452](#))
- Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Hudl Focus cameras.
- RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

- 6.C.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0483](#)) Requesting the acceptance of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 64G, Section 3D(a), to authorize the city to impose a community impact fee of 3% of the total amount of rent upon each transfer of occupancy of “Professionally-managed units”.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

- 6.C.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0484](#)) Requesting the acceptance of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 64G, Section 3D(b), to authorize the city to impose the community impact allowed under Chapter 3D(a) of G.L. c. 64G, on each transfer of occupancy of a short-term rental unit in a two- or three-family dwelling, that includes the operator’s primary residence.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

- 6.C.11. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0752](#)) Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Hudl Focus cameras.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

6.D. SCHOOL BUILDING FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- 6.D.1. Committee Report (ID # [25-0779](#)) Report of the Special Committee on School Building Facilities and Maintenance, meeting on April 14, 2025.

Councilor Davis summarized the actions taken by the committee and reported that most of the meeting was dedicated to discussing the closing of the Ginny Smithers Pool at the Kennedy School. Councilor Davis reported that the cause of the chemical imbalance is unknown and that the pool has been drained, thoroughly cleaned, refilled, and had modifications made to the filtration system however, it still remains closed (according to the Recreation Department's website). Part of the discussion centered around communication efforts to keep the public informed. Councilor Davis commented that all parties involved felt frustrated and acknowledged that the situation was unacceptable.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

- 6.D.2. Order (ID # [25-0233](#))

By Councilor Pineda Neufeld
That the Commissioner of Public Works work with relevant city staff to develop a prioritization and tracking system of 311 requests to maintain optimal school building conditions and proactively address potential concerns.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- 6.D.3. Order
(ID # [25-0466](#))
- By Councilor Strezo
That the Director of Parks and Recreation report on the process by which Ginny Smithers Pool patrons are promptly notified of pool cancellations or schedule changes, including any modifications that could be made to that process in light of the March 2025 temporary pool closure.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.D.4. Order
(ID # [25-0602](#))
- By Councilor Pineda Neufeld
That the Commissioner of Public Works provide an update and timeline for repairs to damaged play structures at the Capuano Early Education Center schoolyard.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.D.5. Order
(ID # [25-0603](#))
- By Councilor Pineda Neufeld
That the Commissioner of Public Works plant natural turf in the muddy greenspace area at the Capuano Early Education Center in advance of the May 3 Family Fun Day celebration for the Capuano's 20th anniversary.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 6.D.6. Order
(ID # [25-0642](#))
- By Councilor Sait, Councilor Wilson and Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Parks and Recreation and the Commissioner of Public Works update this Council on the continued closure of Ginny Smithers Sanders Pool and address the lack of communication with users of the pool.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- 7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**
- 7.1. Mayor's Request
(ID # [25-0781](#))
- Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to authorize the City of Somerville to employ automated enforcement of certain traffic violations.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee
- 7.2. Mayor's Request
(ID # [25-0524](#))
- Requesting approval to create the Chestnut Street Multimodal Safety Stabilization Fund and accept a payment of \$99,127 from the developer of 100 Chestnut Street to implement multimodal safety and access improvements.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.2 through 7.8, 7.10, and 8.1 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

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- 7.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0651](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$1,468,693 from the Community Preservation Act Affordable Housing Reserve to the Affordable Housing Trust.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.2 through 7.8, 7.10, and 8.1 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0652](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$300,000 from the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Fund to the CPA Open Space Land Acquisition Fund.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.2 through 7.8, 7.10, and 8.1 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0399](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$100,000 from the Community Preservation Act Budgeted Reserve and Open Space Reserve for improvements to Dilboy Auxiliary Fields.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.2 through 7.8, 7.10, and 8.1 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0398](#)) Requesting the transfer of \$55,631 from the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Undesignated Fund Balance to the CPA Open Space Reserve.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.2 through 7.8, 7.10, and 8.1 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0683](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$61,301.89 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for replacement of cameras.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.2 through 7.8, 7.10, and 8.1 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
- 7.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0674](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$35,300 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for upgrades to the Emergency Operation Center.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.2 through 7.8,
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7.10, and 8.1 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

7.9. Mayor's Request
(ID # [25-0823](#))

Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$8,149.84 grant with no new match required from the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services to the Fire Department for the purchase of firefighting gear for new recruits.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

