



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

City Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 10, 2022

7:00 PM

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1. OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin.

- 1.1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
(ID # [22-1973](#))

Councilor Kelly arrived at 7:08PM.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- 1.2. Remembrances Remembrances.
(ID # [22-1974](#))

RESULT: APPROVED

- 1.3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, October 13, 2022.
(ID # [22-1975](#))

RESULT: APPROVED

2. CITATIONS

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 3.1. Grant of Location Eversource applying for a Grant of Location to install 98 feet of conduit in
(ID # [22-1859](#)) Broadway, from Manhole 1969 located at the intersection of Broadway and
Main Street to a point of pickup at 390 Broadway.

Phyllis Galloway, representing Eversource, explained the reason for the request. There being no further comment, the public hearing was closed. Councilor Wilson asked about the manhole covers being installed and Ms. Galloway will provide the information. Councilor Clingan inquired about a recent transformer blowing and Ms. Galloway was unaware of that incident but did say that a new transformer was going to be installed.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 3.2. Grant of Location (ID # [22-1860](#)) Comcast applying for a Grant of Location to install 756 feet of conduit in Middlesex Avenue from Utility Pole 213/11 at the intersection of Middlesex Ave and McGrath Hwy connecting 3 proposed manhole to Utility Pole 213/5 at 60 Middlesex Ave. The work will also include 340 feet of conduit to be installed from the rear of 74 Middlesex Ave to a point of pickup at the proposed manhole 1.

Dave Flewelling, representing Comcast, explained the reason for the request. There being no further comment, the public hearing was closed.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 3.3. Grant of Location (ID # [22-1861](#)) Comcast applying for a Grant of Location to install 70 feet of conduit in Ten Hills Rd, from Utility Pole 498/10 to a proposed handhole in 77 Ten Hills Rd.

Dave Flewelling, representing Comcast, explained the reason for the request. There being no further comment, the public hearing was closed. Councilor Clingan asked if this was the pole that has an easement with the property owner. Mr. Flewelling said that the easement is being recorded.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 3.4. Grant of Location (ID # [22-1862](#)) Cambridge Network Solutions applying for a Grant of Location to install 263 feet of conduit in Somerville Ave, from Manhole 0515-3400 to a point of pickup at the intersection of Spring St and Somerville Ave.

Jeff Harrington, representing Cambridge Network Solution, explained the reason for the request. There being no further comment, the public hearing was closed.

RESULT: APPROVED

4. **ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

- 4.1. Order
(ID # [22-1884](#))
- By Councilor Strezo, Councilor Burnley Jr., City Council Organizational Meeting, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott and Councilor Wilson
That the Director of Parks and Recreation eliminate equity barriers for residents signing up for recreation programs.
- Councilor Strezo stated that if there is a balance due on any previous activity, new applications will not be allowed for programs, and she would like that barrier removed. Liaison Carrillo stated that residents may register for programs in person and that she will look into the payment issue. Councilor Strezo asked that applications for the teen center be available in multiple languages.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee
- 4.2. Order
(ID # [22-1924](#))
- By Councilor Clingan and Councilor Wilson
That the Director of Mobility install a speed hump on Evergreen Avenue between Thurston and Sycamore Streets.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee
- 4.3. Order
(ID # [22-1926](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Burnley Jr., City Council Organizational Meeting, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson
That the Director of Mobility implement traffic calming measures, including speed bumps and raised intersections, on streets perpendicular to Washington Street, including Myrtle, Florence, Pinckney and Dell Streets.
- Councilor McLaughlin commented that the Pearl St reconstruction will begin next spring, causing side streets to be used more frequently.
- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

