

2021 Minutes of the Somerville City Council

**Kimberly M. Wells
City Clerk**

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STANDING COMMITTEES (*Chair listed first, vice chair second*):

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS: *Mary Jo Rossetti, J.T. Scott, Wilfred Mbah, Jesse Clingan, Kristen Strezo*

EQUITY, GENDER, FAMILIES AND VULNERABLE POPULATIONS: *Wilfred Mbah, Katjana Ballantyne, Kristen Strezo*

FINANCE: *J.T. Scott, Katjana Ballantyne, William White, Mary Jo Rossetti, Wilfred Mbah*

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: *Kristen Strezo, Ben Ewen-Campen, Wilfred Mbah*

LAND USE: *Ben Ewen-Campen, Lance Davis, William White, Matthew McLaughlin, Mark Niedergang*

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS: *Lance Davis, Mark Niedergang, Ben Ewen-Campen, Matthew McLaughlin, Jesse Clingan*

LICENSES AND PERMITS: *William White, Wilfred Mbah, J.T. Scott*

OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY: *Katjana Ballantyne, Wilfred Mbah, Ben Ewen-Campen, J.T. Scott, William White*

PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY: *Lance Davis, Jesse Clingan, Matthew McLaughlin*

PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS: *Jesse Clingan, William White, Katjana Ballantyne*

TRAFFIC AND PARKING: *Mark Niedergang, Jesse Clingan, Katjana Ballantyne*

SPECIAL COMMITTEES (*Chair listed first, vice chair second*):

FLOOD FORUM (SPECIAL): *Katjana Ballantyne*, Mark Niedergang, Kristen Strezo
RODENT ISSUES (SPECIAL): *Ben Ewen-Campen*, Matthew McLaughlin, Mary Jo Rossetti
RULES (SPECIAL): *William White*, Mary Jo Rossetti, Lance Davis

COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES:

AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST: Kristen Strezo
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Katjana Ballantyne
CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE: William White
COMMUNITY CABINET: Kristen Strezo
HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE: Mary Jo Rossetti
MEMORIALIZATION COMMITTEE: Wilfred Mbah
MINIMUM MIXED USE RATIO WORKING GROUP: William White, Katjana Ballantyne
MUNICIPAL BUILDING MASTER PLAN WORKING GROUP: Mark Niedergang
MUNICIPAL JOB CREATION AND RETENTION TRUST FUND: Jesse Clingan
OFFICE OF HOUSING STABILITY ADVISORY BOARD: Ben Ewen-Campen
PARKING STUDY WORKING GROUP: Wilfred Mbah, Mark Niedergang
PEDESTRIAN AND TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Katjana Ballantyne
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING COMMITTEE: Matthew McLaughlin
REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: Ben Ewen-Campen
SOMERPROMISE ADVISORY BOARD: Kristen Strezo
TRAFFIC COMMISSION: Mark Niedergang
WAGE THEFT ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Jesse Clingan

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STANDING SUBCOMMITTEES (*Chair listed first, vice chair second*):

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND INSTRUCTION: *Sarah Phillips*, Laura Pitone, Ellenor Barish
FINANCE AND FACILITIES: *Ilana Krepchin*, Carrie Normand, Sarah Phillips
LONG RANGE PLANNING: *Andre Green*, Ilana Krepchin, Emily Ackman, Sarah Phillips, Laura Pitone, Ellenor Barish,
Carrie Normand, Joseph A. Curtatone, Matthew McLaughlin
RULES MANAGEMENT: *Ellenor Barish*, Emily Ackman, Ilana Krepchin

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

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

January 4, 2021, 6:00 PM
 Meeting by Remote Participation

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OPENING OF THE MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM by Ward Five City Councilor Mark Niedergang.

| Attendee Name | Title | Status | Arrived |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Wilfred N. Mbah | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Mary Jo Rossetti | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Kristen Strezo | City Councilor at Large | Present | |
| William A. White Jr. | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Matthew McLaughlin | Ward One City Councilor | Present | |
| Jefferson Thomas ("J.T.") Scott | Ward Two City Councilor | Present | |
| Ben Ewen-Campen | Ward Three City Councilor | Present | |
| Jesse Clingan | Ward Four City Councilor | Present | |
| Mark Niedergang | Ward Five City Councilor | Present | |
| Lance L. Davis | Ward Six City Councilor | Present | |
| Katjana Ballantyne | Ward Seven City Councilor | Present | |

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 211111
 (ID:23996)

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| RESULT: PLACED ON FILE |
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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

2. Election Election of a President for 2021: Motion, That Councilor McLaughlin be
 211112 elected President of this Council.
 (ID:23997)

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| Councilor McLaughlin was nominated by Councilor Clingan. He was the only Councilor nominated. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
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| 3. | Election 211113 (ID:23998) | Election of a Vice President for 2021: Motion, That Councilor Rossetti be elected Vice President of this Council. |
| <p>Councilor Rossetti was nominated by Councilor Ballantyne. She was the only Councilor nominated.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | | |

RECESS FOR THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Council recessed at 6:25 PM, and reconvened at 6:35 PM.

ADDRESSES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

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| 4. | Officer's Communication 211114 (ID:23999) | School Committee Chair's Address. |
| <p>The School Committee Chair's Address will be delivered at a later date.</p> <p>RESULT: WITHDRAWN</p> | | |
| 5. | Officer's Communication 211115 (ID:24000) | President's Address. |
| <p>The President's Address will be delivered at a later date.</p> <p>RESULT: WITHDRAWN</p> | | |

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

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| 6. | Order 211116 (ID:24002) | By City Councilor White Jr. Adopting for 2021 the Rules of the City Council as approved on December 12, 2019. |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | | |
| 7. | Order 211117 (ID:24003) | By City Councilor Rossetti Reviving all business pending before this Council or its Committees at the end of 2020 and recommitting the revived items back to this Council or its proper Committees. |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | | |
| 8. | Order 211118 (ID:24004) | By City Councilor Ballantyne Accepting the bonds of the City Treasurer/Tax Collector. |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | | |

9. Order By City Councilor Scott
211119 Authorizing the City Treasurer to appoint Deputy Tax Collectors.
(ID:24005)
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

10. Communication By City Councilor McLaughlin
211120 In his capacity as President, conveying this Council's Standing and Special
(ID:24008) Committee assignments and Commission appointments for 2021.
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| RESULT: | PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

NEW BUSINESS

11. Election Drawing of Seats for 2021.
211121
(ID:24006)
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| President McLaughlin appointed Councilors Ewen-Campen and Strezo to draw the seat assignments. |
| RESULT: PLACED ON FILE |
| Seat Assignments: |
| 1. Mark Niedergang |
| 2. William A. White Jr. |
| 3. Katjana Ballantyne |
| 4. Ben Ewen-Campen |
| 5. Lance L. Davis |
| 6. Kristen Strezo |
| 7. Jesse Clingan |
| 8. Wilfred N. Mbah |
| 9. Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott |
| 10. Mary Jo Rossetti |
| 11. Matthew McLaughlin |

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 6:45 PM.

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 14, 2021, 7:00 PM
 Meeting by Remote Participation

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OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin.

| Attendee Name | Title | Status | Arrived |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---------|---------|
| Wilfred N. Mbah | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Mary Jo Rossetti | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Kristen Strezo | City Councilor at Large | Present | |
| William A. White Jr. | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Matthew McLaughlin | Ward One City Councilor | Present | |
| Jefferson Thomas ("J.T.") Scott | Ward Two City Councilor | Present | |
| Ben Ewen-Campen | Ward Three City Councilor | Present | |
| Jesse Clingan | Ward Four City Councilor | Present | |
| Mark Niedergang | Ward Five City Councilor | Present | |
| Lance L. Davis | Ward Six City Councilor | Present | |
| Katjana Ballantyne | Ward Seven City Councilor | Present | |

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 211122
 (ID:24036) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 211123
 (ID:24038) Councilor Ballantyne sponsored a moment of silence for the 55 city residents who have passed away from COVID-19.
 RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, December 10, 2020.
 211124
 (ID:24037) **RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
 ABSENT: Clingan

CITATIONS

- 4. Citation 211125 (ID:24061) By City Councilor Rossetti, McLaughlin, and the Mayor Commending Acting Deputy Chief Michael Anzalone, Lieutenants Thomas Bellini and Danielle O’Hearn, and Firefighters Mark Wall, Ryan Epps, Christopher Carroll, John O’Connor, Douglas Henry, Hallam “Alex” Massiah, and Charles Conway for their life saving actions, exemplifying the highest traditions of the fire service.

President McLaughlin offered his personal gratitude. Councilor Rossetti spoke about the heroics of these Firefighters as they worked together to save the residents in the building. She read a Fire Department memo recounting the events of that incident during which 2 Firefighters sustained injuries. Mayor Curtatone explained that the alerts of the fire were coming in fast that night and he acknowledged the Firefighters’ bravery. Chief Breen and Deputy Chief Anzalone praised the Firefighters as well as the Firefighters from surrounding communities who worked to knock down the blaze.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Clingan

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 5. Grant of Location 211126 (ID:24057) Submitted by Verizon to install 130 feet of conduit in Broadway from Manhole 27 at the intersection of Medford St and Broadway to a Handhole at the intersection of Dexter St and Broadway.

The President opened the public hearing. Michael Krzcuik from Verizon spoke on behalf of the item and said that the street would be dug up and repaired by Verizon and that traffic management would be taken care of. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Clingan

- 6. Grant of Location 211127 (ID:24058) Submitted by Eversource to install 379 feet of conduit in Broadway from Manhole 30103 at the intersection of Boston Ave and Broadway to Manhole 24938 at the intersection of Winchester St and Broadway.

The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy from Eversource spoke in favor of the item and said that the GLX crews would handle traffic management. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Clingan

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

7. Order 211128 (ID:24009) By City Councilor Strezo
That the Commissioner of Public Works discuss installing speed limiters on the city's vehicles to monitor speed and ensure that employees are observing speed limits.

Councilor Strezo commented that this might be a way to help prevent further pedestrian fatalities.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Clingan
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

8. Resolution 211129 (ID:24011) By City Councilor Strezo
That the Administration consider a partnership with community partners to implement a science-based presentation and dialogue about the COVID vaccine's availability and effectiveness, and to address any concerns residents and city employees may have about it.

Councilor Strezo commented that there is some reluctance in the community to get the Covid-19 vaccine.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Clingan

9. Resolution 211130 (ID:24012) By City Councilor Strezo, Scott
That the team leader of the Somerville Trotter Collaborative Report discuss with this Council the findings of the report and how the study could be best used to benefit the community as a whole.

Councilor Strezo commented that the Report has recommendations that should be discussed. Councilor Scott said that he was impressed with the Report and the magnitude of the issues facing the city.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Clingan
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

10. Order 211131 (ID:24024) By City Councilor Davis, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That this Council create an ordinance adopting MGL c184 s36, establishing a tenant opportunity to purchase.

Councilor Davis asked that the item be placed on file since the Governor failed to sign the legislation. He suggested keeping an eye on this topic for possible future legislation. Councilor Ewen-Campen also criticized the Governor's inaction.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Clingan

11. Resolution 211132 (ID:24030) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Mbah That the Spring Hill Streetscapes design team continue to work closely with the Somerville Bicycle Committee and Somerville Bicycle Safety to propose improved bicycle safety infrastructure on and near the redesigned Highland Avenue, balanced with pedestrian safety, MBTA bus improvements, and ADA infrastructure.

Councilor Ewen-Campen said that the Administration has put forth a first draft plan that has been well received, with many comments advocating for bike safety along Highland Avenue. He isn't sure what the best solution is, but thinks there will be improvements. He suggested keeping an open mind until all options have been exhausted. Councilor Davis noted that there are many challenges with Highland Avenue and a protected bike lane might not be the best solution. Councilor Niedergang said the initial work won't begin until 2022 and there is much that still needs to be done. He said there will be additional community meetings, and pointed out the Council's only role is to approve the funding for the project. Councilor Mbah said he wants to keep a closed mind on this item since Somerville is such a small city. Councilor Ballantyne supported any future work by the advocates and the Administration, though the plan's interface with VisionZero isn't clear.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Clingan
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

12. Order 211133 (ID:24031) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the Director of SPCD discuss with the Land Use Committee the fair housing amendment recently passed in Boston that requires new developments to be reviewed for impacts on displacement and housing discrimination.

Councilor Ewen-Campen said he’s been watching what’s been going on in Boston around issues of fair housing, and wanted to discuss it with SPCD staff.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Clingan
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

13. Order 211134 (ID:24032) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott, Ballantyne, Mbah, Niedergang That the Commissioner of Public Works present this Council with a detailed financial analysis of the cost for a municipal program to clear snow from sidewalks in business districts and major thoroughfares.

Councilor Ewen-Campen commented that he has received questions about why the city doesn’t clear snow from sidewalks and he sees this as an opportunity to take a closer look at the problem. Councilor Scott said it’s time for “sidewalk socialism” and spoke about expanding the DPW’s role to include better maintenance of the city’s grass fields, while putting people to work. Councilor Niedergang said it wouldn’t take a lot of money to clear snow enough to get around.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Clingan
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

14. Order 211135 (ID:24033) By City Councilor Niedergang, Mbah That the Director of SPCD report to this Council on traffic management and calming plans for the streets and neighborhoods around the five Green Line Extension stations expected to open before the end of this year.

Councilor Niedergang said that he would like to see the plans for traffic management around the new Green Line stations.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Clingan
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

15. Order By City Councilor Niedergang
211136 That the Director of SPCD discuss with the Land Use Committee whether
(ID:24034) tattoo parlors should need a Special Permit to operate on Pedestrian Streets and
in other areas.

Councilor Niedergang noted he's received an email about opening a body art business and he would like to consider whether a Special Permit should be needed.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

ABSENT: Clingan

FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

16. Resolution By City Councilor Clingan, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, Strezio, Davis,
211137 Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr., and the Mayor
(ID:24035) Supporting the decriminalization of entheogenic plants.

Councilor Clingan spoke in favor, and sponsored Sarah Hinzmanand and Alex Karazik to speak. Ms. Hinzmanand spoke of her experiences taking pain medicines and her improved health after switching to entheogenic plants. Mr. Karazik spoke of his experiences with psilocybin mushrooms and credited them with playing a big role in his mental health recovery. Councilor Scott expressed pride that Somerville is leading the way on the decriminalization of these natural substances. Councilor Ewen-Campen pointed out that many of these substances are already legal and he believes that this resolution is an exciting first step. Councilor Mbah commented that when these substances are controlled and regulated they can be beneficial.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

ABSENT: Clingan

17. Communication By City Councilor Mbah
211138 Reporting on the search for a Racial and Social Justice Director.
(ID:24025)

Councilor Mbah said he's pleased with how the search is going, adding that an update is attached to this item. He commented that it's important to fill this position ASAP.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

ABSENT: Clingan

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

18. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report 211139 (ID:24023)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on January 12, 2021.</p> | <p>Councilor Rossetti noted that 3 appointments were recommended for approval and 1 was withdrawn, and that the committee meeting video is available online.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Clingan</p> |
| <p>B. Mayor's Request 209705 (ID:22533)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Orsola Susan Fontano to the Zoning Board of Appeals.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Clingan</p> |
| <p>C. Mayor's Request 211063 (ID:23890)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Tim Talun to the Urban Design Commission.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Clingan</p> |
| <p>D. Mayor's Request 211064 (ID:23891)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Heidi Cron to the Urban Design Commission.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Clingan</p> |
| <p>E. Mayor's Request 211065 (ID:23892)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Kerri Connolly to the Urban Design Commission.</p> | <p>RESULT: WITHDRAWN. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Clingan</p> |

19. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 211140 (ID:24022) Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on January 11, 2021.

Councilor Niedergang noted that the committee discussed strategic planning, potential solutions to traffic dangers, the Vision Zero Action Plan 2020, the Mobility Plan for West Broadway, and the Parking Study Task Force.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

ABSENT: Clingan

- B. Order 205448 (ID:18344) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Director of SPCD provide recommendations on making the intersection of Summer and Central Streets safer for pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

ABSENT: Clingan

- C. Resolution 207499 (ID:20338) By City Councilor Hirsch, Niedergang, Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Mbah That the Administration respond to the requests outlined in the attached resident petition, organized by the Pedestrian and Transit Advocacy Group, to accelerate traffic calming investments and improve coordination and oversight.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

ABSENT: Clingan

- D. Resolution 207723 (ID:20525) By City Councilor Hirsch, Ballantyne That the Administration discuss thoughts on negotiating with the MBTA for discounted or free fare for children and low-income adults by sharing or bearing the cost of the passes.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

ABSENT: Clingan

- E. Order 207918 (ID:20772) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Director of Traffic and Parking urgently prioritize pedestrian safety at the intersection of Walnut Street and Highland Avenue, which was identified as one of the most unsafe intersections in the city.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

ABSENT: Clingan

- F. Public Communication 207996 (ID:20797) 8 residents submitting comments re: #207499, a proposal to accelerate traffic calming investments.
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| RESULT: | WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| ABSENT: | Clingan |
- G. Order 208045 (ID:20849) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Director of SPCD update the Ward 3 City Councilor on plans for raised crosswalks on Summer Street at Belmont and/or Lowell Streets, as well as other nearby traffic calming improvements.
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| RESULT: | WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| ABSENT: | Clingan |
- H. Resolution 208275 (ID:21056) By City Councilor Scott That the Traffic Commission approve the creation of a crosswalk at 45 Beacon Street.
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| RESULT: | WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| ABSENT: | Clingan |
- I. Order 208383 (ID:21222) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott That the Director of SPCD install sturdy steel posts around the southeast corner of Nunziato Park, in light of the May 25 car crash that sent a vehicle through the fence and into the picnic tables where children often gather.
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| RESULT: | WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| ABSENT: | Clingan |
- J. Order 208923 (ID:21746) By City Councilor Hirsch, Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD or the Director of SomerStat develop an estimate of funding required to pay for or subsidize MBTA fares for residents of different income levels and ages.
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| RESULT: | WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| ABSENT: | Clingan |

- K. Order 209442 (ID:22279) By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD add more bike racks to the West Somerville Neighborhood School.
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| RESULT: | WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| ABSENT: | Clingan |
- L. Order 210738 (ID:23621) By City Councilor Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD report to this Council, no later than December 22, 2020, the Administration’s response to the traffic calming petition submitted by 10 residents of Rogers Avenue between Kidder Avenue and Boston Avenue/Broadway.
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| RESULT: | WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| ABSENT: | Clingan |
- M. Order 210827 (ID:23737) By City Councilor Clingan
That the Director of Parking install a NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER sign on Forster Street at the Central Street end of the roadway.
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| RESULT: | WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| ABSENT: | Clingan |
- N. Resolution 210894 (ID:23785) By City Councilor Davis, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezio, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr.
That the Administration expand and maintain the use of bollards and other pedestrian safety measures citywide so they are replaced immediately as needed.
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| RESULT: | WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| ABSENT: | Clingan |
- O. Order 210967 (ID:23843) By City Councilor Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezio, Davis, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr.
That the Director of SPCD explain to this Council in writing the Administration's opposition to deploying speed bumps, with less than a half-dozen installed citywide.
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| RESULT: | WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| ABSENT: | Clingan |

- P. Order 210993 (ID:23882) By City Councilor Niedergang, Strezo, Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD review the attached presentation by Zachary Rosenberg, Chair of the Pedestrian and Transit Advisory Committee, and report to the Traffic and Parking Committee how the successful traffic calming measures implemented in the Netherlands can be replicated here.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Clingan

- Q. Order 211053 (ID:23940) By City Councilor Niedergang That the Director of SPCD report to this Council on traffic calming for the stretch of Broadway between the Ball Square Bridge and Cedar Street.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Clingan

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

20. Mayor's Request 211141 (ID:24029) Requesting the appropriation of \$321,874 from the Salary and Wage Stabilization Fund to various departmental Personal Services Accounts in order to adjust non-union staff salaries for FY21.

Councilor Scott said this is to provide a 2% cost-of-living adjustment for non-union employees. Councilor Ballantyne asked why the Administration is doing this now and Ms. Webber explained that back in June/July 2020, non-union salaries were frozen. After looking at the city’s finances, the Administration determined that the funds are available to cover the cost and decided to grant the raises retroactively.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Clingan

21. Mayor's Request 211142 (ID:24026) Requesting the use of \$74,543 in Available Funds in the E-911 Personal Services Account to fund FY21 salaries and benefits per the Agreement with SEIU Local 888, E-911 Call Taker/Dispatchers Chapter.

Councilor McLaughlin sponsored E-911 employee Susan DeSousa, who spoke in favor of the item. Councilor Rossetti asked for clarification of the funding source, and Mayor Curtatone explained that grant funds are being used. Councilor Scott added that the funds were not in the Department’s budget.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Clingan

22. Mayor's Request 211143 (ID:24013) Requesting acceptance of a \$89,234.57 grant with no new match required, from the State E911 Office to the Police Department for 911 training and the certification of 911 telecommunicators.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Clingan

23. Mayor's Request 211144 (ID:24007) Requesting acceptance of a \$83,616 grant with no new match required from the MA Office of Public Safety and Security to the Fire Department for staffing costs.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Clingan

24. Mayor's Request 211145 (ID:23908) Requesting acceptance of a \$45,555.55 grant with no new match required from the Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for Emergency Operations Center sustainability and upgrades.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Clingan

25. Mayor's Request 211146 (ID:24010) Requesting acceptance of a \$40,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Office of Public Safety and Security to the Police Department for traffic enforcement programs.

Councilor McLaughlin recused.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Clingan

26. Mayor's Request 211147 (ID:23994) Requesting acceptance of a \$38,930 grant with no new match required from the MADoT Shared Streets and Spaces Program to the Mobility Division for bicycle and pedestrian improvements along Wellington Bridge.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Clingan

27. Mayor's Request 211148 (ID:24028) Requesting authorization to seek funding and enter into related agreements for Conway Park from the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and rededicate Conway Park to open space and recreational use in perpetuity.

Councilor Scott said this is a policy question. The city could avail itself of some grant funds but would have to rededicate Conway Park to open space and recreational use in perpetuity. Mayor's Aide Khushbu Webber said that grants have been identified but not yet applied for. Councilors Rossetti and White noted their belief that the Park has already been dedicated to open space and recreational use in perpetuity.
Councilor Mbah recused.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

28. Mayor's Communication 211149 (ID:24060) Conveying information to accompany requests to confirm the Police Reserve candidates.

Councilor Rossetti informed the Council that Police Reserve candidates will be interviewed at the next meeting of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Clingan
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

29. Officer's Communication 211150 (ID:23993) City Solicitor responding to #211035 re: Mayor's Emergency Order Establishing a Moratorium on Eviction Enforcement.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Clingan

30. Officer's Communication 211151 (ID:23942) Director of Parking responding to items approved at the 12/10/20 meeting.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Clingan
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

NEW BUSINESS

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| <p>31. License/Permit 211152 (ID:24050)</p> | <p>Renewing Drainlayer's License, Strongback Systems.</p> |
| <p>Councilor White moved to waive the reading of items 31 through 48 and approve them. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne ABSENT: Clingan</p> | |
| <p>32. License/Permit 211153 (ID:24039)</p> | <p>Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Cinema Taxi, Med #14,16,44,47,57,58,63,81,84,85.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne ABSENT: Clingan</p> | |
| <p>33. License/Permit 211154 (ID:24049)</p> | <p>Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Lochmere Taxi, Med #21,22,23,24,25,26,79,91.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne ABSENT: Clingan</p> | |
| <p>34. License/Permit 211155 (ID:24041)</p> | <p>Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Green and Yellow Cab TNC of Somerville, Med #27,33,34,35,36,37,38,53,54,67,68.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne ABSENT: Clingan</p> | |
| <p>35. License/Permit 211156 (ID:24046)</p> | <p>Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Ormond Transportation, Med #49,50,89.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne ABSENT: Clingan</p> | |
| <p>36. License/Permit 211157 (ID:24047)</p> | <p>Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Silcor Transportation, Med #51,77,93.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne ABSENT: Clingan</p> | |

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| 37. License/Permit 211158 (ID:24042) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Talkd Transportation, Med #55. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne ABSENT: Clingan |
| 38. License/Permit 211159 (ID:24040) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Ike Inc, Med #61,78,92. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne ABSENT: Clingan |
| 39. License/Permit 211160 (ID:24044) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, DLCS Transportation, Med #62. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne ABSENT: Clingan |
| 40. License/Permit 211161 (ID:24048) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Alewife Transportation, Med #80. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne ABSENT: Clingan |
| 41. License/Permit 211162 (ID:24043) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Honey Cab, Med #82. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne ABSENT: Clingan |
| 42. License/Permit 211163 (ID:24045) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, WWJJK Inc, Med #90. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne ABSENT: Clingan |
| 43. License/Permit 211164 (ID:24051) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Gene Automotive, 56 Joy St. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne ABSENT: Clingan |

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| 44. License/Permit 211165 (ID:24052) | Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Real Auto Shop, 39 Webster Ave. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Clingan</p> <p>AMENDED: Approved for 15 vehicles outside, Mon-Fri 9AM-7PM, Sat 9AM-3PM, Sun Closed.</p> |
| 45. License/Permit 211166 (ID:24053) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Webster Auto Sales, 61 Prospect St. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Clingan</p> |
| 46. License/Permit 211167 (ID:24054) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Green Automotive, 600 Windsor Pl. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Clingan</p> |
| 47. License/Permit 211168 (ID:24055) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, James Kiley Co, 15 Linwood St. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Clingan</p> |
| 48. License/Permit 211169 (ID:24056) | Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Lucky Strike, 325 Revolution Dr. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Clingan</p> |
| 49. Public Communication 211170 (ID:24059) | Sam Judd proposing a zoning amendment to re-zone his property at 256 and 278 Elm, 58 Day, and 7 Herbert Streets to a mix of Civic and CC4. | <p>Also referred to the Planning Board.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee</p> |

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

- 50. Communication By City Councilor Rossetti
211171
(ID:24062)

Reporting on the December 2020 meetings of the Wage Theft Committee.

Councilor Rossetti informed the Council about the interviews conducted for the Wage Theft Advisory Committee, and she recommended their approval. Councilor Strezo said that she and Councilor Clingan met several times to interview the candidates.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]**

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

ABSENT: Clingan
- 51. Order
211172
(ID:24066)

By City Councilor Rossetti
That items 210721, 210800, 210801, 210802, 210803, 210804, 210970, 210971, 210972, 211017 and 211037 be discharged from the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.

For discussion of this item see #211171.

RESULT: **APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

ABSENT: Clingan
- 52. Order
211173
(ID:24064)

By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ballantyne, Strezo
That the Chief of Police utilize the Department's Crime Analyst to track and document police interactions with the public in order to identify possible racial profiling.

President McLaughlin said this idea grew out of the racial profiling ordinance -- specifically, how to identify racial profiling -- and using the Crime Analyst to compile the data should be advantageous.

RESULT: **APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

ABSENT: Clingan

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee
- 53. Order
211174
(ID:24065)

By City Councilor McLaughlin, Strezo, Ballantyne
That the Director of Personnel implement anti-race and gender bias training for all city staff and include said classes for all new hires.

President McLaughlin commented that this training should already be part of the city's training program.

RESULT: **APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

ABSENT: Clingan

54. Order 211175 (ID:24068) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Chiefs of Police and Fire discuss with this Council, by the end of February 2021, the staffing requirements for their respective departments, as there are suggestions that staff counts should be changed.

Councilor Ballantyne said that many people are asking to change the Police Department's staffing level, although nobody can say what that level should be. She would like the chiefs to explain their respective staffing needs.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Clingan
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

55. Order 211176 (ID:24069) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD provide a list, by ward, of which small businesses have received the small business COVID relief grants.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Clingan

56. Order 211177 (ID:24070) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Ewen-Campen That the Director of SPCD add language “prohibiting any recipient businesses from interfering with their employees seeking to form a union,” when dispersing grant funds to businesses.

Councilor Ballantyne noted that this request came from a constituent. Councilor Davis said that he and President McLaughlin submitted a similar item that was inadvertently omitted from tonight’s agenda (see #211183).

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Clingan

57. Order 211178 (ID:24071) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Strezo That the City Solicitor draft a home rule petition to change all pronouns in the City Charter and the City Ordinances to gender-neutral.

Councilor Ballantyne explained that this is long overdue since Somerville tries to be inclusive. Councilor White noted that back in 2000-2001, efforts were made with the same intent, albeit it did not involve searching the documents for all gender references. Mr. Long added that an ordinance was approved to address the Code of Ordinances, but not the City Charter.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Clingan
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

58. Order 211179 (ID:24073) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Communications advise the community via social media of all shootings and violent crimes that occur in Somerville. (2nd request)

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Clingan
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

59. Mayor's Request 211180 (ID:24063) Requesting to appear in Executive Session to discuss negotiating position and litigation strategy with respect to 191 Highland Ave.

Special Council Eileen McGettigan said this subject was suitable for discussion in Executive Session. The Council recessed at 7:50 PM to move to Executive Session. No votes were taken in Executive Session, and the Council reconvened at 9:10 PM.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

60. Mayor's Request 211181 (ID:24067) Requesting to appear in Executive Session to discuss Somerville public safety and security matters.

Assistant City Solicitor David Shapiro said this subject was suitable for discussion in Executive Session. The Council recessed at 9:15 PM to move to Executive Session. No votes were taken in Executive Session, and the Council reconvened at 9:40 PM.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

61. Mayor's Request 211182 (ID:23995) Requesting acceptance of a \$10,000 gift with no new match required, from the Somerville Public Library Foundation to the Public Library.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Clingan

LATE ITEMS

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| 62. | Order 210721 (ID:23598) | By City Councilor Rossetti That this Council prepare for interviews of applicants to the Wage Theft Advisory Committee. | <p>Discharged from the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters pursuant to #211172.</p> <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Clingan</p> |
| 63. | Public Communication 210800 (ID:23661) | The Somerville Community Corp nominating Bill Dovhan to the Wage Theft Advisory Committee. | <p>Discharged from the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters pursuant to #211172.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Clingan</p> |
| 64. | Public Communication 210801 (ID:23662) | The Carpenters Union nominating Juan Novoa to the Wage Theft Advisory Committee. | <p>Discharged from the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters pursuant to #211172.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Clingan</p> |
| 65. | Public Communication 210802 (ID:23663) | MassCOSH nominating Mirna Morales to the Wage Theft Advisory Committee. | <p>Discharged from the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters pursuant to #211172.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Clingan</p> |

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| 66. Public Communication 210803 (ID:23664) | The Building and Construction Trades Council nominating Jorge Rivera to the Wage Theft Advisory Committee. |
| | <p>Discharged from the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters pursuant to #211172.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Clingan</p> |
| 67. Public Communication 210804 (ID:23665) | The Brazilian Worker Center nominating José Venancio to the Wage Theft Advisory Committee. |
| | <p>Discharged from the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters pursuant to #211172.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Clingan</p> |
| 68. Public Communication 210970 (ID:23846) | The Greater Boston Labor Council nominating Darlene Lombos to the Wage Theft Advisory Committee. |
| | <p>Discharged from the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters pursuant to #211172.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Clingan</p> |
| 69. Public Communication 210971 (ID:23848) | The Welcome Project nominating Francisca Sepulveda to the Wage Theft Advisory Committee. |
| | <p>Discharged from the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters pursuant to #211172.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Clingan</p> |
| 70. Public Communication 210972 (ID:23849) | Our Revolution Somerville nominating Colleen Fitzpatrick to the Wage Theft Advisory Committee. |
| | <p>Discharged from the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters pursuant to #211172.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Clingan</p> |

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| <p>71. Mayor's Communication 211017 (ID:23863)</p> | <p>Conveying the appointment of Nancy Macias-Smith as the Mayor's designee to the Wage Theft Advisory Committee.</p> |
| <p>Discharged from the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters pursuant to #211172. RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne ABSENT: Clingan</p> | |
| <p>72. Public Communication 211037 (ID:23922)</p> | <p>The Somerville Chamber of Commerce nominating Andrew Lynn to the Wage Theft Advisory Committee.</p> |
| <p>Discharged from the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters pursuant to #211172. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne ABSENT: Clingan</p> | |
| <p>73. Resolution 211183 (ID:24079)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Davis, McLaughlin That the Administration include in the guidelines for Small Business COVID-19 relief funding that the applicant must remain neutral in any union-organizing effort.</p> |
| <p>For discussion of this item see #211177. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne ABSENT: Clingan</p> | |
| <p>74. Order 211184 (ID:24075)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Rossetti That this Council be updated on the financial impact under the new Federal COVID Relief legislation.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne ABSENT: Clingan FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| <p>75. Order 211185 (ID:24074)</p> | <p>By City Councilor McLaughlin In his capacity as President, Recommending the appointment of Councilor Jesse Clingan to the Wage Theft Advisory Committee.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne ABSENT: Clingan</p> | |

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 11:30 PM.

