

**City of Somerville, Massachusetts**  
**Matters of Business of the City Council**

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

July 14, 2020, 7:00 PM  
Meeting by Remote Participation  
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**NOTICE**

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. C. 30A, s. 18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, as well as Mayor Curtatone's Declaration of Emergency, dated March 15, 2020, this meeting of the City Council will be conducted via remote participation. We will post an audio recording, audio-video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of these proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting on the City of Somerville website and local cable access government channels.

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<https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/3992812013161860622>.

**OPENING CEREMONIES**

1. Roll Call            Call of the Roll.  
(ID # 23280)
  
2. Remembrances    Remembrances.  
(ID # 23281)
  
3. Minutes            Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, June  
(ID # 23282)        11, 2020.

**CITATIONS**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

4. Grant of            Submitted by TC Systems to install 78 feet of conduit in  
Location            Washington St from Pole 358/58 at the corner of Magnus  
(ID # 23269)        Ave to a proposed handhole across the street in the  
                             sidewalk in front of Perry Park, then to adjacent Pole  
                             58X.

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

5. Order                By City Councilor Strezo  
(ID # 23251)        That the Director of Inspectional Services report to the  
                             Housing and Community Development Committee its  
                             implementation plans for the 2019 Tenant Notification  
                             Act.

6. Order (ID # 23252) By City Councilor Strezo  
That the Directors of SPCD, Housing Stability, and Inspectional Services discuss with the Housing and Community Development Committee the anticipated impact and possible responses when the MA Eviction Moratorium expires on August 18.
7. Order (ID # 23250) By City Councilor Strezo  
That the Director of Inspectional Services communicate with the community via mail, email and/or other means, its 2020 plan for combating rat infestations, including monthly updates during peak infestation periods and quarterly updates otherwise.
8. Order (ID # 23255) By City Councilor Strezo, Niedergang  
That the Director of Personnel provide a demographic breakdown of employees in the E-911, Fire Alarm, and Constituent Services Departments.
9. Communication (ID # 23254) By City Councilor Strezo  
Reporting on the Children's Cabinet Meeting held on June 9, 2020.
10. Communication (ID # 23253) By City Councilor Rossetti  
Reporting on the High School Building Committee held on July 13, 2020.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

11. Resolution 209284 By City Councilor Scott, Ballantyne, Clingan, Davis  
Supporting House Resolution 702, The People's Justice Guarantee.
12. Resolution 210251 By City Councilor Ballantyne  
That the Mayor, the Chief of Police and the Director of Health and Human Services discuss with this Council, at its June 11, 2020 meeting, their declaration of Systemic Racism as a Public Safety and Health Emergency.

#### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

##### 13. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 23277) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on July 9, 2020.
- B. Mayor's Request 210071 Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Christine Lindgren to the Licensing Commission.

RECOMMENDED: Approved.

- C. Mayor's Request 210279 Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Carla Lillvik as a Trustee for the Board of Library Trustees.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- D. Mayor's Request 210374 Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Robert McCarthy to the position of Deputy Fire Chief.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.

14. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 23270) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on June 29, 2020.
- B. Resolution (ID # 23243) By City Councilor Scott  
That the Mayor return to the Finance Committee with an amended budget reflecting an allocation of the cut funds to the Racial and Social Justice Program or to other badly needed city services.
- C. Resolution (ID # 23244) By City Councilor Davis  
That the Administration work collaboratively with this Council on substantial reforms to law enforcement including a Civilian Review Board and an approach to policing that involves civilian responses to matters that are currently addressed by the Police.

15. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 23271) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on July 1, 2020.
- B. Resolution (ID # 23245) By City Councilor Rossetti  
That the Administration fund the additional Float Nurse position in the Health and Human Services Department for 11 months in the FY21 budget.
- C. Resolution (ID # 23246) By City Councilor Scott  
That the Administration increase the Salaries Account in the Library's FY21 budget by \$43,500, to fully staff the Deputy Director position.

16. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 23272) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on July 2, 2020.

- B. Resolution By City Councilor Scott  
(ID # 23247) That the Mayor allocate full funding for the Talent Acquisition/Asset Manager position in the FY21 budget.

17. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report  
(ID # 23273) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on July 6, 2020.
- B. Resolution By City Councilor Scott  
(ID # 23248) That the Mayor increase the Professional and Technical Services Account in the Arts Council by \$35,000 in the FY21 budget.
- C. Resolution By City Councilor Scott  
(ID # 23249) That the Mayor increase the Salaries Account in the Arts Council by \$12,300 to fully fund the Nibble Kitchen Cultural Culinary Coordinator position.

18. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report  
(ID # 23274) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on July 7, 2020.

19. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report  
(ID # 23276) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on July 8, 2020.

20. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report  
(ID # 23278) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on July 9, 2020.
- B. Resolution By City Councilor McLaughlin  
(ID # 23290) That the Mayor's Office allocate funds to the City Council for anti-racism training and education.
- C. Resolution By City Councilor Ballantyne  
(ID # 23291) That the Mayor hire a research institute and/or individual expert in gender studies and women studies to implement equitable investments in girls in the Fall of 2020, conduct a Pilot/Praxis in the Spring of 2021, and develop an implementation plan by May, 2021.

- D. Resolution (ID # 23292) By City Councilor Rossetti  
That the Administration consider reallocating any funds cut from the DPW Fleet Management budget to the Office of Housing Stability during these COVID times.
- E. Resolution (ID # 23293) By City Councilor Ballantyne  
That the Administration increase the Community Engagement Specialist - Nepali interpreter position in the Communications and Community Engagement budget to full-time.
- F. Resolution (ID # 23294) By City Councilor Ballantyne  
That the Administration add an additional 10-hour Community Engagement Specialist - Spanish position in the Communications and Community Engagement Department.

21. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 23275) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on July 8, 2020.
- B. Grant of Location 204351 Submitted by Eversource to install 7 feet of conduit in Summer St, from Pole 325/4 to a point of pickup at Nunziato Field.  
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- C. Grant of Location 208798 Small Wireless Facility License, ExteNet Systems attaching small cell equipment on a new pole replacing an existing pole at Trum Playground, 546 Broadway.  
RECOMMENDED: Placed on File
- D. License/Permit 209915 New Garage License, Car Zone LLC, 486 Columbia St, 2 autos inside, 2 outside, for mechanical repairs only.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.
- E. Mayor's Request 210264 Requesting approval of an Order to not require this Council's authorization pursuant to Ordinance 12-14 for businesses seeking outdoor food and beverage service on the public way through November 1, 2020.  
RECOMMENDED: Work Completed
- F. License/Permit 210363 New Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Four Wheels Auto, 83 Albion St, 0 autos inside, 0 outside, Mo-Fr 8am-6pm, Sa-Su by appointment.  
RECOMMENDED: Approved.

22. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report (ID # 23279) Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on July 13, 2020.

**COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

- 23. Mayor's Request (ID # 23284) Requesting the appropriation of \$246,457,214 to fund the FY2021 General Fund Operating Budget.
- 24. Mayor's Request (ID # 23285) Requesting the appropriation of \$521,242 from the Salary and Wage Stabilization Fund to the School Department Personal Services Other Lump Sum Benefits Account to fund the first year of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Paraprofessionals.
- 25. Mayor's Request (ID # 23286) Requesting the appropriation of \$70,200 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to reconstruct the City Hall Fire Escape.
- 26. Withdrawn (ID # 23287) Withdrawn.

**COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 27. License/Permit (ID # 23256) New Drainlayer's License Meninno Construction Corp.
- 28. License/Permit (ID # 23257) New Drainlayer's License Kiely Excavation LLC.
- 29. License/Permit (ID # 23258) New Drainlayer's License O'Donoghue Construction Inc.
- 30. License/Permit (ID # 23259) New Drainlayer's License, Atomic Ant Construction Inc.
- 31. License/Permit (ID # 23260) Renewing Drainlayer's License, KB Aruda Construction.
- 32. License/Permit (ID # 23262) Renewing Flammables License, Mobil Mart Plus, 379 Alewife Brook Pkwy.
- 33. License/Permit (ID # 23263) Renewing Garage License, Enterprise Rent-a-Car, 37 Mystic Ave.
- 34. License/Permit (ID # 23264) Renewing Garage License, A Plus Auto Body, 297 Medford St.
- 35. License/Permit (ID # 23265) Renewing Garage License, Top Car Auto Repair, 497 Columbia St.

- 36. License/Permit (ID # 23261) Extended Operating Hours License, Sam's Falafel and Shawarma, 215 Highland Ave.
- 37. License/Permit (ID # 23266) New Outdoor Seating License, Curry Express, 147b Highland Ave, 1 A-Frame sign.
- 38. License/Permit (ID # 23267) Sign/Awning Permit, Niche Plant Shop, 259 Elm Street, 1 flat sign.
- 39. License/Permit (ID # 23268) Sign/Awning Permit, Innova Beauty Salon, 89 Elm Street, 2 flat signs.
- 40. Public Communication (ID # 23283) 113 citizens (approx.) submitting comments re: the FY21 budget.

**SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

- 41. Resolution (ID # 23295) By City Councilor Ballantyne  
That the Administration ensure that all genders have options to self identify in applications, data collection and any other information from the City and School Departments.

**LATE ITEMS**

**ADJOURNMENT**