- 4.4. Order
(ID # [22-1928](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Strezo
That the Director of Mobility update the Ward 1 City Councilor on the proposed Kensington Connector walkway connecting Assembly Row to East Somerville.
- Councilor McLaughlin said it's frustrating how long it take to get things done. He has asked for this connector since 2017 and he thinks that it's astonishing that, even though the city has been working on this, it's not done yet. Councilor Strezo asked that the pedestrian signals be situated so that they can be seen by pedestrians. Councilor Clingan stated that this is a challenging area for pedestrians.
- RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee
- 4.5. Order
(ID # [22-1929](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Urban Forestry and Landscape Planner work with relevant stakeholders to replace grass patches at the community garden on Glen Street with pollinator plants.
- Councilor McLaughlin said that this garden is going to be expanded.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 4.6. Order
(ID # [22-1930](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Engineering ensure that the sidewalks surrounding the new housing development near 779 McGrath Highway have curb cuts for pedestrian and ADA accessibility.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 4.7. Order
(ID # [22-1927](#))
- By Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Gomez Mouakad
That the Commissioner of Public Works provide the current noise readings of the mechanical systems on the roof of the East Somerville Community School and verify that they are in compliance with Noise Control Ordinance regulations.
- Councilor Gomez Mouakad said this was brought to her attention by a constituent and she would like to have this addressed.
- RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION**
FOLLOWUP: School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee

- 4.8. Order
(ID # [22-1932](#))
- By Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott, Councilor Burnley Jr., City Council Organizational Meeting, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson
That the Chief Fire Engineer inform the appropriate Ward Councilor and Councilors-at-Large, as soon as safely practicable, when a major fire has occurred in their Ward, including the number of residents impacted.

Discussed with item 22-1934.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

- 4.9. Order
(ID # [22-1933](#))
- By Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott and Councilor Kelly
That the Director of Emergency Management, the Director of the Office of Housing Stability, the Director of Health and Human Services, the Chief Fire Engineer, and other relevant staff, discuss with this Council the resources and support services provided to residents impacted by a disaster or crisis such as fire or flood.

Discussed with item 22-1934.

Councilor Scott spoke about a recent fire on Beacon Street, saying that there was no central point of contact for the incident. He lauded the assistance provided by residents, after the fact. He thanked ISD for their help and related that he was told by several city officials that providing housing for those displaced “was complicated”.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

4.10. Resolution
(ID # [22-1934](#))

By Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott and Councilor Kelly
That the Mayor designate a central point of contact for providing on-site response for mass displacement events such as fires and floods, and coordinating efforts to assist impacted residents.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld spoke of the recent fire at Clarendon Hill, saying that she was made aware of it by a constituent. Councilor Scott spoke about a recent fire on Beacon Street, saying that there was no central point of contact for the incident. He lauded the assistance provided by residents, after the fact. He thanked ISD for their help and related that he was told by several city officials that providing housing for those displaced “was complicated”. Councilor Scott sponsored Shariff Jackson to speak on this matter. Mr. Jackson said that about 80% of those displaced have been returned home. He is concerned about those living in this building, saying some of them need critical support. He’s making the Council aware of the support services that are needed. Councilor Scott stated that there has been a lot of talk about helping the city’s most vulnerable residents and he would like to have this item sent to committee to move it forward. Councilor Burnley asked to amend item 22-1932 so that At Large Councilors also be notified. The amendment was Approved. President McLaughlin addressed the matter of communication from the city and thinks that there are more situation that warrant some sort of contact from the city.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

4.11. Resolution
(ID # [22-1931](#))

By Councilor Burnley Jr., City Council Organizational Meeting, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson
That this City Council supports the United Labor of Tufts Resident Assistants (ULTRA).

Councilor Burnley sponsored a member of ULTRA to address the Council. David Widdingham said that the group is trying to be recognized as a unionized unit at Tufts. Presently, they receive no compensation, other than a room credit. They are seeking better treatment and a voice in their jobs. Councilor Kelly stated that every worker deserves a union and said she hopes that Tufts starts negotiating with ULTRA. Councilor Pineda Neufeld spoke about her time at Tufts and said she supports the effort. Councilor Burnley noted that a rally will be held on Monday and he asked for the community to support them there. Councilor Gomez Mouakad acknowledged the work that RA’s do. Councilor McLaughlin appreciates the activism Tufts brings to Somerville.