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 28, 2021, 7:00 PM
 Meeting by Remote Participation

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OPENING CEREMONIES

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

| Attendee Name | Title | Status | Arrived |
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| Wilfred N. Mbah | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Mary Jo Rossetti | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Kristen Strezo | City Councilor at Large | Present | |
| William A. White Jr. | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Matthew McLaughlin | Ward One City Councilor | Present | |
| Jefferson Thomas ("J.T.") Scott | Ward Two City Councilor | Present | |
| Ben Ewen-Campen | Ward Three City Councilor | Present | |
| Jesse Clingan | Ward Four City Councilor | Present | |
| Mark Niedergang | Ward Five City Councilor | Present | |
| Lance L. Davis | Ward Six City Councilor | Present | |
| Katjana Ballantyne | Ward Seven City Councilor | Present | |

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 211186
 (ID:24098) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 211187
 (ID:24099) Councilor Ballantyne sponsored a moment of silence for the 59 Somerville residents who have passed away from Covid-19. Councilor Ewen-Campen sponsored a moment of silence for Eric Hook. Councilor Ewen-Campen sponsored a moment of silence for Robert Wagner.
RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, December 17, 2020.
 211188
 (ID:24100) **RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 4. Grant of Location 211189 (ID:24104) Submitted by Eversource to install 1,520 feet of conduit, 5 duct banks, and 1 new manhole in Somerville Avenue from Manhole 8651, at Prospect Street, to Manhole 8656, at Medford Street.

The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy from Eversource spoke in favor of the item and said that the details have been worked out with the DPW. Business Owner George Kazazian asked about the work, and Ms. Duffy responded that the street would not be closed. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing. Councilor Scott asked if the work is being coordinated with the Engineering Department and Matt Veins from Eversource confirmed that it is.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

- 5. Resolution 211190 (ID:24097) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, Mbah, White Jr. Urging fair and full employment opportunities at Amazon.

Councilor McLaughlin said this Resolution is supported by organized labor and urged that Amazon comply with local community standards.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- 6. Communication 211191 (ID:24092) By City Councilor Mbah Reporting on the search for a Racial and Social Justice Director.

Councilor Mbah said that the search is underway and that 120 applications were received and another 140 individuals were recruited by the contractor. More than 40 prospects were screened and the first round of interviews is underway. The expectation is to have a Director on board by late February or early March.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

7. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report
211192
(ID:24089)
- Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on January 20, 2021.

President McLaughlin recused himself and Councilor Rossetti assumed the Chair and presented the Committee Report. She said the interviews on the Committee’s agenda were not conducted because there were questions about the selection process. 4 appeals have been filed with Civil Service and 1 has been decided so far. 12 bypass letters were sent to potential candidates but the Committee was legally only able to view one of them. Police Chief Femino said that crime is down but gun violence has increased, and the staff shortage is putting a strain on the department. Councilor Rossetti suggested that 3 vacancies be filled now.

Following the approval of the Committee Report, Councilor Rossetti provided some related updates: 1 individual on the list was already approved in July, 2019. Further, 4 officers are retiring, not 3, so she would like to move forward at next week’s Committee meeting to interview 3 candidates and recommend that the 4th position be awarded to the previously-approved candidate. Councilor Scott spoke about his concerns with the way the city uses the reserve list, and with the bypassed candidates and the candidates who voluntarily withdrew their names from consideration. He asked for documentation of the bypasses and withdrawals. Councilor Rossetti restated her plan to move forward with the interviews and Councilor Scott asked to begin the meeting with a conversation with the Administration.

RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin

8. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report
211193
(ID:24090)
- Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on January 26, 2021.

Councilor Mbah recused himself with respect to #211148. Councilor Scott reported on the items discussed in Committee, including the FY22 budget process, the levy limit, debt service, Covid funding and Conway Park. He noted that the Administration is asking for input from the Council on where to prioritize or de-emphasize funding.

RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]
AYES: Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
RECUSED: Mbah

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| <p>B. Order 210834 (ID:23784)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Scott</p> | <p>That the Commissioner of Public Works provide this Council’s Finance Committee with every invoice from the Fleet Division's Ordinary Maintenance budget for FY21 year to date, including documentation supporting encumbrance figures listed in the current Munis report.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | | |
| <p>C. Officer's Communication 210915 (ID:23768)</p> | <p>DPW Director of Administration and Finance responding to #210748 with DPW expenses since FY19.</p> | |
| <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | | |
| <p>D. Officer's Communication 211033 (ID:23899)</p> | <p>City Solicitor requesting approval to settle a claim in connection with expenses incurred by the owner of 80 Irving Street.</p> | |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | | |
| <p>E. Officer's Communication 211034 (ID:23917)</p> | <p>DPW Commissioner responding to #210834 re: Fleet Division invoices.</p> | |
| <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | | |
| <p>F. Mayor's Request 211148 (ID:24028)</p> | <p>Requesting authorization to seek funding and enter into related agreements for Conway Park from the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and rededicate Conway Park to open space and recreational use in perpetuity.</p> | |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]</p> <p>AYES: Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>RECUSED: Mbah</p> | | |

9. LAND USE COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report 211194 (ID:24088)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on January 19, 2021.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Councilor Ewen-Campen first apologized for his failure to invite Boston City Councilor Lydia Edwards to the Committee meeting. She was the sponsor of Boston’s fair housing amendment, which is 1st in the nation legislation to provide active steps against discrimination in fair housing. The committee discussed how the amendment could be applied in Somerville. The Committee also briefly discussed the Boynton Yards overlay changes.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> </div> |
| <p>B. Officer's Communication 210756 (ID:23607)</p> | <p>Planning Board conveying its recommendations re: #s 210452 and 210472, 2 requests for zoning map amendments.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> </div> |
| <p>C. Order 211195 (ID:24082)</p> | <p>By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of SPCD work with the City Solicitor to determine if in lieu payments for civic space along highways can be directed toward pollution mitigation.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee</p> </div> |

10. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report 211196 (ID:24091)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on January 21, 2021.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Councilor Davis reported that most of the meeting focused on surveillance technology reports, and generally all parties are in agreement. Some suggested revisions will be made and hopefully approved at the Committee’s next meeting. The Committee also discussed submitting a Home Rule Petition to make the City Charter’s pronouns gender-neutral, and Councilor Davis noted that the City Council has the authority to change the city’s ordinances itself.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> </div> |
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| <p>B. Mayor's Request 210788 (ID:23672)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Homeland Security Cameras.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WITHDRAWN. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>C. Mayor's Request 210789 (ID:23673)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for GLX Cameras.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WITHDRAWN. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>D. Mayor's Request 210790 (ID:23674)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for 911.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WITHDRAWN. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>E. Mayor's Request 210791 (ID:23675)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for ShotSpotter.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WITHDRAWN. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>F. Mayor's Request 210906 (ID:23776)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for BriefCam.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WITHDRAWN. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>G. Mayor's Request 210907 (ID:23777)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Covert Device Cameras.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WITHDRAWN. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>H. Mayor's Request 210908 (ID:23778)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for GPS and Monitor.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WITHDRAWN. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |

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| I. Mayor's Request 210909 (ID:23779) | Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for GreyKey. | RESULT: WITHDRAWN. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| J. Mayor's Request 210910 (ID:23780) | Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for License Plate Readers. | RESULT: WITHDRAWN. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| K. Mayor's Request 210911 (ID:23781) | Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Pole Cameras. | RESULT: WITHDRAWN. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| L. Mayor's Request 210912 (ID:23782) | Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for the SPCD Drone Camera. | RESULT: WITHDRAWN. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| M. Public Communication 210963 (ID:23836) | Digital Fourth submitting comments re: the 4 Surveillance Technology Impact Reports submitted on October 22 and the 7 STIRs submitted on November 12. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| N. Public Communication 210973 (ID:23845) | Ulysses Lateiner submitting comments re: Digital Fourth's comments on the Surveillance Technology Impact Reports. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| O. Order 211197 (ID:24087) | By City Councilor Davis That the City Solicitor draft language to change all pronouns in the city's ordinances to gender-neutral. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee |

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

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| 11. | Mayor's Request 211198 (ID:24086) | Requesting the appropriation of \$130,853 from the Medical Marijuana Stabilization Fund for substance use prevention, community/parent/student education, overdose/naloxone training, and an Overdose Prevention Center. | Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings of items 11 to 21 and refer them to the Finance Committee. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 12. | Mayor's Request 211199 (ID:24014) | Requesting to transfer CPA funds totaling \$436,069 from the CPA Undesignated Fund Balance to designated CPA Reserve Accounts. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 13. | Mayor's Request 211200 (ID:24015) | Requesting the appropriation of \$375,578 from the CPA Open Space/Recreational Land Reserve Budget and the Budgeted Reserve for the Healey School Tot Lot Renovation. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 14. | Mayor's Request 211201 (ID:24021) | Requesting the appropriation of \$125,000 from the CPA Historic Resources Reserve Budget and the Budgeted Reserve to the Broadway House, 181 Broadway, to rehabilitate the exterior, replace windows, and preserve historic details. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 15. | Mayor's Request 211202 (ID:24020) | Requesting the appropriation of \$90,000 from the CPA Historic Resources Reserve Budget to the Broadway Winter Hill Congregational Church for the renovation of the bell tower. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 16. | Mayor's Request 211203 (ID:24017) | Requesting the appropriation of \$87,114 from the CPA Historic Resources Reserve Budget to the Somerville Museum for Collection Care. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |

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| 17. Mayor's Request 211204 (ID:24019) | Requesting the appropriation of \$49,500 from the CPA Historic Resources Reserve Budget and the Budgeted Reserve to the Grace Baptist Church to repair the slate roof, replace related gutters, and repoint brick masonry. | | | | |
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| 18. Mayor's Request 211205 (ID:24018) | Requesting the appropriation of \$3,500 from the CPA Historic Resources Reserve Budget to the Somerville Public Library for the Works Progress Administration Carved Wood Bas-Relief Restoration. | | | | |
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| FOLLOWUP: | Finance Committee | | | | |
| 19. Mayor's Request 211206 (ID:24084) | Requesting acceptance of a \$100,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Attorney General's Office to the Health & Human Services Department for opioid recovery navigators. | | | | |
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| 20. Mayor's Request 211207 (ID:24027) | Requesting acceptance of \$11,500 grant with no new match required, from the Mass Cultural Council to the Arts Council for unrestricted operational support. | | | | |
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| 21. Mayor's Request 211208 (ID:24076) | Requesting approval of a time-only extension for Gienapp Design Associates for engineering and construction administration services on various on-call engineering projects for one year through 2/28/2022. | | | | |
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| 22. Mayor's Request 211209 (ID:24080) | Requesting the re-appointment of Andrew Haynes as Constable. | | | | |
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| 23. Mayor's Request 211210 (ID:24083) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Colleen Moran to the Municipal Job Creation and Retention Board of Trustees. | | | | |
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COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

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| <p>24. Officer's Communication 211211 (ID:24093)</p> | <p>Memorialization Committee conveying the naming of a new street between Windsor Street and Harding Street, Archibald Query Way.</p> | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>25. Officer's Communication 211212 (ID:24094)</p> | <p>Memorialization Committee conveying the naming of a new park at 1060 Broadway as Lou Ann David Park.</p> | <p>Councilor Ballantyne spoke about Lou Ann David and her efforts to make Clarendon Hill Tower a tenant owned facility. Councilor Niedergang asked about any discussions to honor Mary Louise Daley, and Councilor White commented that both of these women were very active in housing issues in the city. Councilor Rossetti explained that any request for memorialization must be accompanied by documentation listing the individual's involvement in or contributions to the public. RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>26. Officer's Communication 211213 (ID:24085)</p> | <p>Directors of Health and Human Services and Inspectional Services conveying a Residential Rodent Control Assistance Program update.</p> | <p>Councilor Strezo urged that this update be disseminated to the public in a late item, #211226. RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee</p> |

NEW BUSINESS

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| <p>27. License/Permit 211214 (ID:24102)</p> | <p>Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Mt. Pleasant Taxi, Med #28,30,31,32,39,40,41,42,43.</p> | <p>Councilor White moved to waive the readings of items 27 and 28 and approve them. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>28. License/Permit 211215 (ID:24101)</p> | <p>Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Web Motor Sales, 5 Middlesex Ave.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

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| 29. | Public Communication 211216 (ID:24105) | 8 residents of color submitting comments re: hiring Police Officers of color. |
| | | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 30. | Public Communication 211217 (ID:24106) | BIPOC residents submitting comments re: hiring Police Officers. |
| | | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 31. | Public Communication 211218 (ID:24107) | Dan Thorn submitting comments re: Police funding. |
| | | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

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| 32. | Order 211219 (ID:24108) | <p>By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, Mbah, White Jr.</p> <p>That the Director of SPCD and City Solicitor update this Council on what can be done to address copycat restaurant websites misleading customers to order through their website instead of the restaurant.</p> |
| | | <p>Councilor McLaughlin said there are copycats taking a cut from the real restaurants, which he believes amounts to fraud, and Councilor Strezo said there are apps providing phone numbers that are not the real restaurants' numbers. She said there is the potential to address this with an ordinance.</p> RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 33. | Order 211220 (ID:24109) | <p>By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ballantyne, Strezo, Clingan, Scott, Davis</p> <p>That the Covid-19 response team update the Committee on Public Health and Safety on the Phase 2 vaccine roll-out for residents, particularly senior citizens and other vulnerable residents.</p> |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee |

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| <p>34. Order 211221 (ID:24111)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Strezo, Scott, Clingan, Davis That the Directors of Health and Human Services and the Council on Aging collaborate to bridge the digital divide for residents seeking to obtain the Covid vaccine who may not have access to the internet.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee</p> | |
| <p>35. Resolution 211222 (ID:24110)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Mbah, Scott, Strezo, Clingan, Davis That the Administration help residents over 75 years of age sign up for Covid-19 vaccinations.</p> |
| <p>Councilor Mbah said the community needs to step up to protect our seniors. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee</p> | |
| <p>36. Resolution 211223 (ID:24112)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Mbah, Niedergang, Strezo, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Ballantyne, Scott, Davis That the Administration include teachers on the priority list as the vaccine distribution plan is rolled out.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee</p> | |
| <p>37. Mayor's Request 211224 (ID:24113)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$36,720 from the Salary and Wage Stabilization Fund to the Executive Office Salaries Account to establish two new Racial & Social Justice staff positions.</p> |
| <p>Councilor Scott said this appropriation would support 2 racial and social justice staff positions. Councilor Niedergang expressed his disinclination to approve the item, since the Director hasn't been hired yet. He also expressed concerns about the job descriptions and the departmental placement of these positions. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| <p>38. Officer's Communication 211225 (ID:24081)</p> | <p>Fair Housing Commission submitting its Annual Report for FY20.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |

LATE ITEMS

39. Order 211226 (ID:24119) By City Councilor Strezo That the Communications Department initiate a campaign with mail and social media to increase the public's awareness of the updated Residential Rodent Control Assistance Program.

Councilor Strezo urged that the Communications Department use a targeted media approach to inform the community about the important update of the Residential Rodent Control Assistance Program, developed by the Health and Human Services and Inspectional Services Departments (submitted as #211213).

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

40. Order 211227 (ID:24114) By City Councilor Clingan That the Commissioner of Public Works install a temporary speed bump on Sycamore Street between the main entrance and the schoolyard entrance of the Winter Hill School.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

41. Order 211228 (ID:24115) By City Councilor Clingan That the Director of SPCD discuss with this Council's Committee on Housing and Community Development how the 100 Homes program works for property upkeep and maintenance.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

42. Order 211229 (ID:24116) By City Councilor Davis, Clingan, Strezo, Ballantyne That the Director of Communications revise city web pages so links to non-English language versions of the page appear at the very top, prior to any English language content.

Councilor Davis commented that this was suggested to him by a resident.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

43. Mayor's Request 211230 (ID:24103) Requesting the use of available funds in various DPW Ordinary Maintenance Accounts to pay \$52,414.95 in prior fiscal year unencumbered invoices.
- Councilor Scott noted that this represented the first batch of DPW invoices needing to be paid after an audit was performed on the department's finances.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
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44. Mayor's Request 211231 (ID:24096) Requesting approval of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for new edits, corrections, and clarifications.
- Also referred to the Planning Board.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee
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45. Order 211232 (ID:24117) By City Councilor Scott That Ordinance 10-1 regarding the organization of the Police department be amended by removing the specified levels of patrol and superior officers.
- President McLaughlin recused himself and Councilor Rossetti assumed the Chair. Councilor Scott explained the history of this ordinance and the changes made over the years. He wants to make it clear that the size of the Police Department is under the jurisdiction of the City Council and has been since 1937. He would like to bring the ordinance up to date and re-establish the Council's authority in this matter.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee
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46. Resolution 211233 (ID:24118) By City Councilor Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That this Council be provided with outside legal counsel to advise it on matters of Civil Service hiring polices.
- Councilor Scott requested that the City Council be provided with outside legal counsel to advise it on matters of civil service hiring. Councilor Rossetti said this request has been made in the past and turned down by the Administration. It's a repetitive conversation, but she does see the need for the Council to have its own legal counsel.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 8:50 PM.

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 11, 2021, 7:00 PM
 Meeting by Remote Participation

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OPENING CEREMONIES

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

| Attendee Name | Title | Status | Arrived |
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| Wilfred N. Mbah | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Mary Jo Rossetti | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Kristen Strezo | City Councilor at Large | Present | |
| William A. White Jr. | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Matthew McLaughlin | Ward One City Councilor | Present | |
| Jefferson Thomas ("J.T.") Scott | Ward Two City Councilor | Present | |
| Ben Ewen-Campen | Ward Three City Councilor | Present | |
| Jesse Clingan | Ward Four City Councilor | Present | |
| Mark Niedergang | Ward Five City Councilor | Present | |
| Lance L. Davis | Ward Six City Councilor | Present | |
| Katjana Ballantyne | Ward Seven City Councilor | Present | |

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 211234
 (ID:24201) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 211235
 (ID:24199) Councilor Rossetti sponsored a moment of silence for Evelyn Adams.
 Councilor Clingan sponsored a moment of silence for Florence Pero.
 Councilor Scott sponsored a moment of silence for Darryl Tatum.
 RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Organizational Meeting, January 4, 2021, and
 211236 the Regular Meeting, January 14, 2021.
 (ID:24200) **RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
 Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 4. Grant of Location 211237 (ID:24126) Submitted by Eversource to install 126 feet of conduit in Somerville Avenue, from manhole 8640 to a point of pickup at 471 Somerville Avenue.

The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy from Eversource spoke in favor, and stated the purpose of the request. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- 5. Grant of Location 211238 (ID:24124) Submitted by Extenet to install 41 feet of conduit in the intersection of Pearl and Pinckney Streets from Eversource manhole 4551 to a proposed handhole, then continuing 2 feet to a small wireless facility node at 34 Pearl Street.

The President opened the public hearing. Rossanna Ferranti from Extenet spoke in favor and stated the purpose of the request, saying it should be a one-day project. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- 6. Grant of Location 211239 (ID:24125) Submitted by Extenet to install 36 feet of conduit in Pennsylvania Avenue from Eversource manhole 12344 to a proposed handhole, then another 2 feet to a small wireless facility at the intersection of Vermont and Pennsylvania Avenues.

The President opened the public hearing. Rossanna Ferranti from Extenet spoke in favor and stated the purpose of the request. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

- 7. Order 211240 (ID:24121) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD, with the Planning Board, plan periodic reviews of the Zoning Ordinances to determine if they are working as intended.

Also referred to the Planning Board.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

8. Order 211241 (ID:24122) By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD discuss whether the Zoning Ordinances pre-permitting process is working as intended.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee
9. Order 211242 (ID:24130) By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of Sustainability and Environment provide this Council with updates to the Climate Forward Plan.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee
10. Order 211243 (ID:24157) By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of Mobility and the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management collaborate to write responses to the questions contained within regarding the Spring Hill separation project.
- Councilor Ballantyne commented that many emails have been received regarding this plan and the bike community is not satisfied with the Administration’s delay in discussing the protected bike lanes. Councilor Ewen-Campen said this is a city-wide issue.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee
11. Order 211244 (ID:24131) By City Councilor Strezo, McLaughlin, Davis, Ballantyne
That this Council’s Committee on Housing and Community Development, with the Director of Economic Development, invite representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and restaurant and business communities to discuss an ordinance addressing the impacts of third party delivery services.
- Councilor Strezo said the city should try to stop 3rd party vendors from masquerading as local restaurants.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

12. Order 211245 (ID:24133) By City Councilor Strezo
That this Council’s Committee on Housing and Community Development discuss with the Director of Economic Development and the Chair of the Licensing Commission the creation of a public education campaign focusing on copycat restaurants and their impact on the community.

Councilor Strezo said this is a continuation of efforts to protect local businesses and their patrons.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

13. Order 211246 (ID:24132) By City Councilor Strezo
That the City Solicitor advise in writing and appear before this Council’s Committee on Housing and Community Development to determine how extensively the Encore Casino has been in compliance with its Surrounding Community Agreement.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

14. Communication 211247 (ID:24123) By City Councilor Strezo
Reporting on the Childrens' Cabinet.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

15. Withdrawn 211248 (ID:24135) Withdrawn.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

16. Communication 211249 (ID:24134) By City Councilor Mbah
Updating this Council on the Racial and Social Justice Director hiring process.

Councilor Mbah reported that the hiring process is close to completion and there two candidates scheduled for final interviews.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

17. Order 211250 (ID:24146) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, Clingan, Scott, Mbah, Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD propose an alternate design for Phase 1 of the Highland Ave portion of the Spring Hill Streetscapes plan that includes protected bike lanes from the Central Hill Campus to Central St, without sacrificing the proposed pedestrian safety and MBTA bus improvements.

Councilor Ewen-Campen said he is convinced that protected bike lanes could be included without sacrificing other amenities and improvements. There are a number of ways of addressing the issues. The connection in this section of Highland Avenue is steep and he believes that Highland Avenue deserves its own protected bike lane.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

18. Communication 211251 (ID:24145) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
Updating this Council on the January 20 meeting of the Redevelopment Authority as it pertains to the Winter Hill Redevelopment Plan.

Councilor Ewen-Campen said the Redevelopment Authority is amenable to working with the City Council but does not want to give it a co-equal vote. It believes that if the Council has veto power, the SRA might cease to exist. Members of the SRA are working with the Law Department on a compromise. Councilor White said that ordinarily the Council would be asked for an order of taking, and he inquired if the SRA plans on requesting the Council to do so in Winter Hill. Councilor Ewen-Campen replied that the discussion hasn't reached that point yet. Councilor Clingan said an agreement can be reached and may be ready to discuss in March.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

19. Communication 211252 (ID:24144) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Davis, Scott, Mbah
Providing a regular update on this Council's policy research and community outreach work towards civilian oversight.

Councilor Ewen-Campen said 2 staffers were hired to create a civilian oversight policy and they are researching areas of concern, concepts, surveys, and community outreach. They plan two large community meetings to introduce the concept of civilian oversight, solicit feedback and present draft legislation, followed by smaller group discussions. Much of the feedback being received is about safety and policing. Councilor Davis said meetings will be set up with the Administration to talk about the best way to move forward. Councilor Ballantyne asked that the process be reconsidered to have smaller meetings with interpreters for non-English speaking residents. President McLaughlin commented that an after-action report might be helpful.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

20. Order 211253 (ID:24147) By City Councilor Clingan, Strezo That the Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry appear before this Council with an update on the delayed Healey Schoolyard master plan and the current implementation schedule.

Councilor Clingan thanked the Administration for re-committing to this project.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

21. Communication 211254 (ID:24148) By City Councilor Niedergang, Mbah Sharing the Somerville Alliance for Safe Streets Declaration and Call to Action and inviting everyone to attend the SASS virtual Summit on February 28, 2021 from 4-5 PM.

Councilor Mbah sponsored Stephanie Galaitsi to speak on the item. She has written a neighborhood newsletter, and in the process, has accessed several city documents, noticing that provisions for safe streets haven't been included in many of the city's projects. The Somerville Alliance for Safe Streets will host a virtual summit on February 28, and she asked anyone interested to attend. Councilor Mbah encouraged all Councilors to sign the Alliance's Declaration and Call to Action.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

22. Resolution 211255 (ID:24149) By City Councilor Niedergang, Mbah, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Ewen-Campen, White Jr. That the Mayor dedicate resources as a supplementary FY21 budget request and in the FY22 budget to create a Department of Transportation with at least three new, additional full-time staff including a senior position empowered to coordinate this work across departments - a Chief of Streets.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

23. Resolution 211256 (ID:24150) By City Councilor Niedergang, Mbah, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Davis, Ballantyne, Clingan, White Jr., Strezo
That the Mayor direct department heads to prioritize the rapid construction of physical infrastructure to slow traffic, protect our most vulnerable residents, and bring our streets into compliance with the ADA, to address the killing of four pedestrians by motor vehicles in the last two years and prevent further traffic fatalities.

Councilor Niedergang spoke about creating a new Department of Transportation and advocated for increases in current staffing levels in the Mobility Division in the interim. Councilor Scott said the message of safe streets must be heard and taken seriously. Councilor Strezo said that some of the recent fatalities have been on Mystic Avenue, a state road, and she asked what the plan was for addressing this. Councilor Niedergang said this has been discussed in the Traffic and Parking Committee and there is a plan for changes in those areas using federal and state funds. It’s an uphill battle and an example of the racial and economic injustice that exists in the city. Councilor Mbah said that the city will begin with what it can accomplish on its own.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

24. Communication 211257 (ID:24151) By City Councilor Niedergang
Submitting questions, concerns, comments and ideas regarding Police staffing, in response to Chief Charles Femino’s memo of January 31, 2021, for the February 1 Public Health and Public Safety Committee.

Councilor Niedergang explained why he submitted this memo and the need to re-allocate police funds to address some critical community needs.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

25. Order 211258 (ID:24152) By City Councilor Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, White Jr.
That this Council discuss FY22 funding and organizational priorities for the Mobility Department.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

26. Order 211259 (ID:24153) By City Councilor Scott, Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, Clingan, Davis That this Council discuss the costs of placing overhead power and utility lines underground as part of any street reconstruction or resurfacing project, and consider requiring such placement by ordinance, in light of the risks and costs of proliferating utility connections and leaning or doubled poles.

Councilor Scott said the city has moved lines underground on some major streets and said the time to do it is when streets are reconstructed. Overhead lines are a hazard to the public. The tools in the city’s arsenal are not sufficient. Councilor White agreed that it’s time to re-examine the issue.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

27. Order 211260 (ID:24154) By City Councilor Scott That the City Solicitor prepare legislation revoking the enabling legislation for the Police Reserve List.

Councilor Scott spoke about the suits lost by the city over the years resulting from the use of reserve lists, saying that they haven’t been used for the purposes laid out when originally implemented. Candidates, he said, have not been treated fairly.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

28. Order 211261 (ID:24155) By City Councilor Scott That the City Solicitor prepare legislation revoking the enabling legislation for the Fire Reserve List.

See #211260 for discussion of this item.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

29. Order 211262 (ID:24156) By City Councilor Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That this Council pursue a Charter or Ordinance amendment to expand Police and Fire Interview Panels to include a City Councilor and a designee of the Director of Racial and Social Justice.

Councilor Scott said that the Mayor could choose to let the Council review certain personnel materials by changing the sequencing of the hiring process, but he wants the Council to interview candidates without the benefit of the documentation. Since the Mayor refuses to rectify this, he said, the only way for the Council to get the information is to include a member of the Council on the interview panels.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

30. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 211263 (ID:24176) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on February 2, 2021.

Councilor Rossetti said the Committee’s work is not yet complete, and asked that this item be tabled.

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FOLLOWUP: City Council

- B. Mayor's Request 210571 (ID:23118) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Giovanna Lorenzet Marin to the position of Reserve Police Officer.

FOLLOWUP: City Council

- C. Mayor's Request 210573 (ID:23120) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jose DaCosta to the position of Reserve Police Officer.

FOLLOWUP: City Council

- D. Mayor's Request 210577 (ID:23124) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Matthew Fairchild to the position of Reserve Police Officer.

FOLLOWUP: City Council

31. FINANCE COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report 211264 (ID:24184) | Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on February 9, 2021. |
| | | <p>Councilor Scott reported that most of the meeting was dedicated to CPA funding. Also discussed were an appropriation for overdose prevention, acceptance of various grants, approval of payments for prior year DPW invoices and a time only extension for engineering and construction administration. #211203 was severed so Councilor White could recuse himself from the item.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
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| B. | Mayor's Request 211198 (ID:24086) | Requesting the appropriation of \$130,853 from the Medical Marijuana Stabilization Fund for substance use prevention, community/parent/student education, overdose/naloxone training, and an Overdose Prevention Center. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
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| C. | Mayor's Request 211199 (ID:24014) | Requesting to transfer CPA funds totaling \$436,069 from the CPA Undesignated Fund Balance to designated CPA Reserve Accounts. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
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| D. | Mayor's Request 211200 (ID:24015) | Requesting the appropriation of \$375,578 from the CPA Open Space/Recreational Land Reserve Budget and the Budgeted Reserve for the Healey School Tot Lot Renovation. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
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| E. | Mayor's Request 211201 (ID:24021) | Requesting the appropriation of \$125,000 from the CPA Historic Resources Reserve Budget and the Budgeted Reserve to the Broadway House, 181 Broadway, to rehabilitate the exterior, replace windows, and preserve historic details. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

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| <p>F. Mayor's Request 211202 (ID:24020)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$90,000 from the CPA Historic Resources Reserve Budget to the Broadway Winter Hill Congregational Church for the renovation of the bell tower.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>G. Mayor's Request 211203 (ID:24017)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$87,114 from the CPA Historic Resources Reserve Budget to the Somerville Museum for Collection Care.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne RECUSED: White Jr.</p> |
| <p>H. Mayor's Request 211204 (ID:24019)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$49,500 from the CPA Historic Resources Reserve Budget and the Budgeted Reserve to the Grace Baptist Church to repair the slate roof, replace related gutters, and repaint brick masonry.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>I. Mayor's Request 211205 (ID:24018)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$3,500 from the CPA Historic Resources Reserve Budget to the Somerville Public Library for the Works Progress Administration Carved Wood Bas-Relief Restoration.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>J. Mayor's Request 211206 (ID:24084)</p> | <p>Requesting acceptance of a \$100,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Attorney General's Office to the Health & Human Services Department for opioid recovery navigators.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>K. Mayor's Request 211207 (ID:24027)</p> | <p>Requesting acceptance of \$11,500 grant with no new match required, from the Mass Cultural Council to the Arts Council for unrestricted operational support.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

L. Mayor's Request 211208 (ID:24076) Requesting approval of a time-only extension for Gienapp Design Associates for engineering and construction administration services on various on-call engineering projects for one year through 2/28/2022.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

M. Mayor's Request 211230 (ID:24103) Requesting the use of available funds in various DPW Ordinary Maintenance Accounts to pay \$52,414.95 in prior fiscal year unencumbered invoices.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

32. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 211265 (ID:24178) Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on February 3, 2021.