7.10. Mayor's Request
(ID # [25-0686](#))

Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$12,430.19 using available funds in the Police Department In Service Training, Professional & Technical Services, Repairs to Radio Alarm, and Public Safety Supplies accounts.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.2 through 7.8, 7.10, and 8.1 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

7.11. Mayor's Request
(ID # [25-0833](#))

Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Kerrey Kahn to the position of Firefighter.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

7.12. Mayor's Request
(ID # [25-0834](#))

Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Steven Flythe to the position of Firefighter.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

- AYE:** City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld
- ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Mbah
- 7.13. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0838](#)) Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Hudl Focus cameras.
- RESULT:** **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee
- 7.14. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0831](#)) Requesting approval of an exemption for Selam Woldemariam as required by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 268A, Section 20(d).
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- AYE:** City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld
- ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Mbah
- 7.15. Mayor's Request (ID # [25-0832](#)) Requesting approval of an exemption for Erin McGovern as required by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 268A, Section 20(d).
- RESULT:** **APPROVED**
- AYE:** City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld
- ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Mbah
- 7.16. Mayor's Communication (ID # [25-0837](#)) Conveying the updated 2024 Surveillance Technology Annual Report.
- RESULT:** **PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

- 7.17. Mayor's Communication (ID # [25-0822](#))

Proclaiming April 2025 to be Arab American Heritage Month.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 8.1. Officer's Communication (ID # [25-0824](#))

City Solicitor requesting approval to retain Verrill Dana, LLP, as outside legal counsel with respect to Combined Sewer Overflow Control matters.

Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.2 through 7.8, 7.10, and 8.1 and refer them to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 8.2. Officer's Communication (ID # [25-0750](#))

Council on Aging Director conveying a presentation regarding the Somerville Senior Community Survey, with the UMass Boston Center for Social and Demographic Research on Aging.

Director Speliotis introduced Ceara Somerville, a Senior Research Associate at UMass Boston's Center for Social and Demographic Research on Aging, to speak on the needs of older adults. Ms. Somerville spoke about the diversity of cultures in the city and explained that data was collected and analyzed from various sources to create a demographic profile of the city. She reviewed the key findings and recommendations, e.g., the need to increase awareness of the Council on Aging (COA) and who it serves, expanding programs and services offered to reach a broader segment of

residents, addressing short-term space needs and planning for long-term space needs. Ms. Somerville also spoke about aging in Somerville and the need to make it accessible for everyone, to continue efforts to support aging in place, to increase communication and facilitate new approaches to address financial security, to enhance direct support for caregivers, to promote education and awareness of caregiving experiences, to mobilize to combat social isolation, to expand strategies to empower older adults, and to have more awareness of the diversity of aging experiences.

Asked about space considerations, Director Speliotis said that the COA is renting space at the Dilboy Post to meet the demand. Councilor Strezo spoke about the concept of a coupon and/or warehouse club program as a means to assist with food insecurity and asked if there is an appetite to explore the creation of solutions to the next level. Director Speliotis replied that these are works in progress and are being tested to see what the needs and responses are. Councilor Strezo also spoke about the possibility of having community partners help by permitting residents to use their employee buses for transportation to grocery stores, etc.

Councilor Sait asked about access to the COA newsletter and how outreach is being expanded, and Director Speliotis explained the various approaches being taken. Councilor Sait also asked if space at SHS was being considered and the Director said it's one of many options, however, an inquiry has not been made yet due to the logistics of COA programming. Finally, Councilor Sait, noting that many of the things presented by Ms. Somerville are already being done by the city, asked what new information was learned from the report and Ms. Somerville replied that the financial insecurity information was a striking finding. Councilor Scott asked about expansion of the SHA and Ms. Somerville noted that no specific recommendation was offered. A detailed presentation will be made at the COA on May 23.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

8.3. Officer's
Communication
(ID # [25-0784](#))

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Director conveying an update on the obligation and current status of ARPA funds.

Director Satin-Hernandez reviewed the ARPA timeline and noted that all funds must be expended by December 31, 2026. She reviewed the workflow for managing the funds from launch to measurement evaluations and said

that 144 projects were undertaken and that more than 80% of the funds have been spent. Currently, staff are monitoring the spending down of the remaining projects, monitoring federal guidance, and collecting/evaluating data. The next steps to be taken will include the treasury compliance review, communication, and evaluation of project outcomes.