RESULT: APPROVED

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 5.1. Public Communication (ID # [22-1407](#)) Boynton Yards LandCo LLC requesting approval of the attached Land Conveyance petition for Boynton Yards.

Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to approve the item.

RESULT: **APPROVED**

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

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

- 5.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1430](#)) Requesting ordainment of an amendment to the Somerville Zoning Ordinance Article 3, Residence Districts and Article 9, Use Provisions, to permit the adaptive reuse of commercial building types in the NR and UR zoning districts.

Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to approve the item.

RESULT: **ORDINANCE ORDAINED**

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

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

- 5.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1431](#)) Requesting ordainment of an amendment to the Somerville Zoning Ordinance Articles 4 (Mid Rise Districts), 5 (High Rise Districts), 6 (Commercial Districts), 8 (Overlay Districts), and 9 (Use Provisions) to permit additional uses for any ground story commercial space fronting a Pedestrian Street.

Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to approve the item.

RESULT: **ORDINANCE ORDAINED**

AYE: City Councilor At Large Kelly, City Councilor At Large Strezio, 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 Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

NAY: Ward Six City Councilor Davis

ABSENT: City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

6.A. CHARTER REVIEW SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- 6.A.1. Committee Report (ID # [22-1897](#)) Report of the Special Committee on Charter Review, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on November 9, 2022.

Councilor Scott presented the report. Members of the Charter Review Committee were at the meeting to answer questions. This was the first pass on considering the recommendations of the review Committee. The next meeting will be held on November 21 and a public hearing will be held on December 7. President McLaughlin asked the administration to get the word out to the public about the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED

6.B. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- 6.B.1. Committee Report (ID # [22-1895](#)) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on November 2, 2022.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld presented the report and gave a brief background of the eight individuals who the committee recommended for approval to various positions. President McLaughlin commented that there are many talented people in the city who are willing to serve.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.B.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1585](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Mark Scullari to the position of Firefighter.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.B.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1586](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Christopher Tirrell to the position of Firefighter.

RESULT: APPROVED

6.B.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1587](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Alex Artinian to the position of Firefighter.

RESULT: APPROVED

6.B.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1588](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Brian Langton to the position of Firefighter.

RESULT: APPROVED

6.B.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1676](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Adeleine Mannion to the Somerville Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.

RESULT: APPROVED

6.B.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1719](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Brian Cook to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

RESULT: APPROVED

6.B.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1720](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Sisia Daglian to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

RESULT: APPROVED

6.B.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1825](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Kelly J. Cooper to the Election Commission.

RESULT: APPROVED

6.C. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 6.C.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on November 3, 2022.
(ID # [22-1896](#))

Councilor Wilson presented the report and said that the committee recommended approval of the 2nd round of ARPA funds. The committee also requested that the City Council get regular updates on the allocation of these funds. Staffing of the Wage Theft Advisory Committee was also discussed. Councilor Kelly asked Director Sahni about the deadline for expending ARPA funds. Director Bean said that the funds need to be allocated by the end of calendar year 2024, noting that this is still a legal issue. Councilor Burnley asked about the Council having oversight with respect to these ARPA funds and Councilor Wilson explained that ultimately, he wasn't willing to "die on the hill" over that issue. Many committee members desired more oversight, but due to the timelines involved, decided not to pursue the point. Councilor Wilson urged councilors to meet with the city's ARPA team.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.C.2. Order
(ID # [22-0073](#))

By Councilor Scott, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Davis
That the administration assign staff to support the Wage Theft Advisory Committee.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- 6.C.3. Mayor's Request
(ID # [22-1629](#))

Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$13,770.21 using available funds in the Parking Department's Credit Card Convenience Account for May 2022 credit card fees.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.C.4. Mayor's Request
(ID # [22-1669](#))

Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$5,418.98 using available funds in the Parking Department Professional Services Account for Ticket/Permit Processing Vendor, Conduent State & Local Solutions.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.C.5. Mayor's Request
(ID # [22-1823](#))

Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$38,752,085.12 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 grant from the United States Treasury.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.D. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- 6.D.1. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on November 1, 2022.
(ID # [22-1894](#))

Councilor Davis presented the report and spoke about items involving the removal of utility poles. He would like items 22-0835 and 22-1987 referred to the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works for a closer look, since the Law Department had some questions with the language.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 6.D.2. Ordinance
(ID # [22-0835](#))

By Councilor Strezo, Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Gomez Mouakad

Amending Sec. 11-63 of the Code of Ordinances regarding the removal of poles, conduits and wires.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

- 6.D.3. Public
Communication
(ID # [22-1772](#))

Bill Valletta submitting comments regarding Item #214069, proposed amendments to the Neighborhood Council Designation Ordinance (Chapter 7, Article IX).

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- 6.D.4. Resolution
(ID # [22-1987](#))

By Councilor Davis

That the Administration work with the City Council to establish a process for enforcement of Section 11-63 of the Code of Ordinances.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

6.E. SCHOOL BUILDING FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- 6.E.1. Committee Report Report of the Special Committee on School Building Facilities and Maintenance, meeting on October 26, 2022.
(ID # [22-1893](#))

Councilor Gomez Mouakad presented the report and said that many items were discussed, including the Kennedy School chiller, an overheating issue at the Capuano School, the feasibility study, the enrollment study, preventive maintenance, Wi-Fi services, 311 orders, the ESCS façade and a COVID spending report.

RESULT: APPROVED

7. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

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- 7.1. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1923](#)) Requesting the appropriation of \$1,616,575 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Parking Meter Receipts Account to reduce the FY 2023 Tax Rate.
- Councilor Wilson moved to waive the reading of items 7.2-7.22 and refer them to the Committee on Finance. The total is \$3.7 million.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.2. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1983](#)) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$949,338 to the Capital Outlay, Infrastructure-Streets Account for street resurfacing projects.
- See item 22-1923.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.3. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1888](#)) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$650,000 to the Fire Department Overtime Account.
- See item 22-1923.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.4. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1892](#)) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$500,000 to the Capital Projects, Building Improvements Account for repairs and upgrades to HVAC systems.
- See item 22-1923.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.5. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1972](#)) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$500,000 to the Salary Contingency, Salaries Account.
- See item 22-1923.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.6. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1925](#)) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$424,950.10 to the Information Technology eRate Account to replace all Somerville Public School network equipment via the eRate grant program.
- See item 22-1923.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
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- 7.7. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1875](#)) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$300,000 to the 90 Washington Demonstration Project Account for ongoing litigation and planning costs.
See item 22-1923.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.8. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1918](#)) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$250,000 to the Law Department, Legal Services Account for outside legal counsel services.
See item 22-1923.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.9. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1979](#)) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$200,000 to the Traffic Safety Stabilization Fund to fund traffic safety measures.
See item 22-1923.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.10. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1890](#)) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$110,000 to the Capital Projects Division, Capital Outlay, Fences Account to fund temporary construction fencing at the 90 Washington Street site.
See item 22-1923.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.11. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1915](#)) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$100,000 to the DPW Sanitation, Hazardous Waste Removal Account to fund a shortfall.
See item 22-1923.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.12. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1919](#)) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$100,000 to the Law Department, Judgments and Settlements Account.
See item 22-1923.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
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- 7.13. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1905](#)) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$70,000 to the Fire Alarm Overtime Account.
See item 22-1923.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.14. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1889](#)) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$50,000 to the Immigrant Legal Services Stabilization Fund for additional immigrant legal defense services.
See item 22-1923.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.15. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1985](#)) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$50,000 to various Finance Department-Auditing Division Accounts to support the Public Participatory Budgeting Project.
See item 22-1923.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.16. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1911](#)) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$10,000 to the Police-Animal Control Overtime Account.
See item 22-1923.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.17. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1773](#)) Requesting approval to amend a contract with Greenberg Traurig LLP for an additional two years and \$300,000, for ongoing litigation related to the 90 Washington Street eminent domain taking.
See item 22-1923.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.18. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1858](#)) Requesting approval of a time-only contract extension with Stantec Consulting Services Inc. for Poplar Street Pump Station Design Services.
See item 22-1923.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
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- 7.19. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1857](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$6,000 grant with no new match required, from Somerville Cambridge Elder Services to the Council on Aging for transportation to Council on Aging sponsored events.
See item 22-1923.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.20. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1856](#)) Requesting approval to accept and expend a \$3,000 grant with no new match required, from Somerville Cambridge Elder Services to the Council on Aging for transportation to events at the Council on Aging.
See item 22-1923.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.21. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1880](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$116,166.91 using available funds in various Public Works Ordinary Maintenance Accounts for invoices in Administration, Buildings, Grounds, Lights and Lines, Highway, Fleet, Sanitation, and Snow..
See item 22-1923.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.22. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1851](#)) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$409.60 using available funds in the City Clerk Ordinary Maintenance Credit Card Convenience Fees Account for credit card convenience fees.
See item 22-1923.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 7.23. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1876](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Michael McNeley to the Planning Board.
Councilor Pineda Neufeld moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