Councilor Strezio reported that several issues were discussed, including affordable commercial spaces, the zoning overhaul's effect on staffing needs, the Somerville Trotter Collaborative, and Encore's surrounding community agreement with the city.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

B. Order 208820 (ID:21640) By City Councilor Hirsch, Ballantyne That the Director of Inspectional Services discuss the reasoning for and methods of enforcing the ordinance requiring landlords to post their contact information.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Resolution 208828 (ID:21648) By City Councilor Hirsch, Niedergang That the Administration discuss the feasibility of including information about tax deferral programs in mailings about initiatives like lead paint abatement.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. Resolution 208985 (ID:21804) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Mbah, Scott, Hirsch, Rossetti, Davis, Niedergang, Ballantyne, White Jr. That the Director of Sustainability and Environment and others in the Administration work with this Council to convene a task force to provide recommendations to eliminate the use of natural gas and other fossil fuels in new buildings.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

E. Order 209288 (ID:22151) By City Councilor Hirsch, Ewen-Campen That the City Solicitor provide guidance on whether the City can take property by eminent domain to create affordable housing.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

F. Order 209289 (ID:22152) By City Councilor Hirsch That the Director of Inspectional Services provide preliminary feedback on how the zoning overhaul, if passed, will affect ISD staffing needs, practices, and systems.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

G. Order 209360 (ID:22192) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD provide this Council, in conjunction with its FY21 budget review, a list of upcoming commercial development, including the square footage and linkage payment projections with corresponding payment dates.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

H. Resolution 209566 (ID:22426) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne That the SomerVision 2040 Steering Committee consider adding two additional indicators to be explicitly measured as part of Commercial Development, Business & Arts: income equality, and number of worker-owned co-ops.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

I. Order 209649 (ID:22543) By City Councilor Niedergang That the Director of SPCD provide this Council with a prioritized list of the various neighborhood plans that the Administration has committed to or has proposed, with a timeline and work plan.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

J. Order 210636 (ID:23541) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the City Solicitor provide the Committee on Housing and Community Development with an opinion on whether the Tenant Notification Act could lead to a fine, indefinitely, following a first offense.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

33. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report 211266 (ID:24179)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on February 4, 2021.</p> <p>Councilor Davis said the main topic of discussion was the surveillance impact reports and policies. The Committee also discussed the tear gas ordinance, and both the Committee and the Administration feel it is heading in the right direction.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
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34. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report 211267 (ID:24174)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on February 1, 2021.</p> <p>Councilor Davis said the Committee discussed the COVID response update, the vaccine rollout and the staffing of the Police Department.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
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35. PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report 211268 (ID:24182)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, meeting on February 9, 2021.</p> <p>Councilor Clingan said the bulk of the meeting involved Eversource, which he said is making an effort to improve communications with the community.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>B. Order 210303 (ID:23173)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Rossetti That the Commissioner of Public Works contact Eversource for an explanation of its reasoning for not having to notify homeowners when randomly installing bollards on private property.</p> <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |
| <p>C. Order 210929 (ID:23815)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Mbah, Ewen-Campen That the Commissioner of Public Works install lights at all playgrounds.</p> <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |
| <p>D. Resolution 211075 (ID:23990)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That a Representative from Eversource appear before this Council to address reports about an October 16, 2020 incident at 20 Berkeley St.</p> <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |

36. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 211269 (ID:24180) Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on February 8, 2021.
 Councilor Niedergang reported that the Committee discussed a number of topics, including an employee driver training program, GLX-related public transportation issues, and dangerous intersections and roadways.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- B. Order 209363 (ID:22208) By City Councilor Ballantyne, McLaughlin That the Director of SPCD discuss implementing a "Don't Block the Box" campaign to ease intersection congestion at locations along Broadway, including McGrath Highway.
RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Order 210828 (ID:23738) By City Councilor Clingan That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Parking remove the parking meters at 315 Broadway.
RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Officer's Communication 211151 (ID:23942) Director of Parking responding to items approved at the 12/10/20 meeting.
RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 37. Mayor's Request 211270 (ID:24196) Requesting approval to appropriate \$1,909,945 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Facility Construction and Renovation Stabilization Fund
 Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings of #s 37-40 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- 38. Mayor's Request 211271 (ID:24141) Requesting approval to appropriate \$1,843,117 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Rainy Day Stabilization Fund to replenish reserves used to create the Small Business Emergency Relief Fund.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

39. Mayor's Request 211272 (ID:24140) Requesting approval to appropriate \$1,500,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Street Reconstruction and Resurfacing Stabilization Fund to replenish reserves used to create the Small Business Emergency Relief Fund.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

40. Mayor's Request 211273 (ID:24139) Requesting approval to appropriate \$1,000,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Capital Stabilization Fund to replenish reserves used to create the Small Business Emergency Relief Fund.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

41. Mayor's Request 211274 (ID:24142) Requesting the use of \$101,074 in available funds in the E-911 Personal Services Account to fund the retroactive FY21 salaries and benefits per the Agreement with SEIU Local 888, E-911 Call Taker/Dispatchers Chapter.

Councilor Scott explained that this is the 2nd half of funds needed for the Agreement.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

42. Mayor's Request 211275 (ID:24127) Requesting the appropriation of \$73,263 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Parking Meter Receipt Account to the Parking Professional and Technical Services Account to facilitate the city parking study.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

43. Mayor's Request 211276 (ID:24137) Requesting the appropriation of \$62,000 in the Capital Stabilization Fund to cover an increase in the cost of a new Fire Pumper.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

44. Mayor's Request 211277 (ID:24197) Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Use Policy.
 Councilor Davis moved to waive the readings of #s 44-50 and refer them to the Legislative Matters Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

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| 45. Mayor's Request 211278 (ID:24190) | Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Pole Cameras. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee</p> |
| 46. Mayor's Request 211279 (ID:24191) | Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Homeland Security Cameras. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee</p> |
| 47. Mayor's Request 211280 (ID:24192) | Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for GLX Cameras. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee</p> |
| 48. Mayor's Request 211281 (ID:24193) | Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Covert Device Cameras. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee</p> |
| 49. Mayor's Request 211282 (ID:24194) | Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for GPS and Monitor. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee</p> |
| 50. Mayor's Request 211283 (ID:24198) | Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Thermal Imaging Cameras. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee</p> |
| 51. Mayor's Request 211284 (ID:24129) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Michael Anzalone as Deputy Fire Chief. | <p>Councilor Rossetti moved to waive the readings of #s 51-70 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |

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| 52. Mayor's Request 211285 (ID:24160) | Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Suzanne Rinfret as Director of Parking. | | | | |
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| 53. Mayor's Request 211286 (ID:24161) | Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Doug Kress as Director of Health and Human Services. | | | | |
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| 54. Mayor's Request 211287 (ID:24162) | Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Jill Lathan as Director of Parks and Recreation. | | | | |
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| 55. Mayor's Request 211288 (ID:24163) | Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of William Roche as Municipal Hearing Officer. | | | | |
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| 56. Mayor's Request 211289 (ID:24165) | Requesting the re-appointment of Angela Allen as Purchasing Agent. | | | | |
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| 57. Mayor's Request 211290 (ID:24166) | Requesting the re-appointment of Linda Dubuque as City Treasurer and Collector of Taxes. | | | | |
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| 58. Mayor's Request 211291 (ID:24167) | Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Rachel Taylor as Animal Control Officer. | | | | |
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| 59. Mayor's Request 211292 (ID:24168) | Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Frank Wright as City Solicitor. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 60. Mayor's Request 211293 (ID:24169) | Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Steve Craig as 311 Director. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 61. Mayor's Request 211294 (ID:24171) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Fred Massaro as Director of Capital Projects. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 62. Mayor's Request 211295 (ID:24172) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Rich Raiche as Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 63. Mayor's Request 211296 (ID:24177) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Nick Antanavica as Director of Inspectional Services. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 64. Mayor's Request 211297 (ID:24181) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of James Halloran as Chief Sealer of Weights and Measures. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 65. Mayor's Request 211298 (ID:24183) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jennifer Mancia as Executive Director of the Women's Commission. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |

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| 66. Mayor's Request 211299 (ID:24185) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Nancy Salamoun as Executive Director of the Human Rights Commission. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 67. Mayor's Request 211300 (ID:24186) | Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Nicholas Salerno as Election Commissioner. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 68. Mayor's Request 211301 (ID:24187) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Chad Whiting as Director of Water and Sewer. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 69. Mayor's Request 211302 (ID:24188) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Ted Louis-Jacques as Director of Veterans Services. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 70. Mayor's Request 211303 (ID:24189) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Mark Lawhorne as Superintendent of Highways, Lines and Lights. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

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| 71. Officer's Communication 211304 (ID:24136) | City Solicitor requesting approval to retain outside counsel to advise this Council and its Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee as to its recommendations with respect to patrol officer candidates. | <p>President McLaughlin recused himself from this item. Councilor Rossetti assumed the Chair and made a motion to enter into Executive Session. Solicitor Wright stated that this item is appropriate for Executive Session and the intent of the order is to maintain consistency in the city's representation with respect to confirmations. Councilor Niedergang asked why this item can't be discussed in open session and Solicitor Wright explained that it might touch on matters that are currently pending before a state agency. Outside counsel is present and will be part of the Executive Session. Councilor White didn't see the necessity of Executive Session and Solicitor Wright said it's not necessary if the Council wants to move the</p> |
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question and approve the item. Councilor Rossetti asked the Clerk to read #30 (the Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters), then moved to lay it on the table. Councilor Niedergang asked the intent of tabling the item and Councilor Rossetti said she wants to take it up at the next meeting. Councilor Niedergang stated his willingness to enter into Executive Session. Councilor Rossetti withdrew her motion to table #30. The Council voted to enter into Executive Session at 7:55 PM, and reconvened in open session at 9:05 PM. Councilor Rossetti announced that no votes were taken in Executive Session and moved approval to retain outside counsel. Councilor Scott spoke about his disappointment that the Administration keeps preventing the Council from exercising its right to retain counsel. After approval, Councilor Rossetti moved reconsideration in the hopes that reconsideration failed. Reconsideration was approved, and on reconsideration, the item was again approved with no members changing their votes.

RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin

NEW BUSINESS

72. License/Permit 211305
(ID:24175) Renewing Drainlayer's License, JRF Corp.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

73. Public Communication 211306
(ID:24170) Rachel Kester submitting comments re: protected bike lanes.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

74. Public Communication 211307
(ID:24173) 221 citizens from the Somerville Alliance for Safe Streets submitting a Declaration and Call to Action re: safe streets.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

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| 75. | Mayor's Request 211308 (ID:24138) | Requesting the appropriation of \$55,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance to the SPCD Economic Development Professional & Technical Services Account, to conduct a District Improvement Financing analysis for the Boynton Yards, Clarendon Hill, and Union Square redevelopment projects. |
| Director of Economic Development Tom Galligani explained that the appropriation funds 3 projects: 1) a DIF plan for Boynton Yards; 2) a DIF plan for the redevelopment of Clarendon Hill; and 3) a report on the DIF plan for Union Square to date. Councilor White asked if the item would be sent to Committee for discussion and Councilor Scott said he was inclined to do so. Councilor Ballantyne asked how a DIF could be used for the housing development in Clarendon Hill and Mr. Galligani explained that the DIF would provide a way for the city to raise about \$6-7 million to apply to the project. | | |
| RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee | | |
| 76. | Mayor's Request 211309 (ID:24143) | Requesting the use of \$27,211 in available funds in the Library Salaries Account to establish the position of Manager of Branch Services. |
| RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee | | |
| 77. | Mayor's Request 211310 (ID:24210) | Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for GreyKey. |
| RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee | | |
| 78. | Mayor's Request 211311 (ID:24211) | Requesting to withdraw the Surveillance Technology Impact Reports currently before the Committee on Legislative Matters. |
| RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne | | |
| 79. | Mayor's Request 211312 (ID:24212) | Requesting an amendment to the Surveillance Technology Ordinance to permit the Fire Department to use surveillance technology in exigent circumstances. |
| RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee | | |

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| 80. Mayor's Request 211313 (ID:24202) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Steven J. Mauras to the position of District Fire Chief. | <p>Councilor Rossetti moved to waive the readings of #s 80-84 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 81. Mayor's Request 211314 (ID:24203) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Patrick J. Halloran to the position of Fire Captain. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 82. Mayor's Request 211315 (ID:24204) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Derek J. Nolan to the position of Fire Captain. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 83. Mayor's Request 211316 (ID:24205) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of James M. Piwinski to the position of Fire Lieutenant. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 84. Mayor's Request 211317 (ID:24206) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Paul A. Moreira to the position of Fire Lieutenant. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 85. Officer's Communication 211318 (ID:24207) | Requesting rescission of the adoption of MGL Chapter 48 Sections 59B, 59C and 59D relative to a Reserve Fire Force. | <p>Councilor Scott urged that the Council approve #211318 and #211319, but President McLaughlin recommended that both be sent to the Legislative Matters Committee for review, possibly at the Committee's next meeting.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee</p> |

86. Officer's Communication 211319 (ID:24208) Requesting rescission of the adoption of MGL Chapter 147 Sections 11, 12 and 13 relative to a Reserve Police Force.
- See #211318 for discussion of this item.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

LATE ITEMS

87. Resolution 211320 (ID:24222) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Davis, Strezo, Mbah, Rossetti That the Administration, with the Director of Health and Human Services, share a re-opening plan for schools and businesses which defines goals, risks and contingencies.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

88. Order 211321 (ID:24223) By City Councilor Davis That #210136 be discharged from the Legislative Matters Committee and referred to the Committee on Housing and Community Development.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

89. Communication 211322 (ID:24224) By City Councilor McLaughlin In his capacity as President, appointing Beverly Schwartz, Lucas Schaber, Jessica Lieberman and Crystal Turner to the Charter Review Committee.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

90. Communication 211323 (ID:24225) By City Councilor McLaughlin In his capacity as President, appointing Councilor White as this Council's representative on the Charter Review Committee.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

91. Resolution 211324 (ID:24218) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Administration allocate funding for a School Committee clerk in the FY22 budget.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

92. Order 211325 (ID:24219) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ballantyne, Davis
That the Director of Health and Human Services prioritize homelessness outreach workers for upcoming COVID-19 grant funding to better address the increased demand for homeless services.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

93. Order 211326 (ID:24220) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ballantyne, Davis
That the Director of Health and Human Services develop a plan for a warming center or engagement center to address increased homelessness in the community due to COVID-19.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

94. Resolution 211327 (ID:24221) By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Traffic Commission examine using the "psych trick" pedestrian safety method, deployed in St. Paul, MN, to encourage drivers to stop for pedestrians crossing the street.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

95. Mayor's Communication 211328 (ID:24226) Conveying an update on the Healey Schoolyard project.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

96. Resolution 210136 (ID:23006) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezio, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr., and the Mayor
Supporting Somerville restaurants by capping fees charged by third party delivery services during the COVID-19 State of Emergency.

Discharged from the Legislative Matters Committee pursuant to #211321.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

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| <p>97. Mayor's Request 211103 (ID:23984)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Pole Cameras.</p> |
| <p>Discharged from the Legislative Matters Committee pursuant to #211311. RESULT: WITHDRAWN. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>98. Mayor's Request 211104 (ID:23985)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Homeland Security Cameras.</p> |
| <p>Discharged from the Legislative Matters Committee pursuant to #211311. RESULT: WITHDRAWN. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>99. Mayor's Request 211105 (ID:23986)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for GLX Cameras.</p> |
| <p>Discharged from the Legislative Matters Committee pursuant to #211311. RESULT: WITHDRAWN. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>100. Mayor's Request 211106 (ID:23987)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Covert Device Cameras.</p> |
| <p>Discharged from the Legislative Matters Committee pursuant to #211311. RESULT: WITHDRAWN. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>101. Mayor's Request 211107 (ID:23988)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for GPS and Monitor.</p> |
| <p>Discharged from the Legislative Matters Committee pursuant to #211311. RESULT: WITHDRAWN. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>102. Mayor's Request 211108 (ID:23989)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for GreyKey.</p> |
| <p>Discharged from the Legislative Matters Committee pursuant to #211311. RESULT: WITHDRAWN. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 11:30 PM.

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 25, 2021, 7:00 PM
 Meeting by Remote Participation

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OPENING CEREMONIES

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

| Attendee Name | Title | Status | Arrived |
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| Wilfred N. Mbah | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Mary Jo Rossetti | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Kristen Strezo | City Councilor at Large | Present | |
| William A. White Jr. | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Matthew McLaughlin | Ward One City Councilor | Present | |
| Jefferson Thomas ("J.T.") Scott | Ward Two City Councilor | Present | |
| Ben Ewen-Campen | Ward Three City Councilor | Present | |
| Jesse Clingan | Ward Four City Councilor | Present | |
| Mark Niedergang | Ward Five City Councilor | Present | |
| Lance L. Davis | Ward Six City Councilor | Present | |
| Katjana Ballantyne | Ward Seven City Councilor | Present | |

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 211329
 (ID:24264) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 211330
 (ID:24265) Councilor Strezo sponsored a moment of silence for Barbara Davidopolous. Councilor Ballantyne sponsored a moment of silence for the 73 Somerville residents who have died from COVID-19. Councilor White sponsored a moment of silence for Savita Corretti. Councilor Clingan sponsored a moment of silence for Jordan Romero and Carlos Gutierrez, who were killed in a construction accident in Boston.
RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, January 28, 2021.
 211331
 (ID:24266) **RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

CITATIONS

- 4. Citation 211332 (ID:24271) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, Mbah, White Jr., and the Mayor Commending Marvin Spitzer on the auspicious occasion of his 100th birthday.

President McLaughlin honored Mr. Spitzer and said that the citation would be presented to him tomorrow in person.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 5. Grant of Location 211333 (ID:24261) Submitted by RCN to install 100 feet of conduit in Whipple Street, connecting existing Utility pole 447/4 to an existing Manhole 24005 near 24 Whipple Street.

The President opened the public hearing. Bill Conway and Alex Ortiz from RCN spoke in favor of the item. Councilor Davis obtained a clearer explanation of the work. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- 6. Grant of Location 211334 (ID:24262) Submitted by RCN to install 55 feet of conduit in Willow Avenue, connecting existing Utility pole 198-11 to an existing Manhole 11104 near 109 Willow Avenue.

The President opened the public hearing. Bill Conway and Alex Ortiz from RCN spoke in favor of the item. Resident Benny Knoblauch asked about the work schedule. Mr. Ortiz said the dig should only take 1 day and police details would be on-site while the work is done, and he offered his contact information. Councilor Davis asked that the neighborhood be advised of the work and possible street interruptions. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

7. Grant of Location 211335 (ID:24260) Submitted by Extenet to install 38 feet of conduit in Broadway from Manhole 7502 near Kenneson Road to a proposed handhole, then continuing 2 feet to a small wireless facility at 274 Broadway.

The President opened the public hearing. Rossanna Ferranti from Extenet spoke in favor of the item. Business owner Ann Bates asked that her office be notified about the work and Ms. Ferranti said she would meet her on-site to review the project. The work should only take 1 day. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

8. Grant of Location 211336 (ID:24263) Submitted by Extenet to install 34 feet of conduit in Broadway from Manhole 1902 near Langmaid Ave to a proposed handhole, then continuing 2 feet to a small wireless facility near 321 Broadway.

The President opened the public hearing. Rossanna Ferranti from Extenet spoke in favor of the item. She said that she will work with the DPW and that the work should only take 1 day. Councilor Clingan asked that safety cones be placed to protect bikers. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

9. Order 211337 (ID:24229) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Health and Human Services, Shape up Somerville, and the Somerville Food Security Coalition update and prepare recommendations for this Council regarding access to food resources for anyone who needs help.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

10. Order 211338 (ID:24230) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management discuss with this Council a maintenance plan for the city's school buildings, in light of the attached communication.

Councilor Ballantyne moved to waive the reading of this item and refer it to the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

11. Order 211339 (ID:24228) By City Councilor Ballantyne That Director of Mobility and the Chief Fire Engineer discuss the potential impacts to the Teele Square Firehouse from the proposed Holland Street/Teele Square infrastructure and repaving work.

Councilor Ballantyne moved to waive the reading of this item and refer it to the Committee on Traffic and Parking.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

12. Order 211340 (ID:24235) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Health and Human Services discuss with this Council the reason for the increases of Covid cases at Tufts, where 300 persons were isolated and quarantined last week, and explain to this Council whether those numbers are included in Somerville's counts.

Councilor Ballantyne moved to waive the reading of this item.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

13. Resolution 211341 (ID:24236) By City Councilor Ballantyne That Tufts update this Council on its student housing plans for the University district.

Councilor Ballantyne moved to waive the reading of this item and refer it to the Committee on Housing and Community Development.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

14. Resolution 211342 (ID:24237) By City Councilor Ballantyne That Tufts reconfirm that it is not expanding beds in any of its buildings outside of the University district.

Councilor Ballantyne moved to waive the reading of this item and refer it to the Committee on Housing and Community Development.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

15. Resolution 211343 (ID:24259) By City Councilor Strezo, Ballantyne
Calling for a better future for Somerville’s female workforce in 2021 and beyond.
- Councilor Strezo asked the Clerk to read an edited version of the resolution, and asked if the Administration had any comments, but there were no Administration representatives present.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee
16. Order 211344 (ID:24227) By City Councilor Strezo, Davis
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pedestrian crossing signals at the intersection of Bristol Road, Broadway and Willow Avenue.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
17. Order 211345 (ID:24232) By City Councilor Strezo
That this Council's Committee on Housing and Community Development review the findings of the Condo Conversion Annual Report.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee
18. Order 211346 (ID:24238) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Mbah, Scott, Ballantyne, Davis, Strezo
That the Committee on Housing and Community Development convene housing advocates and staff to address racial disparities in home mortgages, including programs like Boston's One+ program to increase assistance for first-time and low-income home buyers.
- Councilor Ewen-Campen reported statistics on the number of mortgages granted and the wealth and income disparities that exist. He’d like to start a conversation to explore what more could be done to assist first-time home buyers.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

19. Order 211347 (ID:24239) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD provide regular 6-month updates to this Council on new affordable third units in Neighborhood Residence districts, including the number of inquiries, the number being constructed, and any issues or themes emerging.

Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to waive the reading of this item and refer it to the Committee on Land Use.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

20. Order 211348 (ID:24240) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Davis
That the Committee on Land Use revisit whether to remove parking minimums outside of Transit Areas.

Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to waive the reading of this item and refer it to the Committee on Land Use.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

21. Order 211349 (ID:24241) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Committee on Land Use consider regulating the height of rooftop mechanicals on commercial buildings that abut Neighborhood Residence and Urban Residence districts.

Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to waive the reading of this item and refer it to the Committee on Land Use.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

22. Communication By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Davis, Scott, Mbah
211350
(ID:24242) Updating this Council on preparations for the first community meeting regarding Civilian Oversight on March 24, 2021.

Councilor Ewen-Campen said first town hall meeting has been scheduled. He shared a 20-page draft report to provide some background information. He then sponsored R. Mason, the Council’s Outreach Coordinator, to speak about the process to date, and Mason explained that he built a network of “Ward Warriors”, or community organizers, to help engage the public. Councilor Strezo asked what the goals of the “Brave Space Conversation” would be and Mason explained that it’s an opportunity for the city to engage with citizens with an open heart and open mind to influence legislation that would be created by the Council for civilian oversight. Councilor Ballantyne said that she’s impressed with the amount of work that’s been done in such a short amount of time.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

23. Resolution By City Councilor White Jr., Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne,
211351
(ID:24254) Urging the State Legislature to adopt the Public Lands Preservation Act (SD146, HD271).

Councilor White explained the item and asked all members to sign on.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

24. Order By City Councilor White Jr., Rossetti, Davis, Clingan, Scott
211352
(ID:24255) That the Rules Committee work with the City Solicitor to establish firm procedures regarding executive sessions to ensure compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

Councilor White spoke about tightening procedures with respect to the MA Open Meeting Law, especially for the release of Executive Session minutes and for entering into an Executive Session. Councilor Scott agrees and thinks that this is another reason for the Council to have its own counsel.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Rules Special Committee

25. Order 211353 (ID:24257) By City Councilor Mbah
That the Director of Health and Human Services create a vaccination site, once more vaccines become available, given the number of vulnerable populations.

Councilor Mbah said the Governor hasn't created enough vaccination sites and he would like the city to be proactive and create local sites.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

26. Communication 211354 (ID:24256) By City Councilor Mbah
Updating this Council on the Racial and Social Justice Director hiring process.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

27. Order 211355 (ID:24258) By City Councilor Niedergang, McLaughlin, Clingan, Ballantyne, Mbah
That the Mayor, the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management and the Director of Health and Human Services update this Council on Public School reopening plans.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

28. Communication 211356 (ID:24243) By City Councilor Rossetti
Reporting on the High School Building Committee Meeting on February 22, 2021.

Councilor Rossetti said there has been more asbestos discovered at the old High School, causing demolition to be halted, and pushing the soccer field's completion to 2022. The temporary certificate of occupancy has been issued and there is a 3-D tour available on the city's website. The cost overrun to date is \$2.8 million. Councilor Clingan asked about reports of fumes in the building and whether it was ready for classes. Councilor Rossetti said it's ready, but a date for resuming classes has not been set yet. She was not aware of any odors and suggested that Councilor Clingan speak to the Headmaster. Councilor Mbah asked when the virtual ribbon will be cut and Councilor Rossetti said there is no plan for that.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

29. Order 211357 (ID:24270) By City Councilor Rossetti
 In her capacity as the Chair of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, calling on this Council to meet in executive session as necessary to address the adoption of the Committee's Report of 2/2/21 (Agenda #31), or strategy with respect to potential litigation therefrom.

President McLaughlin recused himself and Councilor Rossetti assumed the Chair. Councilor Rossetti introduced the Council's outside counsel, Attorney Tim Zessin, who stated that this matter was appropriate for discussion in Executive Session. The Council recessed at 8:10 PM and moved to Executive Session. The Council returned from Executive Session and reconvened at 9:30 PM. Councilor Rossetti said no votes were taken in Executive Session other than the vote to adjourn.

Councilor Scott moved to authorize Councilor Rossetti, in her capacity as Acting President of the City Council and Chair of the Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee, to send a bypass letter to Matthew Fairchild with assistance from Attorney Zessin. The motion was approved 10-0 with Councilor McLaughlin recused.

RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

30. Communication 211247 (ID:24123) By City Councilor Strezo
 Reporting on the Childrens' Cabinet.

Councilor Strezo said school reopening plans were discussed along with bringing in more voices. She also reported that some grants were announced.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

31. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 211263 (ID:24176) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on February 2, 2021.

President McLaughlin recused himself from this item and Councilor Rossetti assumed the Chair. Councilor Rossetti gave an overview of the report, highlighting some salient points.

RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin

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| B. | Mayor's Request 210571 (ID:23118) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Giovanna Lorenzet Marin to the position of Reserve Police Officer. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>RECUSED: McLaughlin</p> |
| C. | Mayor's Request 210573 (ID:23120) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jose DaCosta to the position of Reserve Police Officer. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>RECUSED: McLaughlin</p> |
| D. | Mayor's Request 210577 (ID:23124) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Matthew Fairchild to the position of Reserve Police Officer. | <p>RESULT: NOT APPROVED. [10 TO 0]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>RECUSED: McLaughlin</p> |

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

32. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report 211358 (ID:24244) | Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on February 16, 2021. | <p>Councilor Rossetti presented the committee report. After the vote on the item, President McLaughlin reassumed the Chair.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>RECUSED: McLaughlin</p> |
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33. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report 211359 (ID:24248)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on February 18, 2021.</p> | <p>Councilor Rossetti gave the committee report and highlighted some of the achievements of the 6 candidates recommended for promotion in the Fire Department. Candidate Michael Anzalone thanked the Council, the Mayor and his own family for their support.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>B. Mayor's Request 211284 (ID:24129)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Michael Anzalone as Deputy Fire Chief.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>C. Mayor's Request 211313 (ID:24202)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Steven J. Mauras to the position of District Fire Chief.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>D. Mayor's Request 211314 (ID:24203)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Patrick J. Halloran to the position of Fire Captain.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>E. Mayor's Request 211315 (ID:24204)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Derek J. Nolan to the position of Fire Captain.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>F. Mayor's Request 211316 (ID:24205)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of James M. Piwinski to the position of Fire Lieutenant.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

G. Mayor's Request 211317 (ID:24206) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Paul A. Moreira to the position of Fire Lieutenant.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

34. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 211360 (ID:24249) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on February 23, 2021.

Councilor Scott presented the committee report and spoke about funding new positions that weren't in the FY21 budget, stabilization fund transfers, and a \$55,000 DIF appropriation for consulting services. He noted the city has underspent its FY21 budget by approximately \$17 million.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

B. Mayor's Request 211270 (ID:24196) Requesting approval to appropriate \$1,909,945 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Facility Construction and Renovation Stabilization Fund

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

C. Mayor's Request 211271 (ID:24141) Requesting approval to appropriate \$1,843,117 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Rainy Day Stabilization Fund to replenish reserves used to create the Small Business Emergency Relief Fund.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

D. Mayor's Request 211272 (ID:24140) Requesting approval to appropriate \$1,500,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Street Reconstruction and Resurfacing Stabilization Fund to replenish reserves used to create the Small Business Emergency Relief Fund.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

E. Mayor's Request 211273 (ID:24139) Requesting approval to appropriate \$1,000,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Capital Stabilization Fund to replenish reserves used to create the Small Business Emergency Relief Fund.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

F. Mayor's Request 211308 (ID:24138) Requesting the appropriation of \$55,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance to the SPCD Economic Development Professional & Technical Services Account, to conduct a District Improvement Financing analysis for the Boynton Yards, Clarendon Hill, and Union Square redevelopment projects.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

G. Mayor's Request 211309 (ID:24143) Requesting the use of \$27,211 in available funds in the Library Salaries Account to establish the position of Manager of Branch Services.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

35. LAND USE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 211361 (ID:24245) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on February 16, 2021.

Councilor Ewen-Campen presented the committee report and said that details are available in the minutes.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

36. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 211362 (ID:24247) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on February 18, 2021.

Councilor Davis presented the committee report and said that the bulk of the meeting was devoted to surveillance technology items. A Home Rule Petition to change all pronouns in the city charter was also discussed. Councilor Ballantyne asked why the word "Chairperson" was being used rather than "Chair" and Councilor Davis said he'd entertain an amendment if so desired. He doesn't think that there a distinction between the two. As a result of that question, agenda item 43 (#211369) will be referred to the Legislative Matters Committee for review.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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| <p>B. Mayor's Request 209592 (ID:22453)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology General Use Policy.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>C. Order 211178 (ID:24071)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Ballantyne, Strezio That the City Solicitor draft a home rule petition to change all pronouns in the City Charter and the City Ordinances to gender-neutral.</p> <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |
| <p>D. Mayor's Request 211277 (ID:24197)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Use Policy.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>AMENDED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Add to the end of Section 5A, "Each video surveillance technology shall be used in accordance with the corresponding Surveillance Technology Impact Report." 2. In Section 5C, delete "life-threatening situation," and "certain serious criminal activities", and add "pursuant to the Ordinance" to the end of the sentence. 3. In Section 5C, add "in compliance with this section and the Ordinance" to the end of the last sentence. |
| <p>E. Mayor's Request 211278 (ID:24190)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Pole Cameras.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>F. Mayor's Request 211279 (ID:24191)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Homeland Security Cameras.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>G. Mayor's Request 211280 (ID:24192)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for GLX Cameras.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

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| H. | Mayor's Request 211281 (ID:24193) | Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Covert Device Cameras. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| I. | Mayor's Request 211282 (ID:24194) | Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for GPS and Monitor. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| J. | Mayor's Request 211283 (ID:24198) | Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Thermal Imaging Cameras. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| K. | Mayor's Request 211310 (ID:24210) | Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for GreyKey. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| L. | Mayor's Request 211312 (ID:24212) | Requesting an amendment to the Surveillance Technology Ordinance to permit the Fire Department to use surveillance technology in exigent circumstances. | RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

37. OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report 211363 (ID:24246) | Report of the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, meeting on February 17, 2021. | Councilor Ballantyne presented the committee report and briefly touched on the items discussed. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
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- B. Order 207167 (ID:20007) By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD share biannual CIP progress reports for all new open space and parks projects.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- C. Order 207373 (ID:20196) By City Councilor Mbah
That the Director of Sustainability and Environment develop an electric vehicle charging infrastructure program.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- D. Order 208042 (ID:20846) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Clingan
That the Director of Sustainability and Environment inform this Council about New York City's "Climate Mobilization Act," which includes dramatic emission reductions for tall buildings, and explain which aspects could be adapted here.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- E. Order 208232 (ID:21045) By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of Parks and Recreation and the Commissioner of Public Works explore starting a monthly volunteer trash pickup day for the Dilboy DCR and Alewife Brook areas.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- F. Order 209444 (ID:22281) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Scott
That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Finance advise this Council, in writing, why, with an appropriation of \$9.3 million, the grass field at Lincoln Park was incorrectly installed the first time.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- G. Order 209612 (ID:22461) By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of Parks and Recreation work with the Superintendent of Schools to develop a policy for "utilizing artificial turf in the heat" similar to the policy used by Burlington, MA.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- H. Order 209613 (ID:22462) By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of Sustainability and Environment, the Director of SPCD, The Director of Communications, and the Commissioner of Public Works develop a plan for a "Resiliency Hub" when extreme weather events occur.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

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| I. | Resolution 209614 (ID:22463) | By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change discuss its 2020 plan with this Council's Committee on Open Space, Energy and Environment. |
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| J. | Officer's Communication 209775 (ID:22607) | Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry responding to #207167 re: updated Capital Investment Plan progress reports for parks and open space projects. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| K. | Officer's Communication 209781 (ID:22632) | Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management responding to #s 209656, 209641, 209546, 209348 & 209174 re: flooding in various locations. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| L. | Officer's Communication 209840 (ID:22648) | Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry responding to #209444 re: the field at Lincoln Park. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| M. | Order 211242 (ID:24130) | By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Sustainability and Environment provide this Council with updates to the Climate Forward Plan. |
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COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

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| 38. | Mayor's Request 211364 (ID:24234) | Requesting the adoption of an Order of Taking for 9-11 Aldersey Street for historic, open space, and affordable housing purposes. |
| | | Councilor Ewen-Campen recused himself from this item. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 39. | Mayor's Request 211365 (ID:24251) | Requesting an appropriation of \$2,200,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Water and Sewer Stabilization Fund. |
| | | Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading of this item and refer it to the Committee on Finance. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |

40. Mayor's Request 211366 (ID:24128) Requesting acceptance of a \$5,000 grant with no new match required, from the Mount Auburn Hospital to the Council on Aging for the implementation of the Ageless Grace Exercise Program.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

41. Officer's Communication 211367 (ID:24272) City Clerk conveying a request to release the minutes of this Council's Jan. 14, 2021 Executive Session re: #211181, a request of the Mayor to appear in Executive Session to discuss public safety and security matters. Note that this Council may enter into Executive Session to consider this request.

Assistant Solicitor David Shapiro stated that this item should be discussed in Executive Session. The Council recessed at 9:35 PM to move into Executive Session. The Council returned from Executive Session and reconvened at 10:30 PM. President McLaughlin stated that a vote was taken to release the minutes in question, and those minutes would be available at the next City Council meeting.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

42. Officer's Communication 211368 (ID:24233) City Solicitor requesting approval to retain the pro bono services of Todd & Weld as outside counsel to advise the city with respect to the establishment of safe consumption sites.