Councilor Wilson asked if the city is still confident that unspent funds won't be clawed back by the federal government and the Director stated that claw back was always expected, but the city did things by the rules and met all requirements available at the time. If, however, treasury changes the rules, then the city would have to deal with that. Councilor Wilson also inquired about Flex ARPA funds used for rental assistance and the Director explained that those funds have been moved to stable funding.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

8.4. Officer's
Communication
(ID # [25-0829](#))

Planning Board conveying recommendations for items #25-0269, #25-0129, #25-1460, #25-0128, and #25-0131.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1. License
(ID # [25-0786](#))

New Drainlayer's License, RJV Construction Corporation.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.33, 10.2 and 10.3 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

9.2. License
(ID # [25-0787](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Alfa Excavation Inc.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.33, 10.2 and 10.3 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

9.3. License
(ID # [25-0788](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, M.T. Mayo Corp.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.33, 10.2 and 10.3 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

9.4. License
(ID # [25-0789](#))

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Super Service Today Inc.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.33, 10.2 and 10.3 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

9.5. License
(ID # [25-0790](#))

Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Pepi's Pizzeria, 516B Medford St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.33, 10.2 and 10.3 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

9.6. License
(ID # [25-0791](#))

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

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.33, 10.2 and 10.3 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

9.7. License
(ID # [25-0792](#))

Renewing Flammables License, Boston Closet Company, 229 Lowell St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.33, 10.2 and 10.3 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

9.8. License
(ID # [25-0793](#))

Renewing Flammables License, Broadway Gulf, 212 Broadway.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.33, 10.2 and 10.3 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

9.9. License
(ID # [25-0794](#))

Renewing Flammables License, Building 2 Owner LLC, 808 Windsor St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.33, 10.2 and 10.3 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

9.10. License
(ID # [25-0795](#))

Renewing Flammables License, U-Haul of Boston, 151 Linwood St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.33, 10.2 and 10.3 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

9.11. License
(ID # [25-0796](#))

Renewing Flammables License, U-Haul Company of Boston, 600 Mystic Valley Pkwy.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.33, 10.2 and 10.3 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

9.12. License
(ID # [25-0797](#))

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

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.33, 10.2 and 10.3 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

9.13. License
(ID # [25-0798](#))

Renewing Flammables License, Valvoline Instant Oil Change AB0001, 182 Washington St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.33, 10.2 and 10.3 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

9.14. License
(ID # [25-0799](#))

Renewing Garage License, Arco Tire Auto Service Repair LLC, 18 Clarendon Ave.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.33, 10.2 and 10.3 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

9.15. License
(ID # [25-0800](#))

Renewing Garage License, Four Wheels Auto, 83A Albion St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.33, 10.2 and 10.3 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

9.16. License
(ID # [25-0801](#))

Renewing Garage License, Gene Automotive Repair, 56 Joy St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.33, 10.2 and 10.3 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

9.17. License
(ID # [25-0802](#))

Renewing Garage License, K Professional Auto Detailing, 682 Mystic Ave.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.33, 10.2 and 10.3 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

9.18. License
(ID # [25-0803](#))

Renewing Garage License, Sam's Gas and Service, 166 Boston Ave.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.33, 10.2 and 10.3 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

9.19. License
(ID # [25-0804](#))

Renewing Garage License, Somerville Auto Center, 193 Somerville Ave.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.33, 10.2 and 10.3 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

9.20. License
(ID # [25-0805](#))

Renewing Garage License, Valvoline Instant Oil Change AB0001, 182 Washington St.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.33, 10.2 and 10.3 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

9.21. License
(ID # [25-0806](#))

Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Country Club Transportation Inc, Med. #3,4,5,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,46.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.33, 10.2 and 10.3 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

9.22. License
(ID # [25-0811](#))

Renewing Taxi Medallion License, God's Blessing Cab Inc, Med. #60.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.33, 10.2 and 10.3 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

9.23. License
(ID # [25-0809](#))

Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Green and Yellow TNC of Somerville, Med. #27,33,34,35,36,37,38,53,54,67,68.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.33, 10.2 and 10.3 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

9.24. License
(ID # [25-0812](#))

Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Honey Cab Inc, Med. #82.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.33, 10.2 and 10.3 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

9.25. License
(ID # [25-0807](#))

Renewing Taxi Medallion License, LaFoi Taxi Inc, Med. #20.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.33, 10.2 and 10.3 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