- 7.24. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1878](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Luc Schuster to the Planning Board.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

- 7.25. Mayor's Request (ID # [22-1904](#)) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of James Zamer to the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.

Councilor Pineda Neufeld moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

8. COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 8.1. Officer's Communication (ID # [22-1920](#)) Chief Assessor requesting to appear at this Council's November 22 meeting for the Tax Classification Public Hearing and the determination and adoption of tax levy percentages for FY 2023.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 8.2. Officer's Communication (ID # [22-1910](#)) Acting City Solicitor responding to item 22-1768, to update the City Council on the 8/25/2022 Henry Lima Civil Service Decision.

Solicitor Shapiro stated a decision came down in August of 2022 on this matter which involved a bypass. The decision ordered that Mr. Lima be placed at the top of the next certification and that he sign a statement saying that he would accept the appointment. He has not signed that statement. The city has appealed part of the remedy should Mr. Lima file another appeal. Solicitor Shapiro explained that the city still has a certification list and Liaison Carrillo stated that the 4 appointments before the Council tonight are the last on the current certification. Mr. Lima's name will be placed at the top of the next certification that is issued. Councilor Clingan asked about upcoming fire fighter vacancies and Liaison Carrillo said that a new certification will be pulled for 3 additional positions. President McLaughlin commented that this type of action has been a systemic problem by the city.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- 8.3. Officer's Communication (ID # [22-1855](#)) Retirement Board requesting approval of an increase in the retiree cost of living adjustment base to \$16,000.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 8.4. Officer's Communication (ID # [22-1881](#)) Planning Board conveying recommendations for items 22-1430, 22-1431, 22-1407, and 22-1356.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- 8.5. Officer's Communication (ID # [22-1912](#)) Memorialization Committee conveying the naming of a new park as part of the 346 Somerville Ave/Lake Street development, in honor of Martha Perry Lowe.

Councilor Burnley spoke about the honoree's work in the labor movement.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- 8.6. Officer's Communication (ID # [22-1913](#)) Memorialization Committee conveying the naming of a new street as part of the Clarendon Hill Redevelopment in honor of Stephenson Aman.