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| RESULT: | REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION |
| FOLLOWUP: | Finance Committee |

43. Officer's Communication 211369 (ID:24250) Assistant City Solicitor responding to #211197 re: a Home Rule Petition to create a gender-neutral City Charter.

For discussion of this item see #211362.

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| RESULT: | REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION |
| FOLLOWUP: | Legislative Matters Committee |

NEW BUSINESS

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

44. Order 211370 (ID:24277) By City Councilor Strezo, Niedergang, Ballantyne That the Director of Health and Human Services and the Director of the Human Rights Commission advise the Committee on Housing and Community Development how the City may address reported cases of suspected hate speech on public and private property.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

45. Order 211371 (ID:24278) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Health and Human Services use the attached tool to help small businesses and schools adapt to the evolving science around Covid-19 by sharing current data, identifying risks, and defining contingencies.

Councilor Ballantyne explained that the data now looks back over one year of COVID, and what is needed now is a tool to help businesses and residents to prepare for the future. She sponsored Tufts Professor Daniele Lantagne, who described how COVID is transmitted and how to prevent its spread. She reviewed the populations most at risk and explained that children under 12 are least at risk and communities of color are more at risk. She spoke briefly about the vaccines and their efficacy, and noted that the virus is mutating and 3 variants are concerning. Protections for businesses depend on the type of business and it's important that transmission patterns be considered: younger children should be the first to return to in-class learning while older children should remain in a virtual setting.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

46. Mayor's Request 211372 (ID:24267) Requesting approval of the attached 2021 Local Election Calendar.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

47. Mayor's Request 211373 (ID:24275) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$3,450,397 in a bond for the cost of acquiring the property at 9-11 Aldersey Street.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading of items 47 through 51 and refer them to the Committee on Finance. Councilor Ewen-Campen recused himself from this item.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

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| 48. Mayor's Request 211374 (ID:24280) | Requesting a transfer of \$50,000 from the SPCD Planning and Zoning Personal Services Account to the SPCD Mobility Ordinary Maintenance Account for a mid-year professional services request. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 49. Mayor's Request 211375 (ID:24281) | Requesting to establish a Senior Planner position in the SPCD Mobility Division at an annual salary of \$88,434 (NU7) and transfer \$10,237 from the SPCD Economic Development Personal Services Account to the SPCD Mobility Personal Services Account to fund this position from May 15 to June 30, 2021. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 50. Mayor's Request 211376 (ID:24283) | Requesting to establish a Senior Planner position in the SPCD Mobility Division at an annual salary of \$88,434 (NU7) and transfer \$10,237 from the SPCD Housing Personal Services Account to the SPCD Mobility Personal Services Account to fund this position from May 15 to June 30, 2021. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 51. Mayor's Request 211377 (ID:24284) | Requesting to establish an Outreach Coordinator position in the SPCD Mobility Division at an annual salary of \$62,424 (NU11) and transfer \$7,266 from the SPCD Planning and Zoning Personal Services Account to the SPCD Mobility Personal Services Account to fund this position from May 15 to June 30, 2021. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 52. Mayor's Request 211378 (ID:24268) | Requesting acceptance of a \$45,200 grant with no new match required, from the Mass Cultural Council to the Arts Council for support of the Local Cultural Council re-grant program. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 53. Officer's Communication 211379 (ID:24282) | Director of SPCD submitting information regarding mid-year transfers to establish new positions and new projects in the Mobility Division. | <p>Councilor Niedergang urged interested persons to read this memo, which explains the mid-year proposal to add 3 positions to the Mobility Division (#211375-#211377).</p> RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |

54. Public Communication 211380 (ID:24276) Tufts submitting comments responding to Agenda #12 re: campus Covid rates.
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| RESULT: | PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

LATE ITEMS

55. Order 211381 (ID:24287) By City Councilor Scott
That this Council authorizes Councilor Rossetti to send a bypass letter to Matthew Fairchild with assistance from Outside Counsel.

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| For discussion of this item see #211357. | |
| RESULT: | APPROVED. [10 TO 0] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| RECUSED: | McLaughlin |

56. Order 211382 (ID:24279) By City Councilor Niedergang, Mbah, Ballantyne
That this Council consider advocating for an additional \$750,000 in the FY22 budget, as attached, for safe streets and equitable mobility.

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| Councilor Niedergang noted that this proposal is for FY22 spending, separate from the Mayor's Requests for FY21 spending in the Mobility Division (#211375-#211377). | |
| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| FOLLOWUP: | Finance Committee |

57. Order 211383 (ID:24285) By City Councilor White Jr., Scott, Strezo, Clingan, Mbah
That the Director of Capital Projects appear before this Council to discuss whether the OSHA record of violations is used as a factor in determining the successful bidder for City contracts.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| FOLLOWUP: | Public Utilities and Public Works Committee |

58. Order 211384 (ID:24286) By City Councilor White Jr., Scott, Strezo, Clingan, Mbah
That the Director of Inspectional Services appear before this Council to discuss whether his Department does or may use the OSHA record of applicants for permits as a factor in determining whether to issue the permits.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| FOLLOWUP: | Public Utilities and Public Works Committee |

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 11:40 PM.

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 11, 2021, 7:00 PM
 Meeting by Remote Participation

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OPENING CEREMONIES

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

| Attendee Name | Title | Status | Arrived |
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| Wilfred N. Mbah | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Mary Jo Rossetti | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Kristen Strezo | City Councilor at Large | Present | |
| William A. White Jr. | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Matthew McLaughlin | Ward One City Councilor | Present | |
| Jefferson Thomas ("J.T.") Scott | Ward Two City Councilor | Present | |
| Ben Ewen-Campen | Ward Three City Councilor | Present | |
| Jesse Clingan | Ward Four City Councilor | Present | |
| Mark Niedergang | Ward Five City Councilor | Present | |
| Lance L. Davis | Ward Six City Councilor | Present | |
| Katjana Ballantyne | Ward Seven City Councilor | Present | |

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 211385
 (ID:24319) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 211386
 (ID:24320) Councilor Ewen-Campen sponsored a moment of silence for former Alderman Tom Taylor on the sixth anniversary of his passing.
RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, February 11, 2021.
 211387
 (ID:24321) **RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 4. Grant of Location 211388 (ID:24303)

Submitted by Eversource to relocate Utility pole 291/3 in Prospect Street 30 feet southwest, closer to the Prospect Street bridge.

Councilor Scott recused himself from this item. The President opened the public hearing. Jaqueline Duffy from Eversource stated the purpose of the request. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
RECUSED: Scott

- 5. Grant of Location 211389 (ID:24304)

Submitted by Eversource to relocate Utility pole 61/1 in Allen Street 20 feet south, to the southern edge of Charlestown Street.

The President opened the public hearing. Jaqueline Duffy from Eversource stated the purpose of the request. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- 6. Grant of Location 211390 (ID:24305)

Submitted by TC Systems to install 465 feet of conduit in Grand Union Boulevard from a FRIT Manhole located at the intersection of Foley Street and Grand Union Boulevard to a proposed Handhole near the intersection of Canal Street and Grand Union Boulevard.

The President opened the public hearing. Adam Heller, representing TC Systems, stated the purpose of the request. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing. Mr. Heller said the project should take about 2 days and a representative will be on-site in the event that pedestrian traffic needs to be re-routed.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- 7. Grant of Location 211391 (ID:24306)

Submitted by TC Systems to install 480 feet of conduit in Foley Street and Great River Road from a FRIT Manhole across from 460 Foley Street to a proposed Handhole at the rear of 449 Canal Street.

The President opened the public hearing. Adam Heller, representing TC Systems, stated the purpose of the request. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing. Mr. Heller said the project should take about 2 days and a representative will be on-site in the event that pedestrian traffic needs to be re-routed.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

8. Order 211392 (ID:24302) By City Councilor Strezo
That the City's Chief Assessor provide a list of all non-profits that have Community Benefit Agreements and/or Payment in Lieu of Taxes agreements, including their property sizes.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

9. Resolution 211393 (ID:24317) By City Councilor Clingan, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr.
Supporting the enactment of Payment In Lieu of Taxes Legislation (HD3207 and SD2129).

Councilor Clingan briefly described the resolution and said the legislation has been filed at the Statehouse. He sponsored Marianne Walles, who explained that the legislation puts the power back in the hands of communities rather than non-profits. She asked the Council to endorse the legislation, which was originally filed by the MMA. Councilor Rossetti suggested that a copy be sent to the MMA. President McLaughlin said that the City Solicitor's Office has drafted a home rule petition in this regard, but state adoption would be preferable.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

10. Order 211394 (ID:24313) By City Councilor Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr.
That the Mayor, Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management, Commissioner of Public Works, and Director of Health and Human Services respond to the attached questions regarding ventilation and school-building readiness from public school parents.

Councilor Niedergang said the Council has oversight of school buildings and he would like a number of questions answered about mixed mode ventilation and the Honeywell contract for HVAC systems, to name a few.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

11. Order 211395 (ID:24314) By City Councilor Niedergang, Ballantyne, Davis, White Jr., Ewen-Campen, Scott, Mbah
That the Mayor, Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management, and Commissioner of Public Works respond to the attached questions regarding the management and oversight of school buildings that have been raised by public school parents.

Councilor Niedergang explained why he wanted to discuss the management and oversight of school buildings. Councilor Davis recalled the roofing incident at the Brown School last year and the Administration’s explanation for not knowing how serious the situation may have been. He asked that this item be sent to the Finance Committee to discuss a centralized management system. Councilor Scott stated that far too much power is in the hands of the executive branch and the Council needs to exercise its oversight authority.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

12. Order 211396 (ID:24315) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Scott, Davis, Mbah
That the Chief of Police inform this Council in writing how a resident may seek to expunge or seal a police report or record made by the Police Department.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

13. Order 211397 (ID:24316) By City Councilor Mbah
That the Director of Engineering install a crosswalk at Woods Avenue and Route 16.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. Communication 211354 (ID:24256) By City Councilor Mbah
Updating this Council on the Racial and Social Justice Director hiring process.

Councilor Mbah reported that an offer has been presented to a candidate.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

15. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report 211398 (ID:24299)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on March 2, 2021.</p> <hr/> <p>President McLaughlin recused himself from this item and Councilor Rossetti assumed the Chair and presented the report. Four candidates were recommended as Reserve Police Officers. If they are approved tonight, the reserve list will be exhausted and all of the vacancies resulting from retirements will have been filled.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne RECUSED: McLaughlin</p> |
| <p>B. Mayor's Request 210572 (ID:23119)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jamey Thompson to the position of Reserve Police Officer.</p> <hr/> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne RECUSED: McLaughlin</p> |
| <p>C. Mayor's Request 210574 (ID:23121)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Kelsey Malloy-Ripley to the position of Reserve Police Officer.</p> <hr/> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne RECUSED: McLaughlin</p> |
| <p>D. Mayor's Request 210575 (ID:23122)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Kevin Henriquez to the position of Reserve Police Officer.</p> <hr/> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne RECUSED: McLaughlin</p> |
| <p>E. Mayor's Request 210579 (ID:23126)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of William Wood to the position of Reserve Police Officer.</p> <hr/> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne RECUSED: McLaughlin</p> |

- F. Mayor's Request 211029 (ID:23859) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Callen Scott to the Urban Forestry Committee.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN. [10 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin

16. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 211399 (ID:24301) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on March 9, 2021.

President McLaughlin re-assumed the Chair. Councilor Scott presented the report and spoke about free cash appropriations, fund transfers, grants, pro bono services, FY22 budget priorities, and the addition of 3 positions in the Mobility Division.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- B. Mayor's Request 211011 (ID:23861) Requesting acceptance of a \$25,495.51 grant with no new match required, from the Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration to the Fire Department for the purchase of thermal imaging cameras.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- C. Resolution 211255 (ID:24149) By City Councilor Niedergang, Mbah, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezio, Ewen-Campen, White Jr. That the Mayor dedicate resources as a supplementary FY21 budget request and in the FY22 budget to create a Department of Transportation with at least three new, additional full-time staff including a senior position empowered to coordinate this work across departments - a Chief of Streets.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Mayor's Request 211365 (ID:24251) Requesting an appropriation of \$2,200,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Water and Sewer Stabilization Fund.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- E. Officer's Communication 211368 (ID:24233) City Solicitor requesting approval to retain the pro bono services of Todd & Weld as outside counsel to advise the city with respect to the establishment of safe consumption sites.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- F. Mayor's Request 211374 (ID:24280) Requesting a transfer of \$50,000 from the SPCD Planning and Zoning Personal Services Account to the SPCD Mobility Ordinary Maintenance Account for a mid-year professional services request.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- G. Mayor's Request 211375 (ID:24281) Requesting to establish a Senior Planner position in the SPCD Mobility Division at an annual salary of \$88,434 (NU7) and transfer \$10,237 from the SPCD Economic Development Personal Services Account to the SPCD Mobility Personal Services Account to fund this position from May 15 to June 30, 2021.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- H. Mayor's Request 211376 (ID:24283) Requesting to establish a Senior Planner position in the SPCD Mobility Division at an annual salary of \$88,434 (NU7) and transfer \$10,237 from the SPCD Housing Personal Services Account to the SPCD Mobility Personal Services Account to fund this position from May 15 to June 30, 2021.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- I. Mayor's Request 211377 (ID:24284) Requesting to establish an Outreach Coordinator position in the SPCD Mobility Division at an annual salary of \$62,424 (NU11) and transfer \$7,266 from the SPCD Planning and Zoning Personal Services Account to the SPCD Mobility Personal Services Account to fund this position from May 15 to June 30, 2021.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- J. Officer's Communication 211379 (ID:24282) Director of SPCD submitting information regarding mid-year transfers to establish new positions and new projects in the Mobility Division.
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| RESULT: | PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

17. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 211400 (ID:24300) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on March 2, 2021.
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| Councilor Ewen-Campen presented the report and spoke briefly about zoning amendments, rooftop mechanicals and parking minimums outside of transit areas. | |
| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

18. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 211401 (ID:24298) Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on March 1, 2021.
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| Councilor Davis presented the report. Councilor Rossetti asked if he had received an answer to the question she asked during the committee meeting. Legislative Liaison Lauren Racaniello asked for clarity on her request and Councilor Rossetti explained that she wanted to have data on student populations from October 2019 to October 2020. Ms. Racaniello said that the information would come from the School Department and said she will follow up with them. Councilor Rossetti expressed her displeasure that the answer was not available as she had requested. | |
| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

- B. Order 209798 (ID:22727) By City Councilor Hirsch, McLaughlin That the Director of Health and Human Services appear before this Council with an update on measures to reduce the spread of the coronavirus and to support anyone who may become infected.

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| RESULT: | WORK COMPLETED |
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- C. Resolution 209930 (ID:22804) By City Councilor Mbah That this Council urges Governor Baker to enact a single-payer health insurance system during this pandemic to reduce the bureaucracy for Covid-19 testing and treatment, and to make such testing and treatment free to those without health insurance.

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| RESULT: | WORK COMPLETED |
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D. Resolution 209934 (ID:22808) By City Councilor Mbah That the Administration update this Council on the City’s disaster preparedness assessment for emergencies during this pandemic and how this reduces our first responders' workforce.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

E. Resolution 209940 (ID:22814) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott That this Council collaborate with the Administration to create a one-page coronavirus information sheet that can be physically delivered to every resident and small business owner, containing public health information, emergency resources, and instructions on where to get more information.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

F. Resolution 209977 (ID:22831) By City Councilor Hirsch, Ballantyne, Davis, Mbah That the Administration update this Council on planning underway to provide housing for people who are likely to be exposed to the Covid-19 virus and need isolation, or are recovering from the virus and don't need a hospital setting.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

G. Resolution 209979 (ID:22833) By City Councilor Hirsch, Ballantyne, Davis, Mbah That the Administration update this Council on any efforts to ensure that city trash and recycling contractors are protected from coronavirus exposure and supported if exposed.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

H. Order 209999 (ID:22870) By City Councilor Mbah, Niedergang, Ballantyne, Clingan That the Chief of Police and the Chief Fire Engineer appear before this Council’s Committee on Public Health and Public Safety with an update on their plans to keep first responders safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

I. Order 210112 (ID:22970) By City Councilor Clingan That the Director of Health and Human Services collaborate with the appropriate state agencies for the support, specialized services, medical supplies and personal protective equipment necessary for residents with complex medical needs to stay in their homes during this COVID-19 crisis.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

J. Resolution 210126 (ID:22982) By City Councilor Mbah, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Niedergang That the Mayor consider increasing the minimum age for mandatory wearing of face masks to children over 5 years of age.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- K. Order 210134 (ID:22986) By City Councilor Strezo, Ballantyne
That the Director of Communications create signage to post citywide reminding the public of the penalties and public health risks associated with COVID-19 for littering used masks, gloves and wipes.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- L. Resolution 210460 (ID:23333) By City Councilor Davis, Ballantyne, Rossetti, Scott
That the Administration and the Traffic Commission cease all dedicated Tufts shuttle stops and remove all associated signage in Ward 6, particularly in Davis Square, without delay.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- M. Resolution 211402 (ID:24288) By City Councilor Rossetti
That the Administration explain, before this Council's next meeting, how transportation will be provided to all Public School students relocated to different buildings.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

19. Mayor's Request 211403 (ID:24295) Requesting the re-appropriation of \$87,114 in CPA funding from the Somerville Museum's Collection Care Project to its Elevator ADA Accessibility Project.

Councilor White recused himself from this item. Councilor Scott moved for approval.

RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
RECUSED: White Jr.

20. Mayor's Request 211404 (ID:24231) Requesting approval to pay a Fiscal Year 2019 prior year invoice totaling \$188 using available funds in the Treasury Department Ordinary Maintenance Account for a September 25, 2018 invoice for laser jet printer servicing.

Councilor Scott moved for approval.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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21. Mayor's Request 211405 (ID:24120) Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$74,400 from the MA Office of Public Safety for Police Department staffing.
- President McLaughlin recused himself from this item and Councilor Rossetti assumed the Chair. Councilor Scott moved for approval.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [10 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin
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22. Mayor's Request 211406 (ID:24077) Requesting acceptance of a \$18,816.47 grant with no new match required from the Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for the Critical Infrastructure Monitoring System camera network upgrades.
- President McLaughlin re-assumed the Chair. Councilor Ewen-Campen asked if this item changes anything in the surveillance policy and Legislative Liaison Lauren Racaniello said that this would fall within the policy. Councilor Scott moved for approval.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
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23. Mayor's Request 211407 (ID:24252) Requesting acceptance of a \$7,680 grant with no new match required, from the MA Executive Office of Public Safety to the Fire Department to provide fire safety education to school students.
- Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings of items 23, 24, and 26, and approve them.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
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24. Mayor's Request 211408 (ID:24253) Requesting acceptance of a \$3,019 grant with no new match required from the MA Executive Office of Public Safety to the Fire Department for senior fire prevention and safety.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
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| <p>25. Mayor's Request 211409 (ID:24292)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to extend the contract for John Risko through 3/31/2022 and add \$12,500 for lead abatement inspection services.</p> |
| <p>SPCD Finance Director Alan Inacio explained why this extension is being requested and said that the \$12,500 would be paid for through grant funding. Russell Koty, Program Manager of Residential Energy Efficiency, spoke about the city's efforts to inform residents about the program.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>26. Mayor's Request 211410 (ID:24293)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to extend the contract for the development of the Butterfly Pollinator Garden at the Morse Kelley Playground for an additional three years.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>27. Mayor's Request 211411 (ID:24291)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of a time only contract extension for Symmes Maini and McKee Associates for an additional three years for the Central Hill Design and Construction Administration.</p> |
| <p>SPCD Finance Director Alan Inacio explained that this extension is being requested because a portion of the Central Hill project has been delayed due to extenuating circumstances. Councilor Rossetti asked about any new parking plans for staff and visitors, and Senior Planner Cortney Kirk replied that any changes in parking will be part of the planning for the 1895 building and City Hall renovation.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 1] AYES: Mbah, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne NAYS: Rossetti</p> | |
| <p>28. Mayor's Request 211412 (ID:24273)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Kimberly Sheridan to the Commission for Women.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> | |
| <p>29. Mayor's Request 211413 (ID:24274)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Arlen Weiner to the Commission for Women.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> | |

30. Mayor's Request 211414 (ID:24289) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Murphy Langevin to the Urban Forestry Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

31. Mayor's Request 211415 (ID:24294) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Rose White to the Community Preservation Act Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

32. Officer's Communication 211416 (ID:24297) City Solicitor requesting to retain outside counsel to determine how best to pursue the prompt access of Covid19 vaccinations to disadvantaged residents.

City Solicitor Frank Wright stated that the legal services would be provided to the city pro bono. Councilor Rossetti noted that 'pro bono' isn't stated in this request, and offered an amendment to include that term.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
AMENDED: Insert "pro bono" before "outside counsel" to clarify that the services to be rendered are pro bono services.

33. Officer's Communication 211417 (ID:24290) City Solicitor responding to #211232 with an amendment to Ordinances 10-1 and 10-1.1, to eliminate specified levels of patrol and superior officers in the Police Department.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

34. Officer's Communication 211418 (ID:24296) City Clerk requesting approval to release twelve sets of Executive Session minutes as described within.

President McLaughlin explained that he would like Councilors to independently review the minutes and contact him if they would like to make any amendments to them.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

NEW BUSINESS

35. License/Permit 211419 (ID:24312) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Mystic Auto Sales, 712 Mystic Ave.
- Councilor White moved to waive the readings of items 35 to 40 and approve them.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
36. License/Permit 211420 (ID:24307) Small Wireless Facility License, Verizon attaching small wireless facilities on an existing pole at 2 Belmont Street.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
37. License/Permit 211421 (ID:24308) Small Wireless Facility License, Verizon attaching small wireless facilities on an existing pole at 15 Ivaloo Street.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
38. License/Permit 211422 (ID:24309) Small Wireless Facility License, Verizon attaching small wireless facilities on an existing pole at 40 Marion Street.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
39. License/Permit 211423 (ID:24310) Small Wireless Facility License, Verizon attaching small wireless facilities on an existing pole at 42 Bow Street.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
40. License/Permit 211424 (ID:24311) Small Wireless Facility License, Verizon attaching small wireless facilities on an existing pole at 53 Concord Avenue.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

41. Public Communication 211425 (ID:24323) Matthew Shannon submitting a petition to revoke the Junk Dealer License held by Tosh Enterprises LLC.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

42. Order 211426 (ID:24324) By City Councilor Niedergang, Scott That the Director of SPCD discuss with this Council the changes that are being considered, or could be considered, in MBTA bus routes to better serve bus riders following the opening of 5 new Green Line stations this year.

Councilor Niedergang said he would meet with MBTA officials to discuss this item.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

43. Order 211427 (ID:24326) By City Councilor Scott That the Director of Personnel provide this Council with a list of current full-time vacancies broken down by union and non-union positions, and that the Administration address this Council as to the reason for the high number of vacancies.

Councilor Scott commented that there are presently more than 40 vacant union positions in the city, and he is concerned about the backlog in filling them and other non-union vacancies.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

44. Order 211428 (ID:24327) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Clingan That the Chief of Police appear before this Council’s Committee on Public Health and Public Safety to discuss the policy on drug possession arrests for the past 5 years.

President McLaughlin explained that he wants to learn the city’s current policy regarding drug possession.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

45. Resolution 211429 (ID:24328) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Clingan, Strezo, Davis, Mbah That the Mayor allocate funding for two dual diagnosis and social work clinical outreach positions in the Community Outreach Help and Recovery Department in the FY22 budget.
- President McLaughlin explained the importance of these positions.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
46. Order 211430 (ID:24329) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Clingan, Strezo, Ballantyne That the Director of the Community Outreach Help and Recovery Department be fully integrated into Police leadership decisions to ensure a behavioral health perspective is considered in all policy decisions.
- President McLaughlin explained the importance of including this Department in policy matters.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee
47. Order 211431 (ID:24330) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the graffiti on Maine Avenue along I-93, and repair any damaged fencing that separates the neighborhood from the highway.
- RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
48. Order 211432 (ID:24331) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Davis, Mbah, Strezo, Clingan That the City Solicitor and the Director of SPCD perform a nexus study to determine the viability of a home rule petition requiring developers who receive special permits to make contributions to mitigate pollution.
- President McLaughlin said he doesn't want open or civic space next to highways because of the health hazards presented. He would rather waive the public space requirement at these locations and collect in lieu payments to mitigate air pollution. He doesn't want to wait for the state to act, and he noted that this approach has been approved by the City Solicitor.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

49. Ordinance 211433 (ID:24332) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Davis, Mbah, Strezo, Clingan Requesting amendments to the Zoning Ordinance as contained within.
- Also referred to the Planning Board.
President McLaughlin said he submitted this item in coordination with the Planning Department.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee
50. Order 211434 (ID:24333) By City Councilor Strezo That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Communications discuss with this Council’s Committee on Housing and Community Development creating and marketing an app that promotes and incentivizes frequenting Somerville’s small businesses.
- Councilor Strezo said that the Ball Square Business Association brought this item forward.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee
51. License/Permit 211435 (ID:24335) New Drainlayer's License, M. DiStasio Excavation Contractors.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
52. Public Communication 211436 (ID:24334) Tufts responding to #211341 and #211342 re: student housing.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

LATE ITEMS

53. Order 211437 (ID:24337) By City Councilor Davis That #211372 be discharged from the Committee on Legislative Matters with the intent that the Council consider it at this meeting.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

54. Order 211438 (ID:24336) By City Councilor White Jr., Mbah That the Director of Water and Sewer and any other appropriate City departments timely and appropriately notify residents whenever water service will be interrupted.

Councilor White related some constituents' experiences with water service disruptions and asked that 311 be advised when water service is interrupted so they can answer residents' inquiries.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

55. Mayor's Request 211372 (ID:24267) Requesting approval of the attached 2021 Local Election Calendar.

Election Commissioner Nick Salerno said that no changes in time-frame, pandemic-related or otherwise, were made in this year's calendar. Councilor White commented that the window for submitting signatures is narrow and Mr. Salerno responded that the state and his peers agree that 5 weeks is ample. Councilor White suggested adding another 2 weeks for the benefit of novice candidates. Mr. Salerno replied that the calendar could be adjusted, and he suggested adding it to the front of the cycle. Councilor Niedergang supported the extension, but didn't want it to interfere with the scheduled election dates or the Jewish Holy Days. Councilor Ballantyne asked that the period not be extended into June, which is the city's budget season. Councilor White moved to extend the submission deadline to June 23. President McLaughlin spoke in opposition, saying 5 weeks is ample. The motion failed 6-5, with Councilors Ballantyne, Davis, Strezo, Clingan, Rossetti and McLaughlin opposed. The calendar was then approved as submitted.

RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 1]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

NAYS: White Jr.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:05 PM.

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 25, 2021, 7:00 PM
 Meeting by Remote Participation

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OPENING CEREMONIES

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

| Attendee Name | Title | Status | Arrived |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Wilfred N. Mbah | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Mary Jo Rossetti | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Kristen Strezo | City Councilor at Large | Present | |
| William A. White Jr. | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Matthew McLaughlin | Ward One City Councilor | Present | |
| Jefferson Thomas ("J.T.") Scott | Ward Two City Councilor | Present | |
| Ben Ewen-Campen | Ward Three City Councilor | Present | |
| Jesse Clingan | Ward Four City Councilor | Present | |
| Mark Niedergang | Ward Five City Councilor | Present | |
| Lance L. Davis | Ward Six City Councilor | Present | |
| Katjana Ballantyne | Ward Seven City Councilor | Present | |

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 211439
 (ID:24434) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 211440
 (ID:24435) Councilor Strezo sponsored a moment of silence for Joseph Pielmeier. Councilor Ballantyne sponsored a moment of silence for the 80 residents who have passed away from Covid-19. Councilor White sponsored a moment of silence for Eileen Bakey. Councilor Clingan sponsored a moment of silence for Kemon Sermos. Councilor Clingan sponsored a moment of silence for Deanna Cremmin whose 43rd birthday would have been tomorrow.
RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, February 25, 2011.
 211441
 (ID:24436) **RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

CITATIONS

- 4. Citation 211442 (ID:24457) By City Councilor McLaughlin, and the Mayor Commending Donna Joy on the auspicious occasion of her retirement from the Personnel Department after 34 years of outstanding service.

President McLaughlin congratulated Ms. Joy on her retirement.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- 5. Citation 211443 (ID:24456) By City Councilor McLaughlin, and the Mayor Commending Daniel LeBlanc on the auspicious occasion of his retirement after leading the Somerville Community Corporation with distinction for 20 years.

President McLaughlin said the citation would be presented in person at a later date.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 6. Grant of Location 211444 (ID:24398) Submitted by Eversource to install 88 feet of conduit in Beacon Street, from Utility Pole 24/14 to a point of pickup at 111 Beacon Street.

The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy from Eversource stated the purpose of the request. Chris Dwan asked if Eversource would be repairing the sidewalks and Ms. Duffy said they would. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

- 7. Order 211445 (ID:24405) By City Councilor Strezo That the Director of Constituent Services discuss with this Council’s Committee on Housing and Community Development options for residents to report hate crimes to 311 and the 311 mobile app.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

8. Order 211446 (ID:24413) By City Councilor Rossetti, Ballantyne That this Council's Committee on Finance discuss with appropriate staff, anticipated funding from the recently authorized American Rescue Plan Act.

Councilor Rossetti commented that the MA Municipal Association believes that Somerville might be receiving in excess of \$63 million over 2 years, although Finance Director Ed Bean couldn't confirm that figure.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

9. Communication 211447 (ID:24414) By City Councilor Rossetti Reporting on the High School Building Committee meeting of March 15, 2021.

Councilor Rossetti reported that the field is in Phase 3 and asbestos recovery is ongoing, pushing the timeline out to May 2022, There are 759 items on the phase 1 and 2 punch lists and the contingency line is currently up to \$2.8 million.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

10. Resolution 211448 (ID:24428) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Davis That the Administration convene a working group of members of the public and Planning staff to prepare recommendations for a zoning amendment Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

11. Resolution 211449 (ID:24429) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin, Scott, Mbah, Strezio, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis That the Administration create clean, safe, and permanent public restrooms in several outdoor locations, similar to the "Portland Loos" that have been installed in Cambridge.

Councilor Ewen-Campen referenced a recent death in a vacant building in East Somerville and said these restrooms could be essential to helping those who are homeless. He sponsored Katie Jones, from the Somerville Homeless Coalition, who spoke about the lack of clean, safe public restrooms, noting that they're being opened in 28 other cities, including Cambridge. She said that public toilets would benefit many, such as taxi drivers, shoppers, etc.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

12. Order 211450 (ID:24430) By City Councilor Clingan, Ewen-Campen, Strezo, Ballantyne, Davis, Mbah That the Director of Communications ensure that, when in-person meetings resume, all city meetings will have a virtual participation option.

Councilor Clingan commented that having a virtual component is essential in order to have robust public discussions.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

13. Order 211451 (ID:24431) By City Councilor Clingan, McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Mbah That the Director of Parks and Recreation reopen all basketball hoops at city parks and school playgrounds.

Councilor Clingan asked that the Administration act on this quickly.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

14. Order 211452 (ID:24432) By City Councilor Clingan That the Director of Parks and Recreation discuss with this Council's Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy the plan for reopening city parks and school playgrounds, including water features.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

15. Order 211453 (ID:24433) By City Councilor Clingan That the Director of Parks and Recreation update this Council on discussions with DCR to enter a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the control of Foss Park.

Councilor Clingan said this has been discussed for many years and he asked for an update regarding the maintenance of the park and its new soccer field.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

16. Resolution 211454 (ID:24437) By City Councilor Ballantyne, McLaughlin, Strezo, Davis, Scott, Mbah, Ewen-Campen, White Jr., Clingan That the Administration invest in the Commission for Women by hiring a full time Executive Director.

Councilor Ballantyne spoke about the disparity affecting women in the city and believes that a full-time director is needed to break and change the system. She sponsored Crystal Turner, from the Women’s Commission, who read the Resolution and commented that she believes in the purpose of the Commission and would like to see it reach its full potential. Councilors Scott, Strezo and McLaughlin agreed that this is an essential need.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

17. Communication 211354 (ID:24256) By City Councilor Mbah Updating this Council on the Racial and Social Justice Director hiring process.

Councilor Mbah introduced Denise Capers, the city’s first Racial and Social Justice Director. She thanked the Council and said she’s looking forward to working in this position.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

18. Officer's Communication 211418 (ID:24296) City Clerk requesting approval to release twelve sets of Executive Session minutes as described within.

President McLaughlin asked if any Councilors wanted to discuss these minutes in Executive Session, and received no responses.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

19. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 211455 (ID:24439) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on March 16, 2021.

Councilor Rossetti briefly described the topics covered by the committee.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

B. Mayor's Request 204679 (ID:17350) Requesting the re-appointment of Denis Chagnon as an Alternate Member of the Historic Preservation Commission.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

C. Mayor's Request 210753 (ID:23575) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Christine Stone to the Somerville Redevelopment Authority.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

D. Mayor's Request 210953 (ID:23807) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Christopher Spicer Hankle to the position of Commissioner of the Human Rights Commission.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

E. Mayor's Request 211030 (ID:23860) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Leah Grossman to the Urban Forestry Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

F. Order 211456 (ID:24399) By City Councilor Rossetti That the attached March 12, 2021 vacancy list be referred the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters for discussion.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

20. EQUITY, GENDER, FAMILIES AND VULNERABLE POPULATIONS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 211457 (ID:24444) Report of the Committee on Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations, meeting on March 23, 2021.