9.26. License
(ID # [25-0808](#))

Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Lochmere Taxi Inc, Med. #21,22,23,24,25,26,91.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.33, 10.2 and 10.3 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

9.27. License
(ID # [25-0810](#))

Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Mount Pleasant Taxi Inc, Med. #28,30,31,32,39,40,41,42,43.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.33, 10.2 and 10.3 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

9.28. Public Event
(ID # [25-0817](#))

Friends of the Community Growing Center applying for a Public Event License for Somerville Community Growing Center 2025 Event Calendar from April through December for various times.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.33, 10.2 and 10.3 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

9.29. Public Event
(ID # [25-0818](#))

Communications and Community Engagement Department applying for a Public Event License for Slice of the City Series on various dates between May 1-21 from 4:30pm to 7:30pm.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.33, 10.2 and 10.3 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

9.30. Public Event
(ID # [25-0819](#))

Mobility Division applying for a Public Event License for Western Pearl Street Reconstruction Concept Design Open House on May 7 from 4:30pm to 8:30pm (raindate May 8).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.33, 10.2 and 10.3 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

9.31. Public Event
(ID # [25-0814](#))

Mass Farmers Markets applying for a Public Event License for Davis Square Farmer's Market on every Wednesday from May 21 through November 26 from 10am to 7pm.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.33,

- 10.2 and 10.3 and approve them this evening.
RESULT: APPROVED
AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld
ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah
- 9.32. Public Event
(ID # [25-0815](#))
Somerville Sports Club applying for a Public Event License for Somerville Sports Club Annual Holy Spirit Feast on May 25 from 9:30am to 1:30pm.
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.33, 10.2 and 10.3 and approve them this evening.
RESULT: APPROVED
AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld
ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah
- 9.33. Public Event
(ID # [25-0816](#))
Somerville Museum applying for a Public Event License for Som250 - Revolutionary Tours on May 25-27 from 8:00am to 4:30pm.
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.33, 10.2 and 10.3 and approve them this evening.
RESULT: APPROVED
AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld
ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah
- 9.34. Public
Communication
(ID # [25-0827](#))
Four residents submitting comments re: Founders Memorial Skating Rink.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

9.35. Public Communication (ID # [25-0828](#))

Daniel Brenner submitting comments re: Benton Road.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

9.36. Public Communication (ID # [25-0830](#))

Jenn Harrington submitting comments re: salaries.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

9.37. Public Communication (ID # [25-0835](#))

Tufts Advancing Civic Thought In Our Nation (ACTION) submitting comments re: STEM Advocacy.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

9.38. Public Communication
(ID # [25-0843](#))

480 individuals submitting comments re: Israel.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

10.1. Resolution
(ID # [25-0851](#))

By Councilor Wilson
Declaring April 21 to April 27, 2025, to be Greek Spirit Week.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

10.2. License
(ID # [25-0844](#))

New Drainlayer's License, Garrick Santo Landscape.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.33, 10.2 and 10.3 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezio, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

10.3. Public Event
(ID # [25-0845](#))

Arts Council applying for a Public Event License for Porchfest on May 10 from 10:30am to 7pm (raindate May 11).

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 through 9.33, 10.2 and 10.3 and approve them this evening.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezio, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

10.4. Public
Communication
(ID # [25-0847](#))

284 individuals submitting comments re: Israel.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezio, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

11. LATE ITEMS

11.1. Order
(ID # [25-0858](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Davis, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Sait

In support of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) in schools.

Councilor Burnley introduced a late Resolution regarding CPR training by reading it into the record. President Pineda Neufeld then explained the

process for having late items before the City Council and asked if any Councilors objected to allowing Councilor Burnley to continue and to sponsor a speaker. There were no objections. Councilor Burnley sponsored Nayan Sapers, a Harvard student, to address the Council on the matter. Nayan Sapers spoke about the importance of having this training taught in high schools and noted that MA is one of nine states in the country that does not have a mandate to do so, and asked that the City Council support passage of the proposed legislation mentioned in the Resolution.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYE: City Councilor At Large Wilson, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Six City Councilor Davis, and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Mbah

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 8:48 PM on a roll call vote of 10 in favor (Wilson, Ewen-Campen, Scott, McLaughlin, Burnley, Sait, Strezo, Clingan, Davis, Pineda Neufeld), 0 opposed, 1 absent (Mbah).