Councilor Burnley reported that there was much discussion about this honor to recognize Mr. Aman's contributions to the community.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1. License (ID # [22-1864](#)) New Sign/Awning License, PNC Bank National Association, 405 Grand Union Blvd, 2 wall signs and 8 awnings.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading of items 9.1 - 9.47 and approve the items tonight.

- 9.2. License (ID # [22-1969](#)) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Mendez Masonry & Construction Inc.

See item 22-1864.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.3. License (ID # [22-1935](#)) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 90-92-94 Curtis St.

See item 22-1864.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.4. License (ID # [22-1936](#)) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 136 Curtis St.
See item 22-1864.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.5. License (ID # [22-1937](#)) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 176 Curtis St.
See item 22-1864.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.6. License (ID # [22-1938](#)) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 32 Dearborn Rd.
See item 22-1864.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.7. License (ID # [22-1939](#)) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 29 Latin Way.
See item 22-1864.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.8. License (ID # [22-1940](#)) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 39R Latin Way.
See item 22-1864.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.9. License (ID # [22-1941](#)) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 40A Latin Way.
See item 22-1864.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.10. License (ID # [22-1942](#)) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 43 Latin Way.
See item 22-1864.
RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.11. License
(ID # [22-1943](#))
- Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 75 Packard Ave.
- See item 22-1864.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.12. License
(ID # [22-1944](#))
- Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 123 Packard Ave.
- See item 22-1864.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.13. License
(ID # [22-1945](#))
- Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 126 Packard Ave.
- See item 22-1864.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.14. License
(ID # [22-1946](#))
- Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 73 Powder House Blvd.
- See item 22-1864.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.15. License
(ID # [22-1947](#))
- Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 125 Powder House Blvd.
- See item 22-1864.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.16. License
(ID # [22-1948](#))
- Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 14 Professors Row.
- See item 22-1864.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.17. License
(ID # [22-1949](#))
- Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 56 Professors Row.
- See item 22-1864.
- RESULT: APPROVED**

- 9.18. License
(ID # [22-1950](#))
- Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 92 Professors Row.
- See item 22-1864.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.19. License
(ID # [22-1951](#))
- Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 98 Professors Row.
- See item 22-1864.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.20. License
(ID # [22-1952](#))
- Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 106 Professors Row.
- See item 22-1864.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.21. License
(ID # [22-1953](#))
- Renewing Lodging House License, Alpha Tau Omega, 134 Professors Row.
- See item 22-1864.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.22. License
(ID # [22-1954](#))
- Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 13 Sawyer Ave.
- See item 22-1864.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.23. License
(ID # [22-1956](#))
- Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 37 Sawyer Ave.
- See item 22-1864.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.24. License
(ID # [22-1957](#))
- Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 45 Sawyer Ave.
- See item 22-1864.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
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- 9.25. License
(ID # [22-1968](#))
- Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 9 Sunset Rd.
- See item 22-1864.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.26. License
(ID # [22-1958](#))
- Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 13-15 Talbot Ave.
- See item 22-1864.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.27. License
(ID # [22-1959](#))
- Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 45 Talbot Ave.
- See item 22-1864.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.28. License
(ID # [22-1960](#))
- Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 100 Talbot Ave.
- See item 22-1864.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.29. License
(ID # [22-1961](#))
- Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 101 Talbot Ave.
- See item 22-1864.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.30. License
(ID # [22-1962](#))
- Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 8 Whitfield Rd.
- See item 22-1864.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.31. License
(ID # [22-1963](#))
- Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 15 Whitfield Rd.
- See item 22-1864.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
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- 9.32. License
(ID # [22-1964](#))
- Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 21 Whitfield Rd.
- See item 22-1864.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.33. License
(ID # [22-1955](#))
- Renewing Lodging House License, Walnut Hill Properties Alpha Phi, 14 Sawyer Ave.
- See item 22-1864.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.34. License
(ID # [22-1965](#))
- Renewing Lodging House License, Walnut Hill Properties Kappa Alpha, 25 Whitfield Rd.
- See item 22-1864.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.35. License
(ID # [22-1863](#))
- Renewing Lodging House License, Walnut Hill Properties Theta Chi, 100 Packard Ave.
- See item 22-1864.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.36. License
(ID # [22-1865](#))
- Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, D.M. Auto Body, 48 Joy St.
- See item 22-1864.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.37. License
(ID # [22-1866](#))
- Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 3, Ed's Used Auto Parts, 516 Columbia St.
- See item 22-1864.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
- 9.38. License
(ID # [22-1867](#))
- Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, Hillside Service Center, 45 Mystic Ave.
- See item 22-1864.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
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- 9.39. License (ID # [22-1868](#)) Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 1, Herb Chambers Mercedes Benz of Boston Commercial Vans, 161 Linwood St.
See item 22-1864.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.40. License (ID # [22-1971](#)) Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, James A. Kiley Co., 15 Linwood St.
See item 22-1864.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.41. License (ID # [22-1967](#)) Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 3, Joseph Talewsky & Sons, 508-512 Columbia St.
See item 22-1864.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.42. License (ID # [22-1869](#)) Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 1, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 259 McGrath Hwy.
See item 22-1864.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.43. License (ID # [22-1870](#)) Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, Real Auto Shop, 463 McGrath Hwy.
See item 22-1864.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.44. License (ID # [22-1871](#)) Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 1, Smart Center Boston, 257 McGrath Hwy.
See item 22-1864.
RESULT: APPROVED
- 9.45. License (ID # [22-1872](#)) Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, Teele Square Auto, 1284 Broadway.
See item 22-1864.
RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.46. License
(ID # [22-1966](#))
- Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, United Motors, 188 Broadway.