Councilor Mbah briefly described the topics covered by the committee.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- B. Order 209365 (ID:22211) By City Councilor Hirsch That the Chief of Police review options relative to the School District's lock-down drills, and provide a description of times when the protocol was used in response to a threat.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- C. Order 209572 (ID:22434) By City Councilor Hirsch, Mbah, Ballantyne That the Committee on Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations provide feedback on SomerVision 2040's chapter on Youth and Education with respect to metrics and key tasks.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- D. Order 209615 (ID:22464) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Health and Human Services consider developing, and hiring a third party for, an Equity Justice Review for the Somerville Climate Forward Plan and the SomerVision 2040 Plan.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- E. Order 209976 (ID:22830) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD discuss highlighting equity for seniors in SomerVision 2040 in the areas discussed in the attached document.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- F. Resolution 209786 (ID:22641) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Somerville Education Foundation share their organizational priorities with this Council's Committee on Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- G. Order 210118 (ID:22977) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD add the attached changes into the SomerVision 2040 draft.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- H. Resolution 210228 (ID:23109) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Rossetti, Mbah, Strezo, Niedergang, White Jr., and the Mayor Supporting full implementation of body worn cameras by sworn personnel in the Police Department.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- I. Order 210238 (ID:23147) By City Councilor Mbah That the Director of SPCD update this Council on the minority-owned business initiative and provide data on the number of businesses that have been helped from being gentrified.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- J. Order 211056 (ID:23962) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Chief of Police and the Director of Health and Human Services discuss the data collected and the mental health impacts that the lockdown drills have on school age children.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

21. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 211458 (ID:24440) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on March 16, 2021.

Councilor Ewen-Campen reported that the committee recommended two sets of zoning amendments for approval, while several other items were discussed, including an option to use in-lieu payments for civic spaces to mitigate pollution. The Council amended the committee report to substitute an updated version of one of the ordinances. Councilor Rossetti said she is interested in the issue of four unrelated persons living together and asked that, when the matter is close to a vote, the Land Use Committee meet as a Committee of the Whole.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
AMENDED: #210940 was replaced by #211492, which incorporated all amendments.

- B. Mayor's Request 210940 (ID:23816) Requesting approval of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for new changes, corrections and clarifications.

See #211492 for the adopted Ordinance.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- C. Mayor's Request 211231 (ID:24096) Requesting approval of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for new edits, corrections, and clarifications.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

22. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report 211459 (ID:24442)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on March 18, 2021.</p> | <p>Councilor Davis first moved that the ordinance at #211109 be severed from the report and approved; it was then severed, approved, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Davis then moved that #211318 and #211319 be severed from the report and sent back to the Legislative Matters Committee since the Administration has not provided the requested information. Councilor Scott said he was frustrated that this item has been stalled, especially in light of the recent appointments that have been approved. He said he spoke to the MA Human Resources Division’s attorney, who told him they were waiting to receive the text of the proposed legislation before responding, and they hadn’t received it to date from the city. Councilor Davis noted that the president of Local 76 addressed the committee and gave the union’s position on the reserve list. The items were severed and returned to the Legislative Matters Committee. Finally, Councilor Davis moved to table the committee report until the next meeting, so he could have more time to work on them.</p> <p>RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE FOLLOWUP: City Council</p> |
| <p>B. Resolution 209639 (ID:22503)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Davis That the Administration work with the Committee on Legislative Matters to consider revisions to the Surveillance Technology Ordinance.</p> | <p>RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE FOLLOWUP: City Council</p> |
| <p>C. Officer's Communication 211109 (ID:23943)</p> | <p>City Solicitor submitting an ordinance to amend the membership of the Police Chief Selection Committee, replacing the Director of Multicultural Affairs with the Director of Racial and Social Justice.</p> | <p>RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>D. Officer's Communication 211318 (ID:24207)</p> | <p>Requesting rescission of the adoption of MGL Chapter 48 Sections 59B, 59C and 59D relative to a Reserve Fire Force.</p> | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee</p> |
| <p>E. Officer's Communication 211319 (ID:24208)</p> | <p>Requesting rescission of the adoption of MGL Chapter 147 Sections 11, 12 and 13 relative to a Reserve Police Force.</p> | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee</p> |

- F. Officer's Communication 211369 (ID:24250) Assistant City Solicitor responding to #211197 re: a Home Rule Petition to create a gender-neutral City Charter.

See #211578 for the adopted Home Rule Petition.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

23. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 211460 (ID:24445) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on March 24, 2021.

Councilor Davis moved to table the committee report until the next meeting, so he could have more time to work on them.
RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

24. OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 211461 (ID:24441) Report of the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, meeting on March 17, 2021.

Councilor Ballantyne presented the report and said that a plastic utensil ban was approved, as well as a native species ordinance. The committee also discussed plantings along the Community Path, brownfield parcels, and how the Inspectional Services Department can monitor and track green roofs.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- B. Order 203365 (ID:16068) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Davis That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance requiring native tree and plantings for all open space, to meet the goals of sustainability and biodiversity.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Public Communication 205683 (ID:18433) Tori Antonino submitting comments re: #203365, calling for a native planting ordinance.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Resolution 205709 (ID:18541) By City Councilor Scott, McLaughlin, Ballantyne That the Administration immediately pursue creation of a public fields and recreation area in the Inner Belt District pursuant to the Fields Master Plan.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

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| E. Order 206495 (ID:19288) | By City Councilor Ballantyne, Scott, Davis That the City Solicitor consider the attached language in the drafting of a Native Tree and Plantings Ordinance, as ordered by #203365. |
| <p>For the adopted Ordinance see #211580. RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| F. Order 207884 (ID:20688) | By City Councilor Ballantyne, Davis, Mbah That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance to ban the use of plastic flatware. |
| <p>For the adopted Ordinance see #211579. RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| G. Public Communication 207999 (ID:20799) | 3 residents submitting comments re: #206495, the proposed native plant ordinance. |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| H. Public Communication 208567 (ID:21343) | Elizabeth Lundgren submitting comments re: #206495, the proposed native plant ordinance. |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| I. Order 209655 (ID:22549) | By City Councilor Niedergang, Hirsch, Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Inspectional Services report to this Council how they plan to monitor and enforce green roof, tree planting and other green zoning requirements that require watering and maintenance, beyond issuing certificates of occupancy. |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| J. Officer's Communication 210916 (ID:23794) | Director of SPCD responding to #205709 re: public fields in the Inner Belt District. |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| K. Resolution 211462 (ID:24403) | By City Councilor White Jr. That this Council entreat the MBTA to, wherever possible, plant trees to replace those removed in connection with the Green Line Extension. |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |

- L. Resolution 211463 (ID:24404) By City Councilor White Jr. That this Council entreat the MBTA to utilize native plantings as set forth in the City's Native Species Ordinance in connection with the land abutting the Green Line Extension.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

25. RULES SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 211464 (ID:24443) Report of the Special Committee on Rules, meeting on March 22, 2021.

Councilor White reported that one rule change was approved, and one item was left in committee for further discussion. He reported that the committee may consider the impact of recent Attorney General Open Meeting Law rulings on the Council's practices with respect to the supplementary agenda.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- B. Order 206962 (ID:19827) By City Councilor White Jr. That this Board amend Rule 16 of the Board by adding to the second sentence, after the phrase "These motions shall" the phrase "be decided by a majority vote of those present and shall...."

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

26. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 211465 (ID:24438) Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on March 15, 2021.

Councilor Niedergang briefly described the topics covered by the committee.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- B. Resolution 206406 (ID:19194) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Clingan That the Bicycle Advisory Committee appear before this Board's Traffic and Parking Committee to present their recent activities, priorities and outlook.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

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| C. Order 208041 (ID:20845) | By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr. That the Director of SPCD and the Bicycle Committee update this Council's Traffic and Parking Committee on establishing a comprehensive city-wide bicycle plan. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| D. Resolution 208684 (ID:21559) | By City Councilor Hirsch, Ballantyne, McLaughlin, Mbah That the Administration report on how the City could lobby for a wider width for the proposed bridge from Everett to Draw 7 Park. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| E. Order 211052 (ID:23939) | By City Councilor Niedergang, Mbah, Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen That the Director of SomerStat, the Director of SPCD, and the Director of Parking re-convene the Parking Study Task Force in January 2021. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| F. Communication 211254 (ID:24148) | By City Councilor Niedergang, Mbah Sharing the Somerville Alliance for Safe Streets Declaration and Call to Action and inviting everyone to attend the SASS virtual Summit on February 28, 2021 from 4-5 PM. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |

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| 27. Mayor's Request 211466 (ID:24415) | Requesting the appropriation of \$1,005,971.23 from the CPA Community Housing Reserve Fund to the Somerville Affordable Housing Trust Fund for the FY21 Community Housing Allocation. |
| Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings of items 27 through 31 and refer them to the Finance Committee. | |
| RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee | |
| 28. Mayor's Request 211467 (ID:24407) | Requesting approval to create the Energy Stabilization Fund for the purpose of funding energy efficiency and decarbonization projects in City buildings. |
| RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee | |
| 29. Mayor's Request 211468 (ID:24410) | Requesting the appropriation of \$294,399 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Energy Stabilization Fund. |
| RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee | |

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30. Mayor's Request 211469 (ID:24322) Requesting to rescind the approval and appropriation of \$87,114 for the Somerville Museum Collection Care project, to be re-appropriated.
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| RESULT: | REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION |
| FOLLOWUP: | Finance Committee |
31. Mayor's Request 211470 (ID:24338) Requesting to re-purpose \$80,000 in the Covid-19 Stabilization Fund to develop a Somerville Cultural Plan.
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| RESULT: | REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION |
| FOLLOWUP: | Finance Committee |
32. Mayor's Request 211471 (ID:24424) Requesting the appropriation of \$50,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Personnel Department Professional and Technical Services Account to retain a workplace investigative services consultant.
- Mayor Curtatone explained that this appropriation would ensure that human resources complaints would be investigated without bias, and could include an independent review of city policies. Councilor Rossetti asked to refer the item to the Finance Committee for discussion. Councilor Scott said he was caught off-guard by the sudden request, and although he supports the item, he would be open to referring it. New Personnel Director, Anne Gill, said that she brought this to the Mayor's attention as a critical void that needs to be filled. She explained the value of independent, thorough and quick investigations. Councilor Rossetti noted that she doesn't recall the Personnel Director's name being sent to the Appointments committee, and Mayor's Legislative Liaison Khushbu Webber said it hasn't yet been submitted. Ms. Gill said that holding off on this item until her appointment is confirmed would be a mistake. The \$50,000 would be sufficient through the end of the fiscal year, paying an hourly rate between \$250 and \$300 per hour. Councilor Clingan asked if this was also discipline-oriented, and Ms. Gill said that investigators only report the findings and the city makes the decisions on disciplinary actions.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| FOLLOWUP: | Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
33. Mayor's Request 211472 (ID:24416) Requesting the appropriation of \$50,000 from the CPA FY21 Fund for the Open Space Acquisition and Improvements Stabilization Fund.
- Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings of items 33 and 34 and refer them to the Finance Committee.
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| RESULT: | REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION |
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| <p>34. Mayor's Request 211473 (ID:24411)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$8,865 from the Salary & Wage Stabilization Fund to the Somerstad Salaries Account to fund a temporary salary adjustment.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| <p>35. Withdrawn 211474 (ID:24412)</p> | <p>Withdrawn.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WITHDRAWN</p> | |
| <p>36. Mayor's Request 211475 (ID:24406)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$15,931.99 from various DPW accounts using available FY21 funds.</p> |
| <p>Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings of items 36 and 37 and refer them to the Finance Committee. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| <p>37. Mayor's Request 211476 (ID:24409)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$2,672.30 using available funds in the Police Department Public Safety Supplies Account for Police Department issued firearms.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| <p>38. Mayor's Request 211477 (ID:24426)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$450 using available funds in the Personnel Department Arbitration Services Account for legal services.</p> |
| <p>Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings of items 38 and 41 and approve them. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>39. Mayor's Request 211478 (ID:24425)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$375 using available funds in the Personnel Department Professional and Technical Services Account for an occupational health examination.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>40. Mayor's Request 211479 (ID:24427)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$71.46 using available funds in the Personnel Department Office Supplies Account for a toner cartridge.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |

41. Mayor's Request 211480 (ID:24400) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice of \$34.20 using available funds in the City Clerk's Service Contracts Account to pay an FY20 invoice that wasn't received until recently.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

42. Withdrawn 211481 (ID:23342) Withdrawn.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

43. Mayor's Request 211482 (ID:24401) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Brian Postlewaite as City Engineer.
 Councilor Rossetti moved to waive the readings of items 43 through 51 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

44. Mayor's Request 211483 (ID:24417) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Karanjit Singh to the position of Police Officer.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

45. Mayor's Request 211484 (ID:24418) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Giovanna Lorenzet Marin to the position of Police Officer.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

46. Mayor's Request 211485 (ID:24419) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jose DaCosta to the position of Police Officer.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

47. Mayor's Request 211486 (ID:24420) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Kevin Henriquez to the position of Police Officer.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

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| 48. Mayor's Request 211487 (ID:24421) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jamey Thompson to the position of Police Officer. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 49. Mayor's Request 211488 (ID:24422) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Kelsey Malloy-Ripley to the position of Police Officer. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 50. Mayor's Request 211489 (ID:24423) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of William Wood to the position of Police Officer. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 51. Mayor's Request 211490 (ID:24318) | Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Colin Killick to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |

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| 52. Officer's Communication 211491 (ID:24459) | Planning Board conveying its recommendations re: #210940 and #211231, two requests to amend the Zoning Ordinance with new changes, corrections and clarifications. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 53. Officer's Communication 211492 (ID:24458) | Senior Planner submitting updated amendments to the zoning ordinance, replacing #210940 with additional amendments, as approved by the Committee on Land Use on 3/16/21. | For discussion of this item see #210940. RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

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| 54. | Officer's Communication 211493 (ID:24460) | City Clerk submitting amendments to the Rules of the City Council to make them gender-neutral. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Rules Special Committee |
| 55. | Officer's Communication 211494 (ID:24461) | City Clerk submitting amendments to three Rules of the City Council, for various purposes described within. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Rules Special Committee |
| 56. | Officer's Communication 211495 (ID:24408) | Acting Director of SomerStat requesting to present to this Council a Capital Investment Plan process. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 57. | Officer's Communication 211496 (ID:24339) | Interim DPW Commissioner responding to #211344 re: the pedestrian crossing signals at the intersection of Bristol Road, Broadway and Willow Avenue. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

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| 58. | License/Permit 211497 (ID:24344) | New Drainlayer's License, United Civil Inc. Councilor White moved to waive the readings of items 58 through 84 and approve them. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 59. | License/Permit 211498 (ID:24340) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Hydra Tech. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 60. | License/Permit 211499 (ID:24341) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Hercules C & G Drain. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

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| 61. | License/Permit 211500 (ID:24342) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, AP Flowers and Son. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 62. | License/Permit 211501 (ID:24345) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Jason Anthony. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 63. | License/Permit 211502 (ID:24346) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Caruso and McGovern Construction. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 64. | License/Permit 211503 (ID:24347) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, LaMountain Brothers. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 65. | License/Permit 211504 (ID:24348) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Baystate Engineering. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 66. | License/Permit 211505 (ID:24349) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, W.L. French Excavating. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 67. | License/Permit 211506 (ID:24350) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Barletta Heavy Division. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 68. | License/Permit 211507 (ID:24351) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Tri Construction. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

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| 69. | License/Permit 211508 (ID:24352) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, D Muzzioli Associates. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 70. | License/Permit 211509 (ID:24353) | Renewing Drainlayer's License Kiely Excavation LLC. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 71. | License/Permit 211510 (ID:24354) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, New England Style. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 72. | License/Permit 211511 (ID:24355) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Sean Farrell Excavation. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 73. | License/Permit 211512 (ID:24356) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Mirra. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 74. | License/Permit 211513 (ID:24357) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, MT Mayo. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 75. | License/Permit 211514 (ID:24358) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Tim Zanelli Excavating. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 76. | License/Permit 211515 (ID:24359) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Your Space Landscape and Construction. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

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| 77. | License/Permit 211516 (ID:24360) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Super Service Today. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 78. | License/Permit 211517 (ID:24447) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Marchi Paving. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 79. | License/Permit 211518 (ID:24448) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Borges Sewer and Drain. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 80. | License/Permit 211519 (ID:24449) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Brennan Construction. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 81. | License/Permit 211520 (ID:24450) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Tufts Construction. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 82. | License/Permit 211521 (ID:24343) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Manafort Transit LLC. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 83. | License/Permit 211522 (ID:24382) | Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Atlas Metals, 475 Columbia St. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 84. | License/Permit 211523 (ID:24383) | Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Buffalo Exchange, 238 Elm St. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

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| 85. License/Permit 211524 (ID:24453) | Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Tosh Enterprises, 260 Elm St. Councilor White moved to waive the readings of items 85 and 86 and refer them to the Licenses and Permits Committee. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |
| 86. License/Permit 211525 (ID:24451) | New Flammables License, Form Energy Inc, 30 Dane Street, storing 300 gallons. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |
| 87. License/Permit 211526 (ID:24362) | Renewing Flammables License, Union Gulf Service, 231 Washington St. Councilor White moved to waive the readings of items 87 through 123 and approve them. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 88. License/Permit 211527 (ID:24363) | Renewing Flammables License, Speedway, 709 McGrath Hwy. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 89. License/Permit 211528 (ID:24366) | Renewing Flammables License, Mobil Mart Plus, 379 Alewife Brook Pkwy. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 90. License/Permit 211529 (ID:24367) | Renewing Flammables License, Internap Corp, 50 Innerbelt Rd. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 91. License/Permit 211530 (ID:24361) | Renewing Flammables License, Teele Square Auto, 1284 Broadway. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

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| 92. | License/Permit 211531 (ID:24364) | Renewing Flammables License, Metropolitan Pipe and Supply, 30 Innerbelt Rd. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 93. | License/Permit 211532 (ID:24365) | Renewing Flammables License, Somerville Mobil, 360 Medford St. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 94. | License/Permit 211533 (ID:24368) | Renewing Garage License, Tracer Technologies, 20 Assembly Sq Dr. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 95. | License/Permit 211534 (ID:24369) | Renewing Garage License, DM Auto Body, 48 Joy St. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 96. | License/Permit 211535 (ID:24370) | Renewing Garage License, FW Russell and Sons Disposal, 120 McGrath Hwy. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 97. | License/Permit 211536 (ID:24371) | Renewing Garage License, BBC Auto Repair, 42 Joy St. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 98. | License/Permit 211537 (ID:24372) | Renewing Garage License, Union Gulf Service, 231 Washington St. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 99. | License/Permit 211538 (ID:24373) | Renewing Garage License, Mac's Auto Body, 53 Russell St. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

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| 100. | License/Permit 211539 (ID:24374) | Renewing Garage License, Original Auto Body and Mechanic, 12 Joy St. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 101. | License/Permit 211540 (ID:24375) | Renewing Garage License, Modern Floors, 22 Marshall St. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 102. | License/Permit 211541 (ID:24376) | Renewing Garage License, M. Korson and Company, 91 Washington St. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 103. | License/Permit 211542 (ID:24377) | Renewing Garage License, Partners Healthcare System, 21 Third Ave. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 104. | License/Permit 211543 (ID:24378) | Renewing Garage License, Gasper Ostuni, 195 Highland Ave. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 105. | License/Permit 211544 (ID:24379) | Renewing Garage License, Hillside Service Center, 45 Mystic Ave. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 106. | License/Permit 211545 (ID:24380) | Renewing Garage License, Green Automotive, 600 Windsor Pl. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 107. | License/Permit 211546 (ID:24381) | Renewing Garage License, Teele Sq Auto, 1284 Broadway. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

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| 108. | License/Permit 211547 (ID:24452) | Renewing Garage License, Goodyear Auto Service Center, 1 Bow St. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 109. | License/Permit 211548 (ID:24385) | Renewing Outdoor Parking License, FW Russell and Sons Disposal, 120 McGrath Hwy. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 110. | License/Permit 211549 (ID:24386) | Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Martha Lee Trust, 147 Highland Ave. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 111. | License/Permit 211550 (ID:24454) | Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Pat's Towing, 160 McGrath Hwy. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 112. | License/Permit 211551 (ID:24387) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Country Club Transportation, Med #3,4,5,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,46. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 113. | License/Permit 211552 (ID:24391) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Cinema Taxi, Med #14,16,44,47,57,58,63,81,84,85. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 114. | License/Permit 211553 (ID:24389) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Lochmere Taxi, Med #21,22,23,24,25,26,79,91. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

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| 115. License/Permit 211554 (ID:24392) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Green and Yellow Cab TNC of Somerville, Med #27,33,34,35,36,37,38,53,54,67,68. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 116. License/Permit 211555 (ID:24390) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Mt. Pleasant Taxi, Med #28,30,31,32,39,40,41,42,43. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 117. License/Permit 211556 (ID:24393) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, SJP Taxi, Med #45. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 118. License/Permit 211557 (ID:24395) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Talkd Transportation, Med #55. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 119. License/Permit 211558 (ID:24388) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Ike Inc, Med #61,78,92. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 120. License/Permit 211559 (ID:24394) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Honey Cab, Med #82. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 121. License/Permit 211560 (ID:24396) | Renewing Taxi Stand License, Green Cab and Yellow Cab Assn, 3 cabs at 295 Broadway, 3 cabs at 1 Davis Sq, 2 cabs at 22-26 Union Sq. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

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| 122. | License/Permit 211561 (ID:24384) | Renewing Livery License, Mass Cab, 45 Endicott Ave. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 123. | License/Permit 211562 (ID:24397) | Small Wireless Facility License, Verizon attaching small wireless facilities on an existing pole at the intersection of Medford and Walnut Streets. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 124. | Public Communication 211563 (ID:24446) | Tufts University submitting its Spring 2021 University Accountability report. | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee</p> |
| 125. | Public Communication 211564 (ID:24455) | Tori Antonino submitting comments re: #211195 and #211433, using In-lieu civic space funds near highways for air pollution mitigation. | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee</p> |

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

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| 126. | Mayor's Request 211565 (ID:24471) | Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to authorize the City to impose a Real Estate Transfer Fee. | <p>President McLaughlin reported that this is the same Home Rule Petition that was approved previously, but not acted on by the State. It has to be approved and submitted again to be considered at the State House.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 127. | Mayor's Request 211566 (ID:24016) | Requesting the appropriation of \$50,000 from the CPA FY21 Open Space/Recreational Land Reserve Budget for the Open Space Acquisition and Improvements Stabilization Fund. | <p>Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings of items 127 through 135 and refer them to the Finance Committee.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |

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| 128. Mayor's Request 211567 (ID:24473) | Requesting the use of \$5,200 in available funds in the Communications Salaries Account to establish the position of Director of the SomerViva Office of Immigrant Affairs. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 129. Mayor's Request 211568 (ID:24474) | Requesting the appropriation of \$5,376 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Communications Salaries Account to fund the position of Director of the SomerViva Office of Immigrant Affairs. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 130. Mayor's Request 211569 (ID:24464) | Requesting the use of \$9,518 in available funds in the Engineering Salaries Account to establish the position of Senior Project Manager (Streetscapes). | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 131. Mayor's Request 211570 (ID:24463) | Requesting the use of \$7,932 in available funds in the SPCD Planning & Zoning Salaries Account to establish a new Planner position. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 132. Mayor's Request 211571 (ID:24462) | Requesting the use of \$6,346 in available funds in the Constituent Services Salaries Account to establish the position of Quality Manager. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 133. Mayor's Request 211572 (ID:24465) | Requesting the use of \$4,230 in available funds in the Engineering Salaries Account to establish the position of Deputy Director of Engineering Projects. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 134. Mayor's Request 211573 (ID:24466) | Requesting the use of \$3,173 in available funds in the Sewer Enterprise Salaries Account to establish the position of Deputy Director of Engineering Projects. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |

135. Mayor's Request 211574 (ID:24467) Requesting the use of \$3,173 in available funds in the Water Enterprise Salaries Account to establish the position of Deputy Director of Engineering Projects.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

136. Mayor's Request 211575 (ID:24402) Requesting acceptance of a \$42,500 grant with no new match required, from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council to the Council on Aging for taxi transportation for seniors.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

137. Mayor's Request 211576 (ID:24325) Requesting approval to extend contracts for Tim Zanelli Excavation LLC through 8/1/2021 for emergency and on-call repair of the water & sewer distribution systems.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading of this item and refer it to the Finance Committee.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

138. Officer's Communication 211577 (ID:24468) Chief Labor Counsel requesting to appear in Executive Session to discuss a collective bargaining agreement.

President McLaughlin recused himself and Councilor Rossetti assumed the Chair. Labor Counsel Julie McKenzie confirmed that this was appropriate for discussion in Executive Session. The Council then moved to Executive Session at 8:10 PM. The Council reconvened at 8:40 PM and Councilor Rossetti announced that no votes had been taken in Executive Session. President McLaughlin reassumed the Chair.
RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin

139. Officer's Communication 211578 (ID:24470) City Solicitor submitting updated text for a Home Rule Petition to create a gender-neutral City Charter, as approved by the Committee on Legislative Matters on 3/18/21.

For discussion of this item see #211369.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

140. Officer's Communication 211579 (ID:24469) City Solicitor submitting an Ordinance that would regulate the distribution of plastic straws, plastic stirrers and plastic cutlery, as approved by the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy on 3/17/21.

For previous discussions of this item see #207884.
At the meeting, Councilor Rossetti asked what will replace utensils for takeout, and Councilor Scott said that there was not a flat-out ban, and they could be provided on request.
RESULT: **ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

141. Officer's Communication 211580 (ID:24475) Legislative Liaison submitting an updated Native Planting Ordinance, as approved by the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy on 3/17/21.

For previous discussions of this item see #206495.
Councilor Davis moved to amend the ordinance to make it clear that the city will not include any invasive plant in any city plantings. Following ordainment as amended, Councilor Ballantyne sponsored Public Space Director Luisa Oliveira and resident Rene Scott, who both commended the Council for passing it.
RESULT: **ORDINANCE ORDAINED AS AMENDED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
AMENDED: Add a new Section 6 after Section 5: "The city shall not include any invasive plant in any city plantings.", and renumber everything following that new Section.

142. Public Communication 211581 (ID:24472) Harvard University submitting its Spring 2021 University Accountability report.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

LATE ITEMS

143. Order 211582 (ID:24479) By City Councilor Scott, Rossetti, Mbah, Ballantyne
That the Acting Director of Personnel discuss with the Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee such topics as the external investigations process, increasing diverse staff hiring, and the nearly 100 current job vacancies (including over 40 union positions).

Councilor Scott submitted this item as a way to prompt a discussion of these items with Personnel Director Anne Gill when her appointment comes before the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

144. Ordinance 211583 (ID:24480) By City Councilor Davis
That the Native Planting Ordinance be amended to add the following as a new sentence at the end of Section 6: "The City shall prioritize removing any invasive plants in city plantings and replacing them with native plants."

Councilor Davis urged that the Open Space Committee consider an amendment to the new Native Planting Ordinance, to replace any invasive plants in the city's plantings with native plants.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

145. Resolution 211584 (ID:24478) By City Councilor Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Strezo
That the Administration install at least one bike parking corral in Ball Square.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:50 PM.

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Matters of Business of the City Council

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 8, 2021, 7:00 PM
 Meeting by Remote Participation

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OPENING CEREMONIES

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

| Attendee Name | Title | Status | Arrived |
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| Wilfred N. Mbah | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Mary Jo Rossetti | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Kristen Strezo | City Councilor at Large | Present | |
| William A. White Jr. | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Matthew McLaughlin | Ward One City Councilor | Present | |
| Jefferson Thomas ("J.T.") Scott | Ward Two City Councilor | Present | |
| Ben Ewen-Campen | Ward Three City Councilor | Present | |
| Jesse Clingan | Ward Four City Councilor | Present | |
| Mark Niedergang | Ward Five City Councilor | Present | |
| Lance L. Davis | Ward Six City Councilor | Present | |
| Katjana Ballantyne | Ward Seven City Councilor | Present | |

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
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 (ID:24515) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 211586
 (ID:24516) Councilor Niedergang sponsored a moment of silence for Maria DiFabrizio.
RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, March 11, 2021.
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 (ID:24517) **RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 4. Grant of Location 211588 (ID:24573) Submitted by TC Systems Inc to install 112 feet of conduit on Glen Street, from Utility Pole 219/10 to an existing Comcast manhole near the intersection of Pearl and Glen Streets.

President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. Hayleigh Walker from TC Systems spoke in favor of the item. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

- 5. Order 211589 (ID:24489) By City Councilor Strezo, Ballantyne That the Committee on Housing and Community Development address the prevalence of toxic stress and trauma emanating from the pandemic that has disproportionately affected women and communities of color.

Councilor Strezo wondered how this has been addressed elsewhere.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

- 6. Order 211590 (ID:24491) By City Councilor Strezo, Ballantyne, Davis, Scott That the Committee on Housing and Community Development consider whether a community-wide trauma response, such as the Baltimore Partnership for Family and Trauma-Informed Care, could work here to aid post-Covid-19 recovery and reconstruction.

Councilor Scott said the Baltimore Study was run with grant funding and it would require extensive funding and an increase in staff to work. Councilor Strezo expressed optimism that grant funding could be obtained.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

- 7. Order 211591 (ID:24488) By City Councilor Strezo, Ballantyne That the Director of Personnel update this Council on the Economic Development Division's staffing and how the city can best support the shortage of in preparing to assist residents and businesses in pandemic recovery.

Councilor Strezo explained that this is part of the effort to lay the foundation for the post-Covid recovery.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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8. Order 211592 (ID:24490) By City Councilor Strezo, Clingan
That the Director of Mobility install bump outs and other traffic calming measures on Sycamore Street between Medford Street and Broadway.
- Councilor Clingan commented that he would like bump-outs installed near the Winter Hill School.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
9. Order 211593 (ID:24497) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Strezo, Davis
That the Director of Personnel implement Vision Zero training for all staff who drive city vehicles.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
10. Order 211594 (ID:24498) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Strezo, Clingan
That the Director of Health and Human Services discuss how much planned funding will be allocated toward trauma training initiatives for youth in the coming years.
- Councilor Ballantyne noted that pre-Covid, 70-80% of students in the Public Schools had experienced trauma, and she believes the city should think about how it's going to allocate the expected federal American Rescue Plan funding.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee
11. Order 211595 (ID:24508) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr.
That the Director of Mobility and the Commissioner of Public Works work with the State Delegation to remove the hostile architecture public benches from the Davis Square MBTA station.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

12. Order 211596 (ID:24509) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the Commissioner of Public Works ensure that no hostile architecture public benches are installed in the city.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

13. Resolution 211597 (ID:24510) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Davis That Tufts submit an institutional master plan, and not expand its housing beyond the campus University zone, so residents know about any planned long-term changes and understand the impacts to their neighborhoods.

Councilor Ballantyne said Tufts is not using its university zoning and is not informing the community of their student housing plans.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

14. Ordinance 211598 (ID:24499) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Davis Submitting an Ordinance to regulate chemical crowd control agents and kinetic impact projectiles, as approved by the Legislative Matters Committee on 4/1/21.

Councilor Ewen-Campen introduced this ordinance as the product of the Legislative Matters Committee. Councilor White noted the concerns about qualified immunity expressed in the City Solicitor’s letter (#211694) that was provided today. Councilor Davis explained that the ordinance doesn’t mention qualified immunity and does declare that the ordinance is established law. He said it’s similar to ordinances in Boston (vetoed), and Cambridge (still in committee), and its approach to pepper spray is softer than in those cities. He urged the Council to approve it. Councilor Rossetti noted that the ordinance still allows the use of pepper spray under certain circumstances. Councilor Niedergang sponsored Chief Femino, who pointed out that there have been no incidents where the Police have not acted in a professional manner. He commented that the ordinance’s discussion turned from tear gas to pepper spray. Councilor White sponsored City Solicitor Wright, who noted that the appropriate question is not whether the ordinance is clearly established, but whether violating it constitutes a violation of someone’s constitutional rights. In his opinion, the ordinance cannot take away a police officer’s right to raise the affirmative defense of qualified immunity. Councilor Ewen-Campen said the ordinance is not an attack on the Somerville police but rather is a response to how some officers acted across the country this past summer. President McLaughlin said the ordinance puts substance to the city’s stated values.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

15. Order 211599 (ID:24500) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin, Ballantyne, Scott, Mbah That the Chief of Police update this Council on Somerville's Restorative Justice program, including a description of what sorts of cases are referred for restorative justice and how those decisions are made.

Councilor Ewen-Campen commented that the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety was last briefed on this topic about a year ago and he would like an update. There is also interest in finding out if the program could be used for auto accidents.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

16. Resolution 211600 (ID:24501) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Clingan, Mbah, Strezo, Ballantyne, Scott That the Administration include a sidewalk snow shoveling program in the FY22 budget focused on pedestrian streets, major north-south and east-west routes, sidewalk corners and crosswalks with piles of snow, MBTA bus stops, and senior buildings.

Councilor Ewen-Campen said this is an issue of equity, safety, and mobility and, given the cost, the city has to decide what gets plowed.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

17. Order 211601 (ID:24502) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Scott, Strezo, Mbah That the City Solicitor and the Chief of Police discuss with the Committee on Legislative Matters a formal policy or ordinance to decriminalize or deprioritize arrests for drug possession, and prioritize treatment over incarceration.

Councilor McLaughlin said that this was supposed to be happening for the past 5 years, and that this item is just to formalize the policy.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

18. Resolution 211602 (ID:24503) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Clingan, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, Mbah, White Jr. Requesting Federal funds for ultra-fine particle mitigation.

Councilor Clingan sponsored resident Ellin Reiser, who spoke about research concerning traffic pollution and its effects on residents. If funding were secured, it could pay for windows, air filtration, and sound barriers for affected Somerville residents. A lack of funding, so far, has prevented the city from implementing mitigation.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

19. Order 211603 (ID:24504) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Arborist inspect the tree in front of the Edgerly School on Otis Street and remove it if it is dead.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

20. Order 211604 (ID:24505) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the cracked sidewalk on Otis Street from Cross Street to 15 Otis Street.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

21. Order 211605 (ID:24506) By City Councilor Clingan, White Jr., Strezo, Davis, Mbah, Ballantyne, Scott, Ewen-Campen That the City Solicitor work with this Council on an ordinance to deny, revoke or suspend permits to companies with a history of engaging in unsafe, hazardous or dangerous practices based on work safety histories or concerns.

Councilor Clingan said that the State legislature is considering this issue (for the 3rd time), but if they don't act, he'd like to have a local option to address the problem.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

22. Resolution 211606 (ID:24507) By City Councilor Clingan, White Jr., Strezo, Mbah, Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Davis Supporting HD.1943 and SD.229, relative to workplace safety and the disclosure of violations.

Councilor Clingan urged approval, to encourage the State legislature is finally address this issue.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

23. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 211459 (ID:24442) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on March 18, 2021.

Councilor Davis moved that the report be approved as submitted.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- B. Resolution 209639 (ID:22503) By City Councilor Davis That the Administration work with the Committee on Legislative Matters to consider revisions to the Surveillance Technology Ordinance.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

24. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 211460 (ID:24445) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on March 24, 2021.

Councilor Davis moved that the report be approved as submitted.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

25. FINANCE COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report 211607 (ID:24514)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on April 6, 2021.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Councilor Scott presented the report, noting that among the items discussed were the capital investment plan, ARP funding, city staff vacancies, requests for new mid-year positions, and various other requests. Councilor Rossetti expressed concern about adding new positions at this point since they become full time positions in the next budget. She believes there are currently over 100 vacancies, and she would like the Administration to determine if they're really necessary positions.</p> <p>The meeting then recessed at 9:15 PM, and reconvened at 9:20 PM.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> </div> |
| <p>B. Order 211427 (ID:24326)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Scott</p> <p>That the Director of Personnel provide this Council with a list of current full-time vacancies broken down by union and non-union positions, and that the Administration address this Council as to the reason for the high number of vacancies.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> </div> |
| <p>C. Mayor's Request 211467 (ID:24407)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to create the Energy Stabilization Fund for the purpose of funding energy efficiency and decarbonization projects in City buildings.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> </div> |
| <p>D. Mayor's Request 211468 (ID:24410)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$294,399 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Energy Stabilization Fund.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> </div> |
| <p>E. Mayor's Request 211470 (ID:24338)</p> | <p>Requesting to re-purpose \$80,000 in the Covid-19 Stabilization Fund to develop a Somerville Cultural Plan.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> </div> |

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| <p>F. Mayor's Request 211473 (ID:24411)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$8,865 from the Salary & Wage Stabilization Fund to the Somerstat Salaries Account to fund a temporary salary adjustment.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>G. Mayor's Request 211475 (ID:24406)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$15,931.99 from various DPW accounts using available FY21 funds.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>H. Mayor's Request 211476 (ID:24409)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$2,672.30 using available funds in the Police Department Public Safety Supplies Account for Police Department issued firearms.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WITHDRAWN. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>I. Officer's Communication 211495 (ID:24408)</p> | <p>Acting Director of SomerStat requesting to present to this Council a Capital Investment Plan process.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>J. Mayor's Request 211567 (ID:24473)</p> | <p>Requesting the use of \$5,200 in available funds in the Communications Salaries Account to establish the position of Director of the SomerViva Office of Immigrant Affairs.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>K. Mayor's Request 211568 (ID:24474)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$5,376 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Communications Salaries Account to fund the position of Director of the SomerViva Office of Immigrant Affairs.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |

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| L. Mayor's Request 211569 (ID:24464) | Requesting the use of \$9,518 in available funds in the Engineering Salaries Account to establish the position of Senior Project Manager (Streetscapes). | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| M. Mayor's Request 211570 (ID:24463) | Requesting the use of \$7,932 in available funds in the SPCD Planning & Zoning Salaries Account to establish a new Planner position. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| N. Mayor's Request 211571 (ID:24462) | Requesting the use of \$6,346 in available funds in the Constituent Services Salaries Account to establish the position of Quality Manager. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| O. Mayor's Request 211572 (ID:24465) | Requesting the use of \$4,230 in available funds in the Engineering Salaries Account to establish the position of Deputy Director of Engineering Projects. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| P. Mayor's Request 211573 (ID:24466) | Requesting the use of \$3,173 in available funds in the Sewer Enterprise Salaries Account to establish the position of Deputy Director of Engineering Projects. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| Q. Mayor's Request 211574 (ID:24467) | Requesting the use of \$3,173 in available funds in the Water Enterprise Salaries Account to establish the position of Deputy Director of Engineering Projects. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

26. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 211608 (ID:24512) Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on March 31, 2021.

Councilor Strezo said the Committee was told by the Department of Housing Stability that there has been an increase in funding and an increase in need: in the department’s first full year of operation (2019) there were 584 cases of families in crisis, and this year there were 1,688. The Committee also discussed issues with Tufts, and installing playground communication boards in parks.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

B. Order 203222 (ID:15923) By City Councilor Ballantyne That this Board’s Committee on Housing and Community Development meet with representatives of Tufts University for an update on the conversion of wood frame office-houses into residential housing in Medford and Somerville.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Resolution 206823 (ID:19603) By City Councilor Ballantyne, and the Entire Board That Tufts University engage the Somerville community in its public Master Planning process.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. Order 211253 (ID:24147) By City Councilor Clingan, Strezo That the Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry appear before this Council with an update on the delayed Healey Schoolyard master plan and the current implementation schedule.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

E. Mayor's Communication 211328 (ID:24226) Conveying an update on the Healey Schoolyard project.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

F. Resolution 211341 (ID:24236) By City Councilor Ballantyne That Tufts update this Council on its student housing plans for the University district.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

G. Resolution 211342 (ID:24237) By City Councilor Ballantyne That Tufts reconfirm that it is not expanding beds in any of its buildings outside of the University district.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- H. Order 211345 (ID:24232) By City Councilor Strezio
That this Council's Committee on Housing and Community Development review the findings of the Condo Conversion Annual Report.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- I. Order 211370 (ID:24277) By City Councilor Strezio, Niedergang, Ballantyne
That the Director of Health and Human Services and the Director of the Human Rights Commission advise the Committee on Housing and Community Development how the City may address reported cases of suspected hate speech on public and private property.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- J. Public Communication 211436 (ID:24334) Tufts responding to #211341 and #211342 re: student housing.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

27. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 211609 (ID:24513) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on April 1, 2021.

Councilor Davis presented the report and said that proposal to revoke the enabling legislation for Police and Fire Reserve Lists could have unintended consequences for those currently on the lists. The consensus was to put this matter on the back burner until September to allow time for the lists to be exhausted. The Committee also discussed a proposed ordinance for crowd control and the use of tear gas. He said that Chief Femino objected to the ordinance as written, but the Committee felt that it addressed his concerns.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis

ABSENT: Ballantyne

- B. Order 210736 (ID:23611) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Strezio, Davis, Mbah
That the City Solicitor draft an Ordinance banning the use of tear gas by the Police Department and other law enforcement agencies operating in Somerville.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Order 211003 (ID:23918) By City Councilor Davis
That this Council consider an ordinance banning chemical crowd control agents and kinetic impact projectiles.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

28. PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report 211610 (ID:24511) | Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, meeting on March 30, 2021. |
| | | Councilor Clingan said that the bulk of the discussions were about the school buildings and their ventilation capabilities. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| B. | Order 210829 (ID:23739) | By City Councilor Clingan That the Commissioner of Public Works address the streetlight outage on the entire length of Fellsway West, resulting from the work being done by DCR at Foss Park. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| C. | Order 211134 (ID:24032) | By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott, Ballantyne, Mbah, Niedergang That the Commissioner of Public Works present this Council with a detailed financial analysis of the cost for a municipal program to clear snow from sidewalks in business districts and major thoroughfares. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| D. | Order 211259 (ID:24153) | By City Councilor Scott, Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, Clingan, Davis That this Council discuss the costs of placing overhead power and utility lines underground as part of any street reconstruction or resurfacing project, and consider requiring such placement by ordinance, in light of the risks and costs of proliferating utility connections and leaning or doubled poles. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| E. | Order 211338 (ID:24230) | By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management discuss with this Council a maintenance plan for the city's school buildings, in light of the attached communication. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| F. | Order 211383 (ID:24285) | By City Councilor White Jr., Scott, Strezo, Clingan, Mbah That the Director of Capital Projects appear before this Council to discuss whether the OSHA record of violations is used as a factor in determining the successful bidder for City contracts. |
| | | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |

- G. Order 211384 (ID:24286) By City Councilor White Jr., Scott, Strezo, Clingan, Mbah That the Director of Inspectional Services appear before this Council to discuss whether his Department does or may use the OHSA record of applicants for permits as a factor in determining whether to issue the permits.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- H. Order 211394 (ID:24313) By City Councilor Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the Mayor, Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management, Commissioner of Public Works, and Director of Health and Human Services respond to the attached questions regarding ventilation and school-building readiness from public school parents.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

29. Mayor's Request 211611 (ID:24484) Requesting approval of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance Body Art Services use standards and Table 9.1.1 Permitted Uses.

Also referred to the Planning Board.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

30. Mayor's Request 211612 (ID:24485) Requesting approval of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to regulate rooftop mechanical systems and mechanical penthouses.

Also referred to the Planning Board.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

31. Mayor's Request 211613 (ID:24487) Requesting approval of the 2021-2022 HUD One Year Action Plan, for CDBG, HOME, and ESG Programming.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

32. Mayor's Request 211614 (ID:24481) Requesting acceptance of a \$129,475 grant from the Dept. of Environmental Protection and the MA Clean Water Trust as part of the City's Asset Management Program.

Councilor Scott supported approval tonight.

RESULT: APPROVED. [9 TO 0]

AYES: Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis

ABSENT: Ballantyne

RECUSED: Mbah

33. Mayor's Request 211615 (ID:24496) Requesting acceptance of a \$65,496 grant with no new match required, from MassHire (Metro North Regional Employment Board) to the Health and Human Services Department for youth employment.

Councilor Scott supported approval tonight.
RESULT: **APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne

34. Mayor's Request 211616 (ID:24486) Requesting acceptance of a \$24,960 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Fire Services to the Fire Department to purchase protective helmets and vests for firefighters responding to active shooter / active threat incidents.

Councilor Scott supported approval tonight.
RESULT: **APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne

35. Mayor's Request 211617 (ID:24563) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Anne Gill as Director of Personnel.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

36. Officer's Communication 211618 (ID:24581) Director of Water and Sewer submitting the FY22 water and sewer rate proposal.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

37. Officer's Communication 211619 (ID:24576) Retirement Board notifying this Council of a vote at the Retirement Board's May 27, 2021 meeting regarding a 2021 Cost of Living Adjustment for eligible retirees.

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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| 38. License/Permit 211620 (ID:24525) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Caruso Corp. Councilor White moved to waive the readings of items 38 - 92 and approve them. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 39. License/Permit 211621 (ID:24527) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, CJ Doherty. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 40. License/Permit 211622 (ID:24519) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, CM Conway Construction. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 41. License/Permit 211623 (ID:24524) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, FE French Construction. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 42. License/Permit 211624 (ID:24521) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Ferrante Construction. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 43. License/Permit 211625 (ID:24529) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Galway Excavation. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 44. License/Permit 211626 (ID:24523) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Kealey Excavation. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

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| 45. | License/Permit 211627 (ID:24520) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Legacy Building and Development. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 46. | License/Permit 211628 (ID:24528) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, McGue Excavating. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 47. | License/Permit 211629 (ID:24522) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Milltown Plumbing and Heating. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 48. | License/Permit 211630 (ID:24530) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, RM Pacella. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 49. | License/Permit 211631 (ID:24526) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Tascon Corp. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 50. | License/Permit 211632 (ID:24541) | Renewing Flammables License, BBS Services, 45 Broadway. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 51. | License/Permit 211633 (ID:24542) | Renewing Flammables License, Broadway Gulf, 212 Broadway. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 52. | License/Permit 211634 (ID:24547) | Renewing Flammables License, Dewire Family Trust, 387 Washington St. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

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| 53. | License/Permit 211635 (ID:24546) | Renewing Flammables License, Home Depot, 75 Mystic Ave. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 54. | License/Permit 211636 (ID:24545) | Renewing Flammables License, Keolis Commuter Services, 132 Washington St. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 55. | License/Permit 211637 (ID:24543) | Renewing Flammables License, Keolis Commuter Services, 23R Inner Belt Rd. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 56. | License/Permit 211638 (ID:24544) | Renewing Flammables License, Keolis Commuter Services, 70R Third Ave. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 57. | License/Permit 211639 (ID:24548) | Renewing Flammables License, Nissenbaum Auto Parts, 480 Columbia St. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 58. | License/Permit 211640 (ID:24549) | Renewing Flammables License, Trum Field Sunoco, 541 Broadway. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 59. | License/Permit 211641 (ID:24550) | Renewing Flammables License, U-Haul, 151 Linwood St. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 60. | License/Permit 211642 (ID:24551) | Renewing Flammables License, U-Haul, 600 Mystic Valley Pkwy. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

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| 61. | License/Permit 211643 (ID:24553) | Renewing Garage License, Broadway Brake, 45 Broadway. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 62. | License/Permit 211644 (ID:24554) | Renewing Garage License, Cataldo Ambulance Service, 4 Joy St. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 63. | License/Permit 211645 (ID:24561) | Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 141 Beacon St. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 64. | License/Permit 211646 (ID:24557) | Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 381 Washington St. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 65. | License/Permit 211647 (ID:24558) | Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 387 Washington St. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 66. | License/Permit 211648 (ID:24555) | Renewing Garage License, Dino's Auto Center, 308 McGrath. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 67. | License/Permit 211649 (ID:24579) | Renewing Garage License, DM Auto Services, 45 Webster Ave. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 68. | License/Permit 211650 (ID:24552) | Renewing Garage License, Drain Doctor, 612 Broadway. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

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| 69. | License/Permit 211651 (ID:24580) | Renewing Garage License, Fred Susan Auto Body, 269 Somerville Ave. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 70. | License/Permit 211652 (ID:24562) | Renewing Garage License, Gene Automotive Repair, 56 Joy St. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 71. | License/Permit 211653 (ID:24560) | Renewing Garage License, Partners HealthCare System, 399 Revolution Dr. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 72. | License/Permit 211654 (ID:24566) | Renewing Garage License, Sullivan Tire, 263 Beacon St. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 73. | License/Permit 211655 (ID:24559) | Renewing Garage License, Tech Auto Body, 9 Union Sq. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 74. | License/Permit 211656 (ID:24556) | Renewing Garage License, Triumvirate Environmental, 191 Inner Belt Rd. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 75. | License/Permit 211657 (ID:24564) | Renewing Garage License, U-Haul, 151 Linwood St. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 76. | License/Permit 211658 (ID:24565) | Renewing Garage License, Webster Auto Body, 69 Webster Ave. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

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| 77. License/Permit 211659 (ID:24532) | Renewing Extended Hours License, Dunkin Donuts, 282 Somerville Avenue. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 78. License/Permit 211660 (ID:24536) | Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Cataldo Ambulance Service, 137 Washington St. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 79. License/Permit 211661 (ID:24534) | Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Dumpling Kitchen, 217 Highland Ave. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 80. License/Permit 211662 (ID:24535) | Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Dunkin Donuts, 504 Broadway. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 81. License/Permit 211663 (ID:24533) | Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Lemon Thai Cuisine, 215 Highland Ave. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 82. License/Permit 211664 (ID:24537) | Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Mayer Campus Center, 44 Professors Row. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 83. License/Permit 211665 (ID:24539) | Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Mr. B's, 142 Cross St. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

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| 84. License/Permit 211666 (ID:24540) | Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Pepi's Pizzeria, 516B Medford St. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 85. License/Permit 211667 (ID:24531) | Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Tisch Library Cafe, 35 Professors Row. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 86. License/Permit 211668 (ID:24570) | Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Kay Jewelers, 360 Artisan Way. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 87. License/Permit 211669 (ID:24569) | Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Nissenbaum Auto Parts, 480 Columbia St. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 88. License/Permit 211670 (ID:24568) | Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Talewsky Enterprises, 508 Columbia St. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 89. License/Permit 211671 (ID:24571) | Renewing Junk Dealer's License, All Checks Cashed, 12 Union Sq. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 90. License/Permit 211672 (ID:24567) | Renewing Hawker and Peddler License, Chiki Galvez. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 91. License/Permit 211673 (ID:24518) | Renewing Billiards and Bowling License, Lucky Strike, 325 Revolution Dr. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

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| 92. | License/Permit 211674 (ID:24572) | Renewing Mobile Food Vendor License, Wizard Catering. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 93. | Public Communication 211675 (ID:24575) | Scott Zink proposing a zoning amendment to re-zone his property at 471 Somerville Avenue from Urban Residential to MR4. | Also referred to the Planning Board. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee |
| 94. | Public Communication 211676 (ID:24578) | Attorney General's Office submitting comments re: #211343, calling for a better future for Somerville's female workforce. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee |
| 95. | Public Communication 211677 (ID:24577) | District Attorney responding to #196432 re: the investigation of the murder of Deanna Cremin. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 96. | Public Communication 211678 (ID:24574) | Jim Bossi submitting comments re: Tufts student housing. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

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| 97. | Ordinance 211679 (ID:24582) | By City Councilor Davis, Scott Amending the Domestic Partnership Ordinance as attached and as further necessary to address issues in the existing version. | Councilor Davis said that the changes he is proposing reflect amendments approved in Cambridge's domestic partnership ordinance. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee |
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98. Order
211680
(ID:24583)
- By City Councilor Davis, Scott
That the City Solicitor prepare a Home Rule Petition to recognize any member of a domestic partnership as a "dependent" for Group Insurance Commission coverage, and as a "spouse" with respect to other applicable laws.

Councilor Davis said he submitted this item because the city's GIC health insurance doesn't recognize domestic partners as eligible for coverage.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

99. Resolution
211681
(ID:24584)
- By City Councilor Davis, McLaughlin, Ballantyne
That the Mayor include in the FY22 budget funding for full-time staff reporting to this Council, potentially including a Legislative and Policy Analyst, a Public Outreach Coordinator, and other positions as the Council President deems appropriate.

Councilor Davis said the Mayor seemed supportive of this idea. President McLaughlin noted that the Council voted down a staffing appropriation several years ago, but said he would like the Council to have its own legal counsel.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

100. Order
211682
(ID:24585)
- By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works work with Eversource to address the double poles at the locations listed within.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

101. Order
211683
(ID:24586)
- By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works address the leaning electrical poles on Glen Street by the East Somerville Community School and by 48 Flint Street.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

102. Order
211684
(ID:24587)
- By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Parking replace the downed speed limit sign on the Cross Street Bridge by Mr. B's Restaurant.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

103. Order 211685 (ID:24594) By City Councilor Rossetti That items #211483, #211484, #211485, #211486, #211487, #211488, and #211489, all related to Police Officer appointments, be discharged from the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.

President McLaughlin recused himself from this item and Councilor Rossetti assumed the Chair. She explained that the reason to discharge these items was to approve their appointments, but noted that the pinning, benefits and compensation wouldn't begin until their first day at the Police Academy. Approval now allows the Personnel Department to process the paperwork for the Academy. Deputy Chief Stanford explained that they begin getting paid when they begin working. Councilor Scott expressed concern that this was in conflict with State law, and Deputy Personnel Director Ellen Collins confirmed that the date of hire is the first date of attendance at the Academy. Deputy Chief Stanford said the swearing in of officers doesn't occur now until their graduation.

Once the items were discharged from Committee, Councilor Rossetti urged approval of the candidates. Councilor Niedergang commented that these positions would fill retirement vacancies.

RESULT: APPROVED. [9 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin

104. Mayor's Request 211686 (ID:24538) Requesting the adoption of an Order of Taking for 191 Highland Avenue for municipal historic and arts purposes.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

105. Mayor's Request 211687 (ID:24592) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$5,000,575 in a bond for the cost of acquiring the Armory Building at 191 Highland Avenue.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

106. Mayor's Request 211688 (ID:24591) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Denise Molina Capers as Director of Racial and Social Justice.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

107. Officer's Communication 211689 (ID:24482) Sustainable Neighborhoods Initiative Coordinator responding to #211345 and conveying the Condominium Review Board's FY20 Annual Report.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

108. Public Communication 211690 (ID:24590) National Lawyers Guild MA Chapter submitting comments re: Agenda #14, the Chemical Crowd Control Agents And Kinetic Impact Projectiles Ordinance.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

LATE ITEMS

109. Mayor's Request 211483 (ID:24417) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Karanjit Singh to the position of Police Officer.

For discussion of this item see #211685.
RESULT: APPROVED. [7 TO 2]
AYES: Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
NAYS: Mbah, Scott
ABSENT: Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin

110. Mayor's Request 211484 (ID:24418) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Giovanna Lorenzet Marin to the position of Police Officer.

For discussion of this item see #211685.
RESULT: APPROVED. [7 TO 2]
AYES: Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
NAYS: Mbah, Scott
ABSENT: Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin

111. Mayor's Request 211485 (ID:24419) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jose DaCosta to the position of Police Officer.

For discussion of this item see #211685.
RESULT: APPROVED. [7 TO 2]
AYES: Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
NAYS: Mbah, Scott
ABSENT: Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin

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112. Mayor's Request 211486 (ID:24420) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Kevin Henriquez to the position of Police Officer.
- For discussion of this item see #211685.
RESULT: APPROVED. [7 TO 2]
AYES: Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
NAYS: Mbah, Scott
ABSENT: Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin
113. Mayor's Request 211487 (ID:24421) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jamey Thompson to the position of Police Officer.
- For discussion of this item see #211685.
RESULT: APPROVED. [7 TO 2]
AYES: Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
NAYS: Mbah, Scott
ABSENT: Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin
114. Mayor's Request 211488 (ID:24422) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Kelsey Malloy-Ripley to the position of Police Officer.
- For discussion of this item see #211685.
RESULT: APPROVED. [7 TO 2]
AYES: Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
NAYS: Mbah, Scott
ABSENT: Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin
115. Mayor's Request 211489 (ID:24423) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of William Wood to the position of Police Officer.
- For discussion of this item see #211685.
RESULT: APPROVED. [7 TO 2]
AYES: Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
NAYS: Mbah, Scott
ABSENT: Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin

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116. Order 211691 (ID:24593) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Engineering re-paint the crosswalk on Garfield Avenue by the Stop and Shop.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
117. Order 211692 (ID:24596) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Inspectional Services inspect 117 Washington Street for code violations and report the results in writing to the Ward 1 Councilor.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
118. Mayor's Request 211693 (ID:24483) Requesting approval of proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinances at Article 8.2 - Small Business Overlay District, and to the Zoning Map.
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| Also referred to the Planning Board. | |
| RESULT: | REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION |
| FOLLOWUP: | Land Use Committee |
119. Mayor's Communication 211694 (ID:24595) Conveying a legal memo from the Law Office re: the Chemical Crowd Control Agents and Kinetic Impact Projectiles Ordinance, Agenda #14.
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| RESULT: | PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:45 PM.

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 22, 2021, 7:00 PM
 Meeting by Remote Participation

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OPENING CEREMONIES

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

| Attendee Name | Title | Status | Arrived |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Wilfred N. Mbah | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Mary Jo Rossetti | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Kristen Strezo | City Councilor at Large | Present | |
| William A. White Jr. | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Matthew McLaughlin | Ward One City Councilor | Present | |
| Jefferson Thomas ("J.T.") Scott | Ward Two City Councilor | Present | |
| Ben Ewen-Campen | Ward Three City Councilor | Present | |
| Jesse Clingan | Ward Four City Councilor | Present | |
| Mark Niedergang | Ward Five City Councilor | Present | |
| Lance L. Davis | Ward Six City Councilor | Absent | |
| Katjana Ballantyne | Ward Seven City Councilor | Present | |

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 211695
 (ID:24632) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 211696
 (ID:24633) Councilors White sponsored a moment of silence for Mary Walker.
 Councilor Clingan sponsored a moment of silence for Matthew Ansen.
 RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, March 25, 2021.
 211697
 (ID:24634) **RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
 Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne
 ABSENT: Davis

CITATIONS

- 4. Citation 211698 (ID:24618) By City Councilor Clingan, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Ballantyne, Strezo, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr., and the Mayor Commending the Elizabeth Peabody House on the auspicious occasion of its 125th anniversary of support to the families of our community.

Councilor Clingan spoke about Elizabeth Peabody House's 125th anniversary, and sponsored Elizabeth Peabody House Board Member Louise Coughlan, who expressed the gratitude of the entire Board for this honor and for the city's support.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Davis

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 5. Grant of Location 211699 (ID:24694) Submitted by Comcast to install 80 feet of conduit in Broadway, from Utility Pole 220/1 to a point of pickup at the rear of 1244 Broadway.

President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. Robert Rugman from Comcast spoke in favor of this item. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Davis

- 6. Grant of Location 211700 (ID:24689) Submitted by Verizon to install 100 feet of conduit in Broadway, from Manhole 44/65 to an existing handhole near 16 Broadway.

President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. James Watt from Verizon spoke in favor of the item. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing. In response to President McLaughlin's questions, Mr. Watt said the Verizon projects in Ward 1 would each take no more than a day, wouldn't shut down traffic, and would be accompanied by a police detail as needed.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Davis

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7. Grant of Location 211701 (ID:24690) Submitted by Verizon to install 85 feet of conduit in Pennsylvania Ave, from Manhole 117 to an existing handhole near the intersection of Pennsylvania Ave and Vermont Ave.
- President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. James Watt from Verizon spoke in favor of this item. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Davis
8. Grant of Location 211702 (ID:24693) Submitted by Verizon to install 80 feet of conduit in Broadway, from Manhole 44/87 to an existing handhole near the intersection of Broadway and Temple St.
- President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. James Watt from Verizon spoke in favor of this item. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Davis
9. Grant of Location 211703 (ID:24691) Submitted by Verizon to install 45 feet of conduit in Broadway, from Manhole 307 to an existing handhole near the intersection of Broadway and Rush St.
- President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. James Watt from Verizon spoke in favor of this item. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Davis
10. Grant of Location 211704 (ID:24692) Submitted by Verizon to install 40 feet of conduit in Broadway, from Manhole 315 to an existing handhole near the intersection of Broadway and Kenneson Road.
- President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. James Watt from Verizon spoke in favor of this item. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Davis

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

11. Resolution 211705 (ID:24616) By City Councilor Strezo, Ballantyne Supporting the I AM bill (H.2354 & S.1445), to increase access to disposable menstrual products in prisons, homeless shelters and public schools.

Councilor Strezo noted that these products are available in Somerville's Public Schools, but not in all schools in the Commonwealth, and she feels this is an issue of equity.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Davis

12. Order 211706 (ID:24597) By City Councilor Strezo That the Directors of Engineering and Public Works discuss with the Housing and Community Development Committee, painting bright colors or stripes on the new slanted sidewalks along Medford Street, from Lowell Street to Pearl Street, to make them more visible.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Davis
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

13. Communication 211707 (ID:24617) By City Councilor Strezo Reporting on a recent meeting of the Children's Cabinet.

Councilor Strezo reported that there was a discussion about forming an organization to make childcare more affordable.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Davis

14. Order 211708 (ID:24612) By City Councilor Davis, Strezo That the Director of Health and Human Services update the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, in writing and in person, on what steps have been taken and are planned to provide services to our neighbors experiencing homelessness, mental illness, and addiction.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Davis
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

15. Ordinance 211709 (ID:24620) By City Councilor Niedergang Submitting a revised Leaf Blower Ordinance regulating the use of leaf blowers.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

16. Order 211710 (ID:24621) By City Councilor Niedergang That the Directors of SPCD and Communications work with the Police, the Bicycle Advisory Committee and the Pedestrian Transit Advisory Committee to implement a “Stop on the Line Every Time” traffic safety public education and enforcement campaign.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Davis
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

17. Order 211711 (ID:24622) By City Councilor Niedergang, Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD work with the Police Department, especially the Traffic Division, to train all Officers on Vision Zero.

Councilor Niedergang spoke about comments from Walk Boston and listed some of the core elements of Vision Zero. Councilor Ballantyne added that she, too, had submitted similar items during the past few months.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Davis
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

18. Order 211712 (ID:24623) By City Councilor Niedergang That the Chief of Police report to this Council on steps taken to train and incentivize Detail Officers to enforce traffic laws when they observe motorists driving unsafely.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Davis
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

19. Resolution 211713 (ID:24624) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Administration advise this Council on a plan to improve the consistency of staffing attendance for especially dangerous Traffic Management Plans, including the current Belmont Street traffic detour.

Councilor Ewen-Campen explained that the traffic management plan for detouring Spring Hill traffic the wrong way on a one-way street has nearly caused several accidents due to a lack of Detail Officers and he asked that this be addressed.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Davis
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

20. Order 211714 (ID:24625) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Commissioner of Public Works advise employees not to staple signs onto trees.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Davis

21. Order 211715 (ID:24626) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Directors of SPCD and Health and Human Services discuss options for the Somerville Homeless Coalition and other community based organizations who need public spaces for engagement centers to meet unsheltered people in a safe and private environment.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Davis
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

22. Order 211716 (ID:24627) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Strezio, Scott That the Directors of Health and Human Services and Infrastructure and Asset Management advise this Council whether gender neutral bathrooms are available in all public K-8 schools, as requested by middle schoolers.

Councilor Ballantyne said she's been asked about this by middle schoolers. Councilor Scott said it was an important issue in constructing the new high school. Councilor Rossetti explained that School staff worked with State staff on a communication to parents on this subject.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Davis
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

23. Order 211717 (ID:24628) By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of Personnel discuss city-wide training plans to promote skills and professional development for all employees.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Davis
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

24. Order 211718 (ID:24631) By City Councilor Clingan
That the Director of Water and Sewer discuss with the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works the notification process regarding non-emergency work.

Councilor Clingan asked for a general discussion with the Director of Water and Sewer on this topic.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Davis
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

25. Order 211719 (ID:24630) By City Councilor Clingan
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the street lights at 31-33 Bailey Road.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Davis
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

26. Order 211720 (ID:24629) By City Councilor Clingan, Ewen-Campen
That the Directors of Inspectional Services and Public Works address with Boston Carting, any lack of adherence to their contract regarding the upkeep, safety standards, and practices of their fleet.

For discussion of this item see #211793.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Davis
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

27. Order 211721 (ID:24637) By City Councilor Rossetti, Ballantyne
That the City Clerk invite the proprietor(s) of Boston Carting to meet with this Council and the Commissioner of Public Works to discuss recent concerns about vehicle maintenance and direct city communication.

Councilor Rossetti said she spoke with the Acting DPW Commissioner, who suggested that representatives from Boston Carting would be happy to meet with the Council on this matter.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Davis
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

28. Order 211722 (ID:24639) By City Councilor Rossetti
That the Commissioner of Public Works discuss with this Council the current city contract for trash and recycling disposal services.

For discussion of this item see #211721.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Davis
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

29. Order 211723 (ID:24638) By City Councilor Rossetti
That the Chief Fire Engineer discuss the current apparatus maintenance status with this Council.

Councilor Rossetti said a discussion of the condition of the Fire Department's equipment was needed.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Davis
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

30. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 211724 (ID:24605) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on April 13, 2021.