See item 22-1864.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.47. License
(ID # [22-1873](#))
- Renewing Used Car Dealer License Class 2, Webster Auto Sales, 61 Prospect St.

See item 22-1864.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 9.48. Public
Communication
(ID # [22-1970](#))
- Andrew Puglia submitting comments regarding Professor's Row.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 10.1. Ordinance
(ID # [22-1992](#))
- By Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Scott
Amending Section 1-4 of the Code of Ordinance to add definitions for relationship status and intimate personal relationship.

Councilor Burnley moved to waive readings of items 10.1 - 10.5 and refer the items to the Committee on Legislative Matters. Councilor Scott commented that a number of individuals have been working on these items and he thanked Councilors Burnley and Davis for their actions on them. Councilor Burnley stated that each of these ordinance changes offer protection to polyamorous people. Councilor Wilson stated that these things matter, and that family is family.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

- 10.2. Ordinance
(ID # [22-1993](#))
- By Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Scott
Amending Section 2-326 of the Code of Ordinances, related to the Personnel program.

See item 22-1992.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

- 10.3. Ordinance
(ID # [22-1994](#))
- By Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Scott
Amending Sections 7-41, 7-43, 7-44, and 7-47 of the Code of Ordinances, related to Fair Housing.

See item 22-1992.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

- 10.4. Ordinance
(ID # [22-1995](#))
- By Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Scott
Amending Section 15-31 of the Code of Ordinances, related to the Code of Conduct, Ethics, and Financial Disclosure.

See item 22-1992.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

- 10.5. Ordinance
(ID # [22-1996](#))
- By Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Scott
Amending Section 10-102 of the Code of Ordinances, regarding the definition of biased based policing.

See item 22-1992.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

- 10.6. Order
(ID # [22-1991](#))
- By Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Scott
That the City Solicitor work with this Council to amend the Code of Ordinances to include nondiscrimination provisions based on relationship status.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT FOR DISCUSSION

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

- 10.7. Resolution
(ID # [22-1990](#))
- By Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Scott
Supporting Family Inclusion and Relationship Diversity.
Councilor Burnley moved to waive the reading and approve the item.

RESULT: APPROVED

11. LATE ITEMS

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:09 PM.