Councilor Rossetti's motion to sever #211210 from the report was approved 10-0 with Councilor Davis absent. She reported that the Committee recommended approval of several appointments and discussed the multiple vacancies in the city. She then addressed the severed item, the appointment of Colleen Moran to the Job Creation and Retention Trust (JCRT). She said that JCRT Chair Vickie Choitz had concerns about the negative vote the Committee had taken on the item, and she sponsored her to speak. Ms. Choitz summarized her letter on the subject [see #211796], and requested the appointment be approved. President McLaughlin sponsored Alexandre Galimberti from the Mayor's Appointments Advisory Committee, who explained how candidates are selected to fill vacancies and noted that Ms. Moran was the only applicant. Economic Development Director Tom Galligani said recruiting was done through the city's website, local newspapers, and social media, leading to Ms. Moran, who was qualified and willing to serve. Councilors Niedergang and Ballantyne spoke in favor of her appointment. Councilor Ewen-Campen spoke favorably about her experience and said that it wouldn't be fair to judge her based on her employer's track record with unions. Councilor Clingan said he voted against her appointment in Committee because he doesn't believe human resources managers are friends to workers. President McLaughlin urged all Councilors to get involved in finding candidates if they aren't satisfied with the city's process. Councilor Scott supported Councilor Clingan's comments. The item was approved. Councilor Rossetti's next motion, to discharge #211617 from Committee, was then approved 10-0 with Councilor Davis absent, and that appointment was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Davis
AMENDED: #211210 was Approved.

- B. Order 204274 (ID:17069) By City Councilor Heuston That the Director of Water and Sewer appear before this Board's Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters in six weeks to present a plan for vendor contracts, constituent communications and the day to day operation of the department.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Mayor's Request 204900 (ID:17587) Requesting the re-appointment of Ron Bonney as Superintendent of Fleet Management.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Davis

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| <p>D. Mayor's Request 207400 (ID:20150)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Ron Bonney as Superintendent of Fleet Management.</p> | | | | | | |
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| RESULT: | PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] | | | | | | |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne | | | | | | |
| ABSENT: | Davis | | | | | | |
| <p>E. Mayor's Request 209496 (ID:22332)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Ron Bonney as Superintendent of Fleet Management.</p> | | | | | | |
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| RESULT: | PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] | | | | | | |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne | | | | | | |
| ABSENT: | Davis | | | | | | |
| <p>F. Mayor's Request 209499 (ID:22335)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Candace Cooper as Director of Personnel.</p> | | | | | | |
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| RESULT: | PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] | | | | | | |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne | | | | | | |
| ABSENT: | Davis | | | | | | |
| <p>G. Mayor's Request 209508 (ID:22344)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Fred Massaro as Director of Capital Projects.</p> | | | | | | |
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] | | | | | | |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne | | | | | | |
| ABSENT: | Davis | | | | | | |
| <p>H. Mayor's Request 209513 (ID:22349)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Rich Raiche as Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management.</p> | | | | | | |
| <table border="1"> <tr> <td>RESULT:</td> <td>APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AYES:</td> <td>Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ABSENT:</td> <td>Davis</td> </tr> </table> | | RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] | AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne | ABSENT: | Davis |
| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] | | | | | | |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne | | | | | | |
| ABSENT: | Davis | | | | | | |
| <p>I. Mayor's Request 209514 (ID:22350)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jessica Fosbrook as City Engineer.</p> | | | | | | |
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| RESULT: | PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] | | | | | | |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne | | | | | | |
| ABSENT: | Davis | | | | | | |

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| <p>J. Mayor's Request 211210 (ID:24083)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Colleen Moran to the Municipal Job Creation and Retention Board of Trustees.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [7 TO 3] AYES: Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Ballantyne NAYS: Mbah, Scott, Clingan ABSENT: Davis</p> |
| <p>K. Mayor's Request 211294 (ID:24171)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Fred Massaro as Director of Capital Projects.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne ABSENT: Davis</p> |
| <p>L. Mayor's Request 211295 (ID:24172)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Rich Raiche as Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne ABSENT: Davis</p> |
| <p>M. Mayor's Request 211301 (ID:24187)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Chad Whiting as Director of Water and Sewer.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne ABSENT: Davis</p> |
| <p>N. Order 211456 (ID:24399)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Rossetti That the attached March 12, 2021 vacancy list be referred the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters for discussion.</p> | <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |
| <p>O. Mayor's Request 211482 (ID:24401)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Brian Postlewaite as City Engineer.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne ABSENT: Davis</p> |

- P. Order 211582 (ID:24479) By City Councilor Scott, Rossetti, Mbah, Ballantyne That the Acting Director of Personnel discuss with the Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee such topics as the external investigations process, increasing diverse staff hiring, and the nearly 100 current job vacancies (including over 40 union positions).

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

31. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 211725 (ID:24609) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on April 20, 2021.

Councilor Scott presented the report and said that the city may be receiving \$79 million as part of the American Recovery Plan Act. The Committee also discussed the proposed 7% increase in water and 10.5% increase in sewer rates, a possible residential exemption for water and sewer bills, contract extensions and 2 property takings. Councilor Ewen-Campen and Niedergang spoke in favor of the taking of the Armory. President McLaughlin asked if more units could be built on the Aldersey Street property after a taking, and Councilor Scott said it's worth pursuing.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Davis

- B. Order 208010 (ID:20819) By City Councilor Scott That the Director of Engineering and appropriate staff report on the date and method of implementation of the residential exemption for sewer and water charges.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Officer's Communication 208586 (ID:21303) Director of Water and Sewer submitting a communication re: the exemption of water and sewer charges for owner-occupied homes.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Mayor's Request 211576 (ID:24325) Requesting approval to extend contracts for Tim Zanelli Excavation LLC through 8/1/2021 for emergency and on-call repair of the water & sewer distribution systems.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Davis

32. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report 211726 (ID:24607)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on April 14, 2021.</p> | <p>Councilor Strezo briefly spoke about the topics that were discussed. Councilor Ewen-Campen’s motion that a related late item, #211797, a Memorandum of Agreement between the Redevelopment Authority and the City Council, be discussed in tandem with the Committee's recommendation on the Winter Hill Urban Redevelopment Plan was approved 10-0 with Councilor Davis absent. The MOU was then approved along with the Plan.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Davis</p> |
| <p>B. Mayor's Request 210787 (ID:23613)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of the Winter Hill Urban Renewal Plan.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Davis</p> |
| <p>C. Order 211228 (ID:24115)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Clingan That the Director of SPCD discuss with this Council's Committee on Housing and Community Development how the 100 Homes program works for property upkeep and maintenance.</p> | <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |
| <p>D. Order 211245 (ID:24133)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Strezo That this Council’s Committee on Housing and Community Development discuss with the Director of Economic Development and the Chair of the Licensing Commission the creation of a public education campaign focusing on copycat restaurants and their impact on the community.</p> | <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |
| <p>E. Order 211727 (ID:24699)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Strezo That the Director of SPCD work with the Somerville Community Corp to update this Council quarterly on property upkeep and maintenance for the 100 homes program.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Davis</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee</p> |

33. LAND USE COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report 211728 (ID:24606)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on April 13, 2021.</p> <p>Councilor Ewen-Campen presented the report and noted that a public hearing will be held next week on several zoning amendments.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Davis</p> |
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34. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report 211729 (ID:24608)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on April 15, 2021.</p> <p>Councilor Niedergang presented the report and summarized the items discussed and the actions taken by the Committee.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Davis</p> |
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35. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report 211730 (ID:24604)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on April 12, 2021.</p> <p>Councilor Niedergang said that the bulk of the meeting was spent discussing bus service in the city with MBTA and DOT representatives. The Committee also discussed bike safety along Powderhouse Blvd. Councilor Rossetti asked if parking spaces would be taken from Doherty’s Funeral Home in the redesign of the Powderhouse rotary, and Councilor Niedergang said that wasn’t discussed, but he would make inquiries and let her know.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Davis</p> |
| <p>B. Order 207502 (ID:20341)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Hirsch, Niedergang, Clingan, McLaughlin, Davis</p> <p>That the Director of SPCD discuss the plans and process to advocate for Somerville transit priorities as part of the MBTA Better Bus Project, including advocacy for a North/South bus route and reduced fares for income-eligible riders, and against fare hikes.</p> <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |
| <p>C. Public Communication 208110 (ID:20873)</p> | <p>6 residents submitting comments re: #204323, a proposal for Powderhouse Blvd. safe bicycling.</p> <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |

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| D. | Public Communication 208227 (ID:21010) | 3 residents submitting comments re: #204323, a proposal for Powderhouse Blvd. safe bicycling. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| E. | Public Communication 208313 (ID:21128) | 3 residents submitting comments re: #204323, a proposal for Powderhouse Blvd. safe bicycling. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| F. | Public Communication 208448 (ID:21263) | 2 residents submitting comments re: #204323, a proposal for Powderhouse Blvd. safe bicycling. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| G. | Public Communication 209045 (ID:21865) | Rachel Turek submitting comments re: #204323, a proposal for Powderhouse Blvd. safe bicycling. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| H. | Order 210900 (ID:23791) | By City Councilor Davis, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the Director of SPCD update the Ward 6 Councilor on previously discussed plans to reconfigure the Powder House Traffic Circle. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| I. | Order 211426 (ID:24324) | By City Councilor Niedergang, Scott That the Director of SPCD discuss with this Council the changes that are being considered, or could be considered, in MBTA bus routes to better serve bus riders following the opening of 5 new Green Line stations this year. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |

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| 36. | Mayor's Request 211731 (ID:24619) | Requesting the appropriation of \$2,718,676.20 from the Receipts Reserved-Sale of Real Estate Account to Debt Service, to pay principal and interest due on land acquisition bond anticipation notes for Union Square DIF properties. | Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Finance Committee. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
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| <p>37. Mayor's Request 211732 (ID:24614)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$233,614 from the Salary Contingency Account to the Police Personal Services Account, to fund a new collective bargaining agreement with the Somerville Police Employees Association.</p> |
| | <p>President McLaughlin recused himself from this item and Councilor Rossetti assumed the Chair. Councilor Scott explained that these funds have already been budgeted.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [9 TO 0]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Davis</p> <p>RECUSED: McLaughlin</p> |
| <p>38. Mayor's Request 211733 (ID:24602)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$200,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund in order to implement interim traffic and pedestrian safety improvements at Powderhouse Circle.</p> |
| | <p>Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Finance Committee.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| <p>39. Mayor's Request 211734 (ID:24599)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of a time-only extension for Designlab for construction administration at the West Branch Library until 8/31/21.</p> |
| | <p>Councilor Scott explained that the contractor has again missed the deadline.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Davis</p> |
| <p>40. Mayor's Request 211735 (ID:24600)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of a time-only contract extension for Design Technique for construction administration at the West Branch Library through 6/30/21.</p> |
| | <p>Councilor Scott explained that the contractor has again missed the deadline.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Davis</p> |
| <p>41. Mayor's Request 211736 (ID:24640)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Connor Colbert to the position of Reserve Firefighter.</p> |
| | <p>Councilor Rossetti moved to waive the reading of items 41-52, and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |

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| 42. Mayor's Request 211737 (ID:24641) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Nicholas Halloran to the position of Reserve Firefighter. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 43. Mayor's Request 211738 (ID:24642) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Daniel Higgins to the position of Reserve Firefighter. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 44. Mayor's Request 211739 (ID:24643) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jason Kenney to the position of Reserve Firefighter. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 45. Mayor's Request 211740 (ID:24644) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Sean Marquis to the position of Reserve Firefighter. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 46. Mayor's Request 211741 (ID:24645) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Daniel O'Donnell to the position of Reserve Firefighter. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 47. Mayor's Request 211742 (ID:24646) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jeffrey Querusio to the position of Reserve Firefighter. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 48. Mayor's Request 211743 (ID:24647) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Patrick Soares to the position of Reserve Firefighter. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |

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| 49. Mayor's Request 211744 (ID:24648) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Matthew Sullivan to the position of Reserve Firefighter. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 50. Mayor's Request 211745 (ID:24649) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Brittany Taylor to the position of Reserve Firefighter. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 51. Mayor's Request 211746 (ID:24588) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Megan Kearns to the Conservation Commission. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 52. Mayor's Request 211747 (ID:24589) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Holly Simione to the Commission for Person with Disabilities. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 53. Mayor's Request 211748 (ID:24613) | Requesting to discuss with this Council siting a Fire Station in the Assembly Square neighborhood. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |

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| 54. Officer's Communication 211749 (ID:24492) | Director of Parks and Recreation responding to #211451 re: re-opening basketball hoops at parks and playgrounds. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne ABSENT: Davis |
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55. Officer's Communication 211750 (ID:24494) Director of Parks and Recreation responding to #211452 re: re-opening parks and playgrounds.
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| RESULT: | PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne |
| ABSENT: | Davis |
| FOLLOWUP: | Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee |

NEW BUSINESS

56. License/Permit 211751 (ID:24695) Public Event License, Davis Sq Farmers Market, Day St-Herbert St Parking Lot, Wednesdays May 19- Nov 24, 8am-7pm.
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| Councilor White moved to waive the readings of items 56-83 and 85-96 and approve them tonight, while forwarding item 84 to the Committee on Licenses and Permits. | |
| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne |
| ABSENT: | Davis |
57. License/Permit 211752 (ID:24653) New Drainlayer's License, Feeney Brothers Excavation LLC.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne |
| ABSENT: | Davis |
58. License/Permit 211753 (ID:24650) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Atlantic Excavation and Utility.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne |
| ABSENT: | Davis |
59. License/Permit 211754 (ID:24651) Renewing Drainlayer's License, EB Rotondi and Sons.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne |
| ABSENT: | Davis |
60. License/Permit 211755 (ID:24652) Renewing Drainlayer's License, Environic Solutions.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne |
| ABSENT: | Davis |

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| 61. | License/Permit 211756 (ID:24654) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, NCCL Enterprises. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne ABSENT: Davis |
| 62. | License/Permit 211757 (ID:24656) | Renewing Flammables License, Aris Auto, 3 Craigie St. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne ABSENT: Davis |
| 63. | License/Permit 211758 (ID:24657) | Renewing Flammables License, Hillside Auto Repair, 583 Broadway. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne ABSENT: Davis |
| 64. | License/Permit 211759 (ID:24659) | Renewing Flammables License, Boston Closet, 229 Lowell St. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne ABSENT: Davis |
| 65. | License/Permit 211760 (ID:24660) | Renewing Flammables License, Simon's Auto Service, 166 Boston Ave. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne ABSENT: Davis |
| 66. | License/Permit 211761 (ID:24658) | Renewing Flammables License, Cumberland Farms, 701 Somerville Ave. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne ABSENT: Davis |
| 67. | License/Permit 211762 (ID:24661) | Renewing Flammables License, Broadway Sunoco, 258 Broadway. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne ABSENT: Davis |

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| 68. | License/Permit 211763 (ID:24663) | Renewing Garage License, Federal Realty Investment Trust, 355 Artisan Way. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne ABSENT: Davis |
| 69. | License/Permit 211764 (ID:24664) | Renewing Garage License, Federal Realty Investment Trust, 445 Artisan Way. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne ABSENT: Davis |
| 70. | License/Permit 211765 (ID:24665) | Renewing Garage License, Federal Realty Investment Trust, 479 Canal St. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne ABSENT: Davis |
| 71. | License/Permit 211766 (ID:24666) | Renewing Garage License, Federal Realty Investment Trust, 333 Great River Rd. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne ABSENT: Davis |
| 72. | License/Permit 211767 (ID:24667) | Renewing Garage License, Broadway Sunoco, 258 Broadway. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne ABSENT: Davis |
| 73. | License/Permit 211768 (ID:24668) | Renewing Garage License, Auto Plus, 229 Lowell St. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne ABSENT: Davis |
| 74. | License/Permit 211769 (ID:24669) | Renewing Garage License, Car Zone LLC, 486 Columbia St. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne ABSENT: Davis |

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| 75. License/Permit 211770 (ID:24670) | Renewing Garage License, Boston Sand and Gravel, 492 Rutherford Ave. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne ABSENT: Davis |
| 76. License/Permit 211771 (ID:24671) | Renewing Garage License, Good Gas Somerville, 343 Medford St. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne ABSENT: Davis |
| 77. License/Permit 211772 (ID:24672) | Renewing Garage License, William Doucette Auto Sales, 325 Alewife Brook Pkwy. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne ABSENT: Davis |
| 78. License/Permit 211773 (ID:24673) | Renewing Garage License, DW Propco JK LLC, 0 Dawes Street. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne ABSENT: Davis |
| 79. License/Permit 211774 (ID:24674) | Renewing Garage License, Simon's Auto Service, 166 Boston Ave. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne ABSENT: Davis |
| 80. License/Permit 211775 (ID:24675) | Renewing Garage License, Four Wheels Auto, 83 Albion St. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne ABSENT: Davis |
| 81. License/Permit 211776 (ID:24676) | Renewing Garage License, Master Used Cars, 121 Prospect St. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne ABSENT: Davis |

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| 82. | License/Permit 211777 (ID:24677) | Renewing Garage License, Aris Auto, 3 Craigie St. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne ABSENT: Davis |
| 83. | License/Permit 211778 (ID:24696) | Renewing Garage License, Real Auto Shop, 463 McGrath Hwy. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne ABSENT: Davis |
| 84. | License/Permit 211779 (ID:24662) | New Garage License, Greentown Labs Inc, 444 Somerville Avenue, 4 autos inside, 0 outside for maintaining or operating a tow vehicle only, operating Mon-Sun: 7am-8pm. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |
| 85. | License/Permit 211780 (ID:24688) | Sign/Awning Permit. Suitcase the Studio, 153 Washington St, 2 flat signs. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne ABSENT: Davis |
| 86. | License/Permit 211781 (ID:24655) | Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Domino's Pizza, 201 Elm St. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne ABSENT: Davis |
| 87. | License/Permit 211782 (ID:24678) | Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Simon's Auto Service, 166 Boston Ave. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne ABSENT: Davis |
| 88. | License/Permit 211783 (ID:24686) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Yolande Trans, Med #15. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne ABSENT: Davis |

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| 89. License/Permit 211784 (ID:24681) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Ormond Transportation, Med #49,50,89. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Davis</p> |
| 90. License/Permit 211785 (ID:24685) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Silcor Transportation, Med #51,77,93. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Davis</p> |
| 91. License/Permit 211786 (ID:24679) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, God's Blessing Cab, Med #60. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Davis</p> |
| 92. License/Permit 211787 (ID:24687) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, DLCS Transportation, Med #62. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Davis</p> |
| 93. License/Permit 211788 (ID:24684) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Somerville Transportation, Med #69,71. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Davis</p> |
| 94. License/Permit 211789 (ID:24683) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Eastern Transportation, Med #73,87. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Davis</p> |
| 95. License/Permit 211790 (ID:24682) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Alewife Transportation, Med #80. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Davis</p> |

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| 96. | License/Permit 211791 (ID:24680) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, WWJKK Inc, Med #90. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Davis</p> |
| 97. | Public Communication 211792 (ID:24635) | Dana Friesen submitting comments re: police funding. | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Davis</p> |

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

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| 98. | Resolution 211793 (ID:24700) | By City Councilor Clingan That representatives of Boston Carting appear before the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety to address concerns raised in an attached anonymous letter dated April 15, 2021. | <p>Councilor Clingan spoke about the letter sent to all Councilors and asked that the Inspectional Services and Public Works Departments address the issues with Boston Carting in the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety. He said representatives of Local 25 told him that they have not heard any complaints and spoke highly of the company.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Davis</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee</p> |
| 99. | License/Permit 211794 (ID:24705) | Public Event License, Union Sq Farmers Market, Somerville Ave from Carlton St to Hawkins St, Saturdays May 15-Nov 20, 6:45am-2pm. | <p>Councilor Scott spoke in favor, and Councilor Ewen-Campen explained this is a trial for a new location of the market, and he is hopeful that it will work.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Davis</p> |
| 100. | License/Permit 211795 (ID:24704) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, 32 Summer St Corp, Med #29. | <p>Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item tonight.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Davis</p> |

101. Public Communication 211796 (ID:24703) Vickie Choitz and Tom Bent submitting comments re: #211210, appointing Colleen Moran to the Municipal Job Creation and Retention Board of Trustees.
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| RESULT: | PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne |
| ABSENT: | Davis |

LATE ITEMS

102. Mayor's Request 211617 (ID:24563) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Anne Gill as Director of Personnel.
- Discharged from the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters. Councilor Rossetti said Ms. Gill had already appeared before the Committee and she supported her appointment.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne |
| ABSENT: | Davis |

103. Officer's Communication 211797 (ID:24636) Special Counsel submitting a draft Memorandum of Agreement between this Council and the Redevelopment Authority.
- Councilor Ewen-Campen spoke about this memorandum of agreement and said he was pleased with its contents. Councilor White said he'd support it with reservations. Councilor Niedergang expressed his support. Councilor Scott referenced property takings and noted the need for Council approval to do so. For related discussion see #211726.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne |
| ABSENT: | Davis |

104. Resolution 211798 (ID:24701) By City Councilor Niedergang, Strezio, Clingan That the Mayor, the Director of SPCD, the Chief of Police and this Council collaborate with the State Delegation and community advocates to pressure the MA Department of Transportation to implement traffic safety improvements to McGrath Highway and Mystic Avenue to prevent more pedestrian deaths.
- Councilor Niedergang spoke about the recent pedestrian-involved accident and said that the state has plans to add safety measures, but those won't happen for a few years, and he thinks that's too long to wait.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne |
| ABSENT: | Davis |
| FOLLOWUP: | Traffic and Parking Committee |

105. Order 211799 (ID:24702) By City Councilor Niedergang That #203004 and #208901, regarding traffic dangers to pedestrians on Mystic Avenue and McGrath Highway, be discharged from the Public Health and Public Safety Committee and sent to the Traffic and Parking Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Davis

106. Order 211800 (ID:24709) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Strezo That the Director of SPCD research possible funding for a guaranteed income program, quantify the number of households that could qualify, and create a trial to support qualifying low-income single parent households with children.

Councilor Ballantyne noted that Cambridge is trying this and it should be explored in Somerville as well.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Davis
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

107. Resolution 211801 (ID:24706) By City Councilor Davis That the Mayor and the Director of Health and Human Services update the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety on the Covid-19 public health emergency and the city's response (following on #209798).

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Davis
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

108. Order 211802 (ID:24707) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Housing Stability discuss with this Council proactive measures to inform tenants in inclusionary housing units of their rights and the resources available to them.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Davis
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

109. Order 211803 (ID:24708) By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Engineering paint a new crosswalk at the corner of Pearl Street and Jasper Street.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Davis

110. Resolution 203004 (ID:15698) By City Councilor White Jr., McWatters, Sullivan, Connolly, Rossetti
That the Mayor work with the State Delegation on an agreement with the State to permit City crossing guards at the crosswalks at Highland Avenue and McGrath Highway, and to permit the Police Department to enforce traffic laws there.

Discharged from the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety pursuant to #211799.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

111. Order 208901 (ID:21718) By City Councilor Mbah
That the Director of SPCD and the Chief of Police update this Council on what is being done in the wake of the two deaths in two different hit and run incidents on Mystic Avenue.

Discharged from the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety pursuant to #211799.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:50 PM.

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 13, 2021, 7:00 PM
 Meeting by Remote Participation

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OPENING CEREMONIES

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

| Attendee Name | Title | Status | Arrived |
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| Wilfred N. Mbah | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Mary Jo Rossetti | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Kristen Strezo | City Councilor at Large | Present | |
| William A. White Jr. | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Matthew McLaughlin | Ward One City Councilor | Present | |
| Jefferson Thomas ("J.T.") Scott | Ward Two City Councilor | Present | |
| Ben Ewen-Campen | Ward Three City Councilor | Present | |
| Jesse Clingan | Ward Four City Councilor | Present | |
| Mark Niedergang | Ward Five City Councilor | Present | |
| Lance L. Davis | Ward Six City Councilor | Present | |
| Katjana Ballantyne | Ward Seven City Councilor | Present | |

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 211804
 (ID:24796) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 211805
 (ID:24797) Councilor Rossetti sponsored a moment of silence for Richard Daley.
 Councilor Clingan sponsored a moment of silence for Marshall Mac.
 Councilor White sponsored a moment of silence for Ron Racca. Councilor
 McLaughlin sponsored a moment of silence for John Salvato.
 RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, April 8, 2021.
 211806
 (ID:24798) **RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
 Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

CITATIONS

4. Citation 211807 (ID:24794) By City Councilor Clingan, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr., and the Mayor Commending Eleanor Killeen, who is retiring after 35 years of loving service as a foster parent.

Councilor Clingan spoke about Ms. Killeen’s work with foster children and sponsored Marianne Walles to introduce her. Ms. Killeen thanked Councilor Clingan and the Council for this honor.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

5. Resolution 211808 (ID:24787) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, Mbah, White Jr. That the month of May 2021 is hereby declared to be Older Americans Month.

President McLaughlin sponsored Council on Aging Director Ashley Speliotis, who spoke about the lessons learned from seniors and her Council’s work to serve them. President McLaughlin then also sponsored Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services President Leslie Hergert, who spoke of the work done for seniors by her organization.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

6. Resolution 211809 (ID:24750) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Davis, Niedergang, Scott, White Jr., Clingan, Mbah, Ballantyne Supporting a public/private partnership for the Public Safety Building plan.

Councilor Ewen-Campen reported that there are few details on this matter. He said he proposed building above the public safety building and was told it wasn’t being considered. The goal of this Resolution is to explore all possibilities. President McLaughlin said he supports a new public safety building and believes there has to be a plan for the long-term development of the site. Councilor Scott said this Council has been clear in its mandate to develop this site to its fullest potential. Councilor Davis agreed. Councilor Ballantyne questioned why the city wasn’t going to consider full development and President McLaughlin said that the city hasn’t said no, but hasn’t said yes, either. He also said public safety meetings are held weekly and may be viewed online.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

7. Resolution 211810 (ID:24755) By City Councilor Mbah, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, White Jr. Standing in solidarity with the MA Nurses Association nurses campaigning for fair contract negotiations with the Cambridge Health Alliance.

Councilor Mbah spoke about the dedication of nurses, especially during the COVID pandemic, and urged the Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA) to conduct fair contract negotiations with the MA Nurses Association. Councilor Clingan said this isn't just about nurses but involves all health care workers. Councilor Ewen-Campen commented that this type of treatment is happening throughout the country, and he expects CHA to negotiate fairly. Councilor Ballantyne spoke about her mother's experiences working as a nurse and stated her support as well.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

8. Ordinance 211811 (ID:24720) By City Councilor White Jr., Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis Proposing an ordinance that would require the Mayor to annually submit to this Council a report on the status of housing.

Councilor White spoke about the city's housing stock and said an annual report should be provided that examines housing trends, for affordable housing, number of bedrooms, condominiums both new and converted, funding sources, residential exemptions, etc. He acknowledged that some of this data may be collected already but having it in a central report would be beneficial. He suggested a public hearing for input on how the report should be constructed. Councilor Strezo noted a real need for 3 and 4 bedroom housing. President McLaughlin suggested mapping where housing could be added.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

9. Ordinance 211812 (ID:24721) By City Councilor White Jr., Scott, Clingan, Mbah, Davis, Ballantyne Proposing an amendment to Ordinance 2-123 that would require notification to this Council of claims against the City filed at the MA Commission Against Discrimination.

Councilor White spoke about the importance of the Council's awareness of discrimination claims, and Councilor Scott concurred.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

10. Order 211813 (ID:24719) By City Councilor Strezo, Ballantyne, Davis That the Director of Public Works and the Director of Sustainability and Environment discuss with the Committee on Housing and Community Development the possibility of installing Cigarette Bin Voting Boxes citywide to eliminate cigarette butt litter that can eventually flow into our water sources.

Councilor Strezo spoke about the pollution caused by cigarette filters and said this idea may help to reduce cigarette litter. Councilor Davis commented that he submitted a similar item some years back, noting that nothing came of it.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

11. Order 211814 (ID:24763) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Scott, Ballantyne, Clingan That the Director of Engineering install raised crosswalks rather than standard crosswalks for each at-grade crossing of the Community Path Extension, including Central, Sycamore, and Walnut Streets.

Councilor Ewen-Campen said the crosswalks being planned for these locations are dangerous and unacceptable, and he advocated for raised crosswalks.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

12. Order 211815 (ID:24764) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Rossetti, Davis, Ballantyne, Mbah That the Director of SPCD re-convene the High School Parking Working Group and provide an update on what is being done to understand and address parking issues for teachers, staff, and residents.

Councilor Ewen-Campen said the city decided not to build parking for the new high school, and there is still no plan for neighborhood parking for school staff. With 3 projects going on at the same time, a plan is needed before the next school year. Councilor Rossetti added her concerns about the lack of parking, and Councilor Davis said it was stupid not to build a parking garage. Councilor Scott said perhaps teachers in Somerville should have a housing benefit.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

13. Order 211816 (ID:24765) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Director of SPCD determine with the developer of the First Unitarian Church at 125 Highland Ave whether there is the possibility of a partnership with the City or a nonprofit to turn it into affordable housing.

Councilor Ewen-Campen explained that this historic building has been sold and the developer plans on demolishing it. His constituents feel that the building could be adapted for use as housing or for some other purpose. He encouraged the developer to work with the Administration to build mixed use affordable housing and preserve the building.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

14. Order 211817 (ID:24766) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Director of Inspectional Services provide a warning before issuing a ticket for the first instance of minor residential trash bin violations, such as a lid being propped open.

Councilor Ewen-Campen stated that residents are upset about receiving tickets for seemingly minor trash infractions while some developers are given a pass on their offenses. He asked that a warning be sent out prior to a ticket being issued.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

15. Order 211818 (ID:24767) By City Councilor Niedergang, Clingan, Davis That this Council consider amending the Demolition Review Ordinance to extend the maximum demolition delay period that the Historic Preservation Commission can impose on buildings of historical value from 12 months to 18 months.

Councilor Niedergang spoke about developers waiting out the 12-month demolition delay period as a cost of doing business. and asked the Legislative Matters Committee to consider extending the demolition delay period to 18-months.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

16. Order 211819 (ID:24768) By City Councilor Niedergang, Strezo That the Director of SPCD install flashing STOP signs on Lowell Street at its intersection with Albion Street to prevent accidents caused by speeding or incautious motor vehicles.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee
17. Order 211820 (ID:24769) By City Councilor Niedergang That the Director of SPCD use the \$220,000 in traffic mitigation funds paid by Maxwell’s Green in 2011 to improve the traffic-calming infrastructure around the Magoun/Lowell GLX station.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee
18. Order 211821 (ID:24771) By City Councilor Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the Director of SPCD report to this Council on the proposed MassDOT I-93 viaduct project to replace worn steel, which will divert traffic into Mystic Avenue and East Somerville neighborhoods at night starting in 2022.
- For discussion of this item see #211919.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee
19. Communication 211822 (ID:24770) By City Councilor Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. Inviting the Council, the Administration and the public to the Highway Justice for People: Mystic and McGrath Rally, on May 26 at 6 PM, at the empty lot on the corner of Broadway and McGrath Highway, to demand that MassDOT prioritize the safety of people over the movement of cars.
- For discussion of this item see #211919.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

20. Communication By City Councilor Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, 211823 Strezo, Davis, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. (ID:24772) Sharing with the Council, the Administration and the public a 6-page blogpost from State Representative Mike Connolly.

For discussion of this item see #211919.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

21. Order By City Councilor Scott, McLaughlin, Mbah, Strezo, White Jr., Clingan 211824 That the Director of Inspectional Services establish a dry ice rat extermination (ID:24762) program.

Councilor Scott spoke about a loophole in the law that allows the city to use dry ice in combatting the rat problem in the city.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

22. Order By City Councilor Scott, Ballantyne, Davis, Mbah 211825 That this Council consider passage of a Home Rule Petition enabling a "right (ID:24773) to charge," similar to HD4109 or Chapter 370 of the acts of 2018, ensuring that tenants are provided access to charging stations.

Councilor Scott explained that this measure would allow condominium owners and tenants to install electric vehicle charging stations at their homes.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

23. Order By City Councilor Scott, Mbah 211826 That this Council review the past 20 years of the city's Police Department (ID:24774) reform recommendations and the resultant changes.

Councilor Scott explained that this is in response to public calls for police reform and said a research team has asked to make a presentation before the Finance Committee on the various police reforms suggested over the years.

RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

RECUSED: McLaughlin

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

24. Order 211827 (ID:24775) By City Councilor Scott, Mbah That this Council review the results of Ordinance 2-221 regarding Adult Use Marijuana licensure, and consider additional modifications as needed.

Councilor Scott said that this ground-breaking ordinance, passed several years ago, has failed to achieve equity. He called for a panel to talk about where we are in achieving equity.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

25. Order 211828 (ID:24776) By City Councilor Scott, Ewen-Campen That the Director of Planning prepare an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to enable Adult Use Marijuana Delivery businesses.

Councilor Scott explained that this is simply a missed step in the passage of the zoning ordinance.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

26. Order 211829 (ID:24777) By City Councilor Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis That the Director of Planning advise this Council regarding expansion of public notification practices to include public postings on the property where the permit is being applied for, as happens in neighboring communities.

Councilor Scott said public notices aren't being posted on many jobsites in his ward and he would like to expand the ordinance to provide more onsite postings to the public.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

27. Order 211830 (ID:24778) By City Councilor Scott, Davis, Mbah That the City Solicitor advise this Council on the restrictions of public notice posting requirements for local businesses, particularly as it relates to business practices such as wages.

Councilor Scott spoke about creating an ordinance to require local businesses to publicly post the hourly wages of their lowest paid employee. He said this information would guide the public when deciding which businesses to support.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

28. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 211831 (ID:24780) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on April 27, 2021.
- Councilor Rossetti reported that a number of appointments were recommended for approval.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- B. Mayor's Request 210951 (ID:23822) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Ami Feldman to the position of Library Trustee.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- C. Mayor's Request 210952 (ID:23824) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Georgania Toussaint to the position of Library Trustee.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- D. Mayor's Request 211300 (ID:24186) Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Nicholas Salerno as Election Commissioner.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- E. Mayor's Request 211415 (ID:24294) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Rose White to the Community Preservation Act Committee.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

29. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 211832 (ID:24786) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on May 11, 2021.
- Councilor Rossetti reported that 5 individuals were recommended for approval as Reserve Firefighters. She updated the Council on the number of vacancies within the Fire Department and noted that another 4 candidates would be before the Committee next week.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- B. Mayor's Request 211736 (ID:24640) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Connor Colbert to the position of Reserve Firefighter.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- C. Mayor's Request 211737 (ID:24641) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Nicholas Halloran to the position of Reserve Firefighter.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- D. Mayor's Request 211738 (ID:24642) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Daniel Higgins to the position of Reserve Firefighter.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- E. Mayor's Request 211739 (ID:24643) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jason Kenney to the position of Reserve Firefighter.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- F. Mayor's Request 211740 (ID:24644) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Sean Marquis to the position of Reserve Firefighter.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

30. FINANCE COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report 211833 (ID:24783) | Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on May 3, 2021. |
| | | <p>Councilor Scott moved to sever #211731 from the report as he was recused from that item. The item was severed, and he summarized the other actions taken by the Committee. Items discussed were 2 Orders of Taking, Fire Department apparatus, various appropriations and siting a fire station in the Assembly Square neighborhood. Councilor Ballantyne then reported on #211731 regarding an appropriation to pay the principal and interest due on land acquisition bond anticipation notes for Union Square DIF properties.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
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| B. | Mayor's Request 211686 (ID:24538) | Requesting the adoption of an Order of Taking for 191 Highland Avenue for municipal historic and arts purposes. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
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| C. | Mayor's Request 211687 (ID:24592) | Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$5,000,575 in a bond for the cost of acquiring the Armory Building at 191 Highland Avenue. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
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| D. | Order 211723 (ID:24638) | By City Councilor Rossetti That the Chief Fire Engineer discuss the current apparatus maintenance status with this Council. |
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| E. | Mayor's Request 211731 (ID:24619) | Requesting the appropriation of \$2,718,676.20 from the Receipts Reserved-Sale of Real Estate Account to Debt Service, to pay principal and interest due on land acquisition bond anticipation notes for Union Square DIF properties. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>RECUSED: Scott</p> |
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| F. | Mayor's Request 211733 (ID:24602) | Requesting the appropriation of \$200,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund in order to implement interim traffic and pedestrian safety improvements at Powderhouse Circle. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

- G. Mayor's Request 211748 (ID:24613) Requesting to discuss with this Council siting a Fire Station in the Assembly Square neighborhood.
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| RESULT: | PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

31. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 211834 (ID:24781) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on April 29, 2021.
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| Councilor Ewen-Campen said that in addition to considering a map change, the Committee held a public hearing on several zoning amendments, which will continue to be deliberated. | |
| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

32. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 211835 (ID:24784) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on May 6, 2021.
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| Councilor Davis said that a number of items were discussed in Committee, and 2 ordinances and a Home Rule Petition were recommended for approval. | |
| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
- B. Order 211605 (ID:24506) By City Councilor Clingan, White Jr., Strezo, Davis, Mbah, Ballantyne, Scott, Ewen-Campen
That the City Solicitor work with this Council on an ordinance to deny, revoke or suspend permits to companies with a history of engaging in unsafe, hazardous or dangerous practices based on work safety histories or concerns.
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| For the approved text see #211855. | |
| RESULT: | WORK COMPLETED |
- C. Order 211680 (ID:24583) By City Councilor Davis, Scott
That the City Solicitor prepare a Home Rule Petition to recognize any member of a domestic partnership as a "dependent" for Group Insurance Commission coverage, and as a "spouse" with respect to other applicable laws.
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| For the approved text see #211854. | |
| RESULT: | WORK COMPLETED |

- D. Ordinance 211709 (ID:24620) By City Councilor Niedergang Submitting a revised Leaf Blower Ordinance regulating the use of leaf blowers.
- For the adopted Ordinance see #211912.
- RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- E. Resolution 211836 (ID:24753) By City Councilor Clingan That this Council approve an ordinance authorizing the city to deny permits to any person or entity having a history of engaging in unsafe works practices.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- F. Resolution 211837 (ID:24754) By City Councilor Davis That this Council approve a Home Rule Petition recognizing any member of a domestic partnership as a "dependent" for Group Insurance Commission coverage, and as a "spouse" with respect to other applicable laws.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

33. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 211838 (ID:24779) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on April 26, 2021.
- Councilor White presented the Committee report and said that Junk Dealer's Licenses can include a Pawn Broker component. Tosh Enterprises' Junk Dealer's License was before the Committee for renewal, and because a pawn customer had reported a dispute, the Committee held a show-cause hearing. The applicant was represented by counsel. The customer's attorney alleged that he was charged an interest rate of 120%, but it appears that the city hasn't set a maximum rate for pawn broking. During the hearing, the applicant indicated he was disposing of pawned items without adhering to state law. He said that law was outdated. Based on that testimony, the Committee recommended approving a temporary conditional license, with both parties able to submit additional information before this matter is deliberated again.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- B. License/Permit 211524 (ID:24453) Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Tosh Enterprises, 260 Elm St.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| CONDITIONS: | 1. This license shall be valid only through May 31, 2021. 2. No additional items shall be taken or loans issued on a pawnbroker basis, and no items shall be disposed of, except in accordance with all provisions of MGL c140 s71. |
- C. License/Permit 211525 (ID:24451) New Flammables License, Form Energy Inc, 30 Dane Street, storing 300 gallons.
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| RESULT: | WITHDRAWN. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
- D. License/Permit 211779 (ID:24662) New Garage License, Greentown Labs Inc, 444 Somerville Avenue, 4 autos inside, 0 outside for vehicle repairs only, operating Mon-Sun: 7am-8pm.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| CONDITION: | Garage shall be used only for the commercial activities of tenants, and not for amenity parking for guests, officers, or staff. |

34. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 211839 (ID:24782) Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on May 3, 2021.
- Councilor Davis said the Committee discussed several police-related matters as well as homelessness and COVID issues.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
- B. Order 205829 (ID:18604) By City Councilor Hirsch That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and other enforcing departments report to this Board on enforcing business signage laws, especially for alcohol, tobacco or marijuana advertisements.
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| RESULT: | WORK COMPLETED |
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- C. Order 207942 (ID:20717) By City Councilor Hirsch That the Director of Parks and Recreation design with interested parents and caregivers a summer program to support those who have children with autism disorder.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- D. Order 208989 (ID:21806) By City Councilor White Jr., Ballantyne That the Chief of Police report to this Council on any enforcement actions undertaken under Ordinance 9-97, especially with regard to disturbances of the peace in the vicinity of Tufts College.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- E. Resolution 209978 (ID:22832) By City Councilor Hirsch, Ballantyne, Davis, Mbah That the Administration update this Council on contingency staffing plans in case a large number of front-line employees are unable to work due to illness or self-isolation.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- F. Order 210194 (ID:23068) By City Councilor Strezo That the Chief of Police provide weekly updates on mask citations issued and any non-compliance incidents.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- G. Order 210212 (ID:23067) By City Councilor Clingan, Strezo That the Director of Health and Human Services work with the appropriate state agencies to identify all state funded group and foster homes to ensure they have enough PPEs and to examine their plans to keep facilities clean.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- H. Order 210366 (ID:23234) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Davis, Clingan That the Police Department post its weekly crime log on social media every week.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**
- I. Order 210476 (ID:23367) By City Councilor Clingan, Scott, Davis, Mbah, Strezo That the Chief of Police provide to this Council the number of confirmed shootings since January 2018, including the dates, times, locations, number of rounds fired, and what or who those rounds hit.
- RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

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| <p>J. Order 210477 (ID:23368)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Clingan, Scott, Davis, Strezo, Mbah That the Chief of Police provide to this Council the number of times and locations that shot spotter has been triggered since January 2018.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>K. Order 210478 (ID:23369)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Clingan, Scott, Ballantyne, Mbah, Davis, Strezo That the Chief of Police utilize social media, including Twitter, to let residents know when there have been shots fired or when the Police make a firearm arrest.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>L. Order 210541 (ID:23428)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Rossetti That the Director of Health and Human Services report to this Council, within 7 days, the ability of the Health Department or the Administration to order Covid-19 testing of all Tufts college students living in Somerville, whether attending classes virtually or in hybrid mode.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>M. Resolution 210606 (ID:23482)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Ballantyne, Davis, Rossetti That the Director of Health and Human Services and Tufts University provide this Council with weekly updates on the number of unique COVID-19 tests administered to Tufts undergraduate and graduate students until all students have been tested.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>N. Order 211179 (ID:24073)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Communications advise the community via social media of all shootings and violent crimes that occur in Somerville. (2nd request)</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>O. Order 211220 (ID:24109)</p> | <p>By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ballantyne, Strezo, Clingan, Scott, Davis That the Covid-19 response team update the Committee on Public Health and Safety on the Phase 2 vaccine roll-out for residents, particularly senior citizens and other vulnerable residents.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>P. Order 211221 (ID:24111)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Strezo, Scott, Clingan, Davis That the Directors of Health and Human Services and the Council on Aging collaborate to bridge the digital divide for residents seeking to obtain the Covid vaccine who may not have access to the internet.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |

Q. Resolution 211222 (ID:24110) By City Councilor Mbah, Scott, Strezo, Clingan, Davis That the Administration help residents over 75 years of age sign up for Covid-19 vaccinations.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

R. Resolution 211223 (ID:24112) By City Councilor Mbah, Niedergang, Strezo, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Ballantyne, Scott, Davis That the Administration include teachers on the priority list as the vaccine distribution plan is rolled out.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

S. Order 211355 (ID:24258) By City Councilor Niedergang, McLaughlin, Clingan, Ballantyne, Mbah That the Mayor, the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management and the Director of Health and Human Services update this Council on Public School reopening plans.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

T. Order 211594 (ID:24498) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Strezo, Clingan That the Director of Health and Human Services discuss how much planned funding will be allocated toward trauma training initiatives for youth in the coming years.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

35. RULES SPECIAL COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 211840 (ID:24785) Report of the Special Committee on Rules, meeting on May 11, 2021.

Councilor White presented the Committee report and explained each of the changes made to the Rules of the City Council.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

B. Order 211352 (ID:24255) By City Councilor White Jr., Rossetti, Davis, Clingan, Scott That the Rules Committee work with the City Solicitor to establish firm procedures regarding executive sessions to ensure compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

For the text of the approved Rule see #211911.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Officer's Communication 211493 (ID:24460) City Clerk submitting amendments to the Rules of the City Council to make them gender-neutral.

For the text of the approved Rules see #211911.
RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- D. Officer's Communication 211494 (ID:24461) City Clerk submitting amendments to three Rules of the City Council, for various purposes described within.

RESULT: **APPROVED AS AMENDED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
AMENDED: 1. Further amend Rule 31 by inserting after "roll call" the phrase ", a salute to the flag of the United States of America,".
 2. Further amend Rule 56 by inserting at the end of the first sentence the phrase "unless a majority of members present shall vote otherwise."

- E. Order 211841 (ID:24813) By City Councilor Davis That the City Clerk propose amendments to the Rules of the City Council to make them gender neutral, including the use of the singular pronouns they and their.

RESULT: **APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

36. Mayor's Request 211842 (ID:24611) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,520,000 in a bond for building improvements.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

37. Mayor's Request 211843 (ID:24726) Requesting approval to appropriate \$21,060.28 from the Street Tree Stabilization fund for the Tree Health Program.

RESULT: **APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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| <p>38. Mayor's Request 211844 (ID:24722)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of a transfer of \$35,000 from the Fire Department Personal Services Salaries Account to the Fire Alarm Personal Services Overtime Account to cover a deficit due to long-term sick leave.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>39. Mayor's Request 211845 (ID:24601)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of a transfer of \$8,000 in this Council's budget, from the Professional and Technical Services Account to the Salaries and Wages Temporary Account, to continue funding staff to develop a civilian oversight process for the Police Department.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>40. Mayor's Request 211846 (ID:24710)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$5,212.98 using available funds in the Information Technology Internet Maintenance and Lease Photocopier Accounts.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>41. Mayor's Request 211847 (ID:24718)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$756 using available funds in the Arts Council's Revolving Account for Medford Fire Detail Services for Fireworks.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>42. Mayor's Request 211848 (ID:24603)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$387.30 using available funds in the Infrastructure and Asset Management Fee Account for delinquent EZ Pass toll invoices.</p> | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| <p>43. Mayor's Request 211849 (ID:24697)</p> | <p>Requesting acceptance of a \$3,000 grant with no new match required, from the Housing Authority to the Arts Council for support for the Mystic Mural Project.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

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| 44. Mayor's Request 211850 (ID:24698) | Requesting approval of a time-only extension for The Robinson Green Beretta Corp. contract for construction administration at the Buena Vista Garage through 8/31/2021. |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| 45. Mayor's Request 211851 (ID:24711) | Requesting approval to amend a contract with Design Consultants for an additional 2 years and \$53,146.25, for final work related to the Beacon St. Roadway construction project. |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| 46. Mayor's Request 211852 (ID:24714) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jean Alix Simeon as a full member of the Condominium Review Board. |
| <p>Councilor Rossetti moved to waive the readings and refer items 46-47 to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> | |
| 47. Mayor's Request 211853 (ID:24715) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Paul Vancini as an Alternate Member of the Condominium Review Board. |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> | |

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

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| 48. Officer's Communication 211854 (ID:24717) | Chief Labor Counsel submitting a Home Rule Petition to define a domestic partner as a spouse and dependent in Somerville. |
| <p>For discussion of this item see #211680.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| 49. Officer's Communication 211855 (ID:24725) | Assistant City Solicitor submitting an Ordinance to authorize the denial, revocation or suspension of permits due to workplace safety concerns. |
| <p>For discussion of this item see #211605.</p> <p>RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |

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| <p>50. Officer's Communication 211856 (ID:24789)</p> | <p>City Clerk submitting a proposed amendment of Article III of Chapter 8, the Junk Dealer Ordinance.</p> | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee</p> |
| <p>51. Officer's Communication 211857 (ID:24748)</p> | <p>Director of Water and Sewer submitting the FY22 water and sewer volumetric rate recommendation.</p> | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| <p>52. Officer's Communication 211858 (ID:24795)</p> | <p>Water and Sewer Director of Administration conveying testimony received relative to the proposed FY22 water and sewer rates.</p> | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| <p>53. Officer's Communication 211859 (ID:24751)</p> | <p>Director of Infrastructure & Asset Management conveying the Water and Sewer Capital Investment Plan update for April, 2021.</p> | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| <p>54. Officer's Communication 211860 (ID:24716)</p> | <p>Director of Intergovernmental Affairs responding to #211396 re: expunging a police record.</p> | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>55. Officer's Communication 211861 (ID:24756)</p> | <p>Memorialization Committee conveying the naming of a new street, Harold Cohen Street, between Foley Street and Revolution Drive.</p> | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

NEW BUSINESS

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| 56. License/Permit 211862 (ID:24747) | New Drainlayer's License, Proia Construction Inc. |
| | <p>Councilor White moved to waive the readings and approve items 56-82. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 57. License/Permit 211863 (ID:24758) | New Drainlayer's License, Classic Site Solutions Inc. |
| | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 58. License/Permit 211864 (ID:24727) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Celiberti Realty. |
| | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 59. License/Permit 211865 (ID:24728) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, JNJ Sacca. |
| | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 60. License/Permit 211866 (ID:24730) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Suffolk Engineering. |
| | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 61. License/Permit 211867 (ID:24801) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Insite Contracting. |
| | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 62. License/Permit 211868 (ID:24729) | Renewing Drainlayer's License Meninno Construction Corp. |
| | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

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| 63. | License/Permit 211869 (ID:24759) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Capitol Services. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 64. | License/Permit 211870 (ID:24757) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, JR and Sons Construction. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 65. | License/Permit 211871 (ID:24731) | Renewing Flammables License, DW Propco JK LLC, 0 Dawes Street. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 66. | License/Permit 211872 (ID:24732) | Renewing Flammables License, Good Gas Somerville, 343 Medford St. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 67. | License/Permit 211873 (ID:24733) | Renewing Garage License, Broadway Motor Cars, 161 Broadway. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 68. | License/Permit 211874 (ID:24734) | Renewing Garage License, K Professional Auto Detailing, 682 Mystic Ave. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 69. | License/Permit 211875 (ID:24735) | Renewing Garage License, Automotive Transport Service, 40 Joy St. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 70. | License/Permit 211876 (ID:24738) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Roly Cab, Med #17. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

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| 71. | License/Permit 211877 (ID:24739) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Edelle Cab, Med #20. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 72. | License/Permit 211878 (ID:24740) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Jolina Taxi, Med #52. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 73. | License/Permit 211879 (ID:24741) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, VINL Transportation, Med #65. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 74. | License/Permit 211880 (ID:24742) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, LTK, Med #66. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 75. | License/Permit 211881 (ID:24743) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Sadel and G Transportation, Med #70. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 76. | License/Permit 211882 (ID:24744) | Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Michael Cab, Med #88. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 77. | License/Permit 211883 (ID:24745) | Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, McDonalds, 14 McGrath Hwy. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 78. | License/Permit 211884 (ID:24746) | Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Lucky Strike, 325 Revolution Dr. | RESULT: AYES: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

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| 79. | License/Permit 211885 (ID:24736) | Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Urban Equity Development, 55 Day St. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 80. | License/Permit 211886 (ID:24737) | Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Nissenbaum Auto Parts, 480 Columbia St. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 81. | License/Permit 211887 (ID:24749) | Renewing Billiards and Bowling License, Flatbread Company at Sacco's Bowl Haven, 45 Day St. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 82. | License/Permit 211888 (ID:24799) | New Sign/Awning Permit, 1154 Hotel LLC, 1154 Broadway, for projections overhanging the public sidewalk. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 83. | Public Communication 211889 (ID:24791) | 13 registered voters requesting the adoption of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to revise the Boynton Yards sub-overlay area. Also referred to the Planning Board. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee |
| 84. | Public Communication 211890 (ID:24792) | 13 registered voters requesting the adoption of an amendment to the Zoning Map to revise the Boynton Yards sub-overlay area. Also referred to the Planning Board. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee |
| 85. | Public Communication 211891 (ID:24788) | Tufts responding to #211597 re: submitting an Institutional Master Plan and limiting housing. RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee |

86. Public Communication 211892 (ID:24793) Nancy Trane submitting comments re: #211611, amending the Zoning Ordinance with respect to Body Art Services.

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| RESULT: | PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

87. Public Communication 211893 (ID:24800) TranSystems conveying a notice of an I-93 Bridge Rehabilitation project.

For discussion of this item see #211919.

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| RESULT: | PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| FOLLOWUP: | Traffic and Parking Committee |

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

88. Order 211894 (ID:24790) By City Councilor Niedergang, Ewen-Campen That the Director of SPCD report to this Council the plans for the Community Path at-grade street crossings, such as at Central and School Streets, specifically, whether they will utilize raised crosswalks for safety and traffic calming?

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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

89. Order 211895 (ID:24804) By City Councilor Davis That the Commissioner of Public Works reactivate the pedestrian crossing signal at Morrison and College Avenues and report to the Ward 6 Councilor if there is any reason it can't be done within a week of the date of this meeting.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

90. Order 211896 (ID:24805) By City Councilor Strezo That the Director of Economic Development provide small businesses with a contact list to reach someone within 24-48 hours while city offices are closed and operating under the Mayor's COVID-related Executive Order.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

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| <p>91. Order 211897 (ID:24806)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Strezio That the City Solicitor advise in writing and appear before the Committee on Housing and Community Development to discuss how extensively the Encore Casino has been in compliance with its Surrounding Community Agreement.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee</p> | |
| <p>92. Mayor's Request 211898 (ID:24803)</p> | <p>Requesting an appropriation of \$630,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to ADA Improvements Fund 5148 for ADA building accessibility improvements.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| <p>93. Mayor's Request 211899 (ID:24811)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of a transfer of \$1,000 in the Grants Development Department, from the Professional and Technical Account to the Salaries Account, to fund the Grant Writer's increased hours.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>94. Mayor's Request 211900 (ID:24802)</p> | <p>Requesting acceptance of a \$75,000 donation from Tufts pursuant to the 2014-2018 Partnership Agreement with the City.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>95. Mayor's Request 211901 (ID:24760)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for an OSPCD Drone.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee</p> | |
| <p>96. Mayor's Request 211902 (ID:24761)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Coord App License Plate Collection.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee</p> | |
| <p>97. Mayor's Request 211903 (ID:24817)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Robert Buchanan to the Planning Board.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |

98. Mayor's Request 211904 (ID:24818) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Erin Geno to the Planning Board.
- Councilor Rossetti moved to waive the readings of items 98-100 and send them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, explaining that the Committee will interview 4 candidates for the Planning Board next week.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee
99. Mayor's Request 211905 (ID:24819) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Deborah Howitt-Easton as an Alternate Member of the Planning Board.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee
100. Mayor's Request 211906 (ID:24820) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Russell Pildes as an Alternate Member of the Planning Board.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee
101. Mayor's Request 211907 (ID:24821) Requesting that this Council confirm the appointment to the Urban Design Commission of the same members previously appointed to the Interim Urban Design Commission, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance 15.4.7.
- Councilor Rossetti moved to waive the readings of items 101-102 and send them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee
102. Mayor's Request 211908 (ID:24822) Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Frank Valdez to the Urban Design Commission.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

103. Mayor's Communication 211909 (ID:24752) Submitting a Proclamation for Women's Advancement, Equity and Opportunity in Somerville.
- Councilor Strezo commented on the hardships faced by women during the COVID pandemic and said that one step to alleviate that hardship may be by creating job mentorships for women.
- RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
104. Officer's Communication 211910 (ID:24807) City Clerk submitting revised amendments to the Rules of the City Council to make them gender-neutral.
- Councilor Davis commented that he advocated for the use of “they” and “their” as singular pronouns. For more discussion of this item see #211493.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
105. Officer's Communication 211911 (ID:24808) City Clerk submitting amendments to City Council Rule 9 to clarify the review, approval, and consideration for release of the minutes of executive sessions.
- For more discussion of this item see #211352.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
106. Officer's Communication 211912 (ID:24812) Assistant City Solicitor submitting an ordinance to regulate the use of leaf blowers, as approved by the Legislative Matters Committee on 5/6/21.
- For discussion of this item see #211709.
- RESULT:** ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
107. Officer's Communication 211913 (ID:24809) City Solicitor requesting approval to retain Brody, Hardoon, Perkins & Kesten as outside counsel in Dante DiFronzo v City of Somerville et al.
- Solicitor Wright explained that the city was served with an action for wrongful termination, and as the Law Department is short a staff person, he requested to hire outside counsel.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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| <p>108. Officer's Communication 211914 (ID:24810)</p> | <p>City Solicitor requesting approval to retain KP Law as outside counsel in the Civil Service Bypass Appeal of Matthew Fairchild.</p> |
| | <p>Solicitor Wright explained that the city was served with an action for a bypass appeal on a Civil Service matter and as the Law Department is short a staff person, he requested to hire outside counsel. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>109. Officer's Communication 211915 (ID:24823)</p> | <p>Director of SPCD requesting to appear with the Mayor's Office before the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters to discuss granting Special Municipal Employee status to certain boards and commissions.</p> |
| | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| <p>110. License/Permit 211916 (ID:24826)</p> | <p>Public Event License, Vintage Market, Bow Market and Somerville Avenue, May 23, 9AM-9PM (raindate June 6).</p> |
| | <p>Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve items 110-111. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>111. License/Permit 211917 (ID:24816)</p> | <p>Public Event License, Growing Center activities, 22 Vinal Ave, May 23-Oct 31, various dates and times,</p> |
| | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

LATE ITEMS

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| <p>112. Resolution 211918 (ID:24828)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. Supporting the Tufts Labor Coalition and students standing in solidarity with the Tufts Dining Workers.</p> |
| | <p>Councilor Ballantyne sponsored Tufts student David Boulet-Gercourt, a student activist, who asked the Council for its support for the Tufts Dining Workers, saying they have been mistreated by Tufts. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

113. Resolution 211919 (ID:24825) By City Councilor Niedergang, McLaughlin, Clingan, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Rossetti, Mbah, White Jr., and the Mayor Calling on the Mass. Department of Transportation to prioritize and enhance roadway safety improvements on Mystic Avenue and McGrath Highway, and to install sound walls as part of the I-93 viaduct steel rehabilitation project.

Councilor Niedergang spoke about “the corridor of death” at Mystic Avenue and McGrath Highway, where 3 pedestrian fatalities have occurred over the past 2 years. The State had planned safety improvements for the area but have now pushed them back to 2023 in favor of performing maintenance work on the I-93 viaduct. That work will necessitate rerouting traffic through the city. Separately, multiple requests have been made for sound walls along portions of I-93, and the city has always been told that such work can only be done in conjunction with other work, but now with the viaduct work planned, no commitment has been made to include them. He announced a demonstration on May 26 to call attention to this situation.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

114. Resolution 211920 (ID:24829) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Strezo, Scott That the Administration consider Community Development Block Grant funding to combat the rodent infestation in East Somerville.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

115. License/Permit 211921 (ID:24827) Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Tosh Enterprises, 260 Elm St.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 11:15 PM.

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 27, 2021, 7:00 PM
 Meeting by Remote Participation

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OPENING CEREMONIES

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

| Attendee Name | Title | Status | Arrived |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Wilfred N. Mbah | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Mary Jo Rossetti | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Kristen Strezo | City Councilor at Large | Present | |
| William A. White Jr. | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Matthew McLaughlin | Ward One City Councilor | Present | |
| Jefferson Thomas ("J.T.") Scott | Ward Two City Councilor | Present | |
| Ben Ewen-Campen | Ward Three City Councilor | Present | |
| Jesse Clingan | Ward Four City Councilor | Present | |
| Mark Niedergang | Ward Five City Councilor | Present | |
| Lance L. Davis | Ward Six City Councilor | Present | |
| Katjana Ballantyne | Ward Seven City Councilor | Absent | |

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 211922
 (ID:24873) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 211923
 (ID:24874) Councilor Rossetti sponsored a moment of silence for Elaine M Sullivan.
 Councilor Scott sponsored a moment of silence for Attorney Peter Hoban.
 President McLaughlin sponsored a moment of silence for all veterans who
 paid the ultimate price in the defense of our country.
 RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, April 22, 2021.
 211924
 (ID:24875) **RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
 Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
 ABSENT: Ballantyne

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

4. Resolution 211925 (ID:24851) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. Calling on the federal government to cancel student debt.

Councilor Ewen-Campen said the pandemic has exposed how unjust our economy is. 19% of Somerville residents have student debt and that, he said, is a racial justice issue, adding that the time has come to forgive student debt. He sponsored resident Marcus Harken, who said he obtained a degree to secure a job, and he spoke about the difficulty in securing one due to the credentials now being required. He pays \$750 a month towards his student debt and said if it were cancelled, it would provide him some breathing space to get ahead.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne

5. Resolution 211926 (ID:24852) By City Councilor Strezo, Clingan That the Director of the Housing Authority make sure all exterior locks on residential buildings are functional, and replace any that are not within 30 days.

Councilor Clingan commented that he has received constituent complaints on this matter.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne

6. Resolution 211927 (ID:24853) By City Councilor Strezo, Clingan That the Director of the Housing Authority make sure all resident building intercom systems are connected to the assigned apartment and working properly, and replace any that are not within 60 days.

Councilor Clingan commented that he has received constituent complaints on this matter.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne

7. Order 211928 (ID:24861) By City Councilor Clingan, Strezo
That the Chief of Police assign a nightly detail to patrol the Mystic Housing Development until the end of Labor Day weekend.

Councilor Clingan said there is a need for a police presence to reduce the number of shootings in the city.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne

8. Order 211929 (ID:24862) By City Councilor Clingan, Strezo
That the Chief of Police request an update from the Housing Authority on the 2020-discussed reforms such as marked vehicles, uniformed officers, body cameras, and updated policies and procedures for officer accountability and discipline.

Councilor Clingan said this is a follow-up on discussions held last year.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

9. Order 211930 (ID:24863) By City Councilor Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
That the Director of SPCD draft a zoning amendment enabling owners of homes in historic districts to add up to 4 additional units to discourage the demolition of historic homes and to create additional affordable housing.

Councilor Clingan explained that the details of this idea haven't been worked out yet but he thinks that it might be a way to add more affordable housing. Councilor Niedergang said the idea is worth exploring as a way to provide an incentive to creating additional housing.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

10. Resolution 211931 (ID:24854) By City Councilor Clingan, Strezo, Niedergang, White Jr., Davis, Mbah, Ballantyne, Scott
Endorsing the attached letter from the Wage Theft Advisory Committee, and directing the City Clerk to forward it to the named parties and the federal delegation.

Councilor Clingan explained that this would prioritize workers' rights over documentation.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne

11. Resolution 211932 (ID:24859) By City Councilor Clingan, Scott
That the Administration provide the Wage Theft Advisory Committee with all current city vendor contracts, city licensed businesses, and issued permits.

Councilor Clingan asked for this information to assist the Wage Theft Advisory Committee in enforcing the wage theft ordinance.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne

12. Resolution 211933 (ID:24860) By City Councilor Clingan, Scott, Mbah
That the Administration provide to the Wage Theft Advisory Committee a flow chart detailing the process and steps for issuing licenses and permits, and the departments responsible.

Councilor Clingan asked for this information to assist the Wage Theft Advisory Committee in enforcing the wage theft ordinance.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne

13. Order 211934 (ID:24855) By City Councilor Clingan
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the street lights between 9 and 39 Bailey Road.

Councilor Clingan waived the reading of items 13-16 and moved for their approval.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne

14. Order 211935 (ID:24856) By City Councilor Clingan That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the street lights on the corner of Puritan and Ten Hills Roads.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne

15. Order 211936 (ID:24857) By City Councilor Clingan That the Director of Parking replace the faded STOP sign on Lee Street at Medford Street.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne

16. Order 211937 (ID:24858) By City Councilor Clingan That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk panels with the massive dog imprints on Richdale Avenue at Thurston Street.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne

17. Communication 211938 (ID:24840) By City Councilor Rossetti Reporting on the High School Building Committee meetings of April 26 and May 17, 2021.

Councilor Rossetti reported that there are 759 items remaining on the punch list and that the project is \$6,784,000 over budget. The spending for details has more than doubled what was budgeted for and she has asked the leadership team to look into it. The expected completion date of phases 1 and 2 is August 8. She said the contingency line grew to over \$7 million. She said she was told the original estimate was less than it should have been and that there had been contractual issues that added to the cost of the details.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

18. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 211939 (ID:24866) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on May 18, 2021.
- Councilor Rossetti listed the appointments that had been confirmed.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
- AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
- ABSENT:** Ballantyne
- B. Mayor's Request 208284 (ID:21071) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Nicholas Antanavica to the position of Director of Inspectional Services.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
- AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
- ABSENT:** Ballantyne
- C. Mayor's Request 209512 (ID:22348) Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Nick Antanavica as Director of Inspectional Services.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
- AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
- ABSENT:** Ballantyne
- D. Mayor's Request 211296 (ID:24177) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Nick Antanavica as Director of Inspectional Services.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
- AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
- ABSENT:** Ballantyne
- E. Mayor's Request 211904 (ID:24818) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Erin Geno to the Planning Board.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
- AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
- ABSENT:** Ballantyne

F. Mayor's Request 211905 (ID:24819) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Deborah Howitt-Easton as an Alternate Member of the Planning Board.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne

G. Order 211940 (ID:24831) By City Councilor Mbah That the Director of SPCD re-evaluate SomerVision post-pandemic, and ways to mitigate the impact from the pandemic.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

19. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 211941 (ID:24867) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on May 20, 2021.

Councilor Rossetti listed the appointments that had been confirmed.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne

B. Mayor's Request 211741 (ID:24645) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Daniel O'Donnell to the position of Reserve Firefighter.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne

C. Mayor's Request 211742 (ID:24646) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jeffrey Querusio to the position of Reserve Firefighter.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne

D. Mayor's Request 211743 (ID:24647) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Patrick Soares to the position of Reserve Firefighter.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne

E. Mayor's Request 211744 (ID:24648) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Matthew Sullivan to the position of Reserve Firefighter.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne

F. Mayor's Request 211745 (ID:24649) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Brittany Taylor to the position of Reserve Firefighter.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne

G. Mayor's Request 211907 (ID:24821) Requesting that this Council confirm the appointment to the Urban Design Commission of the same members previously appointed to the Interim Urban Design Commission, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance 15.4.7.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne

H. Mayor's Request 211908 (ID:24822) Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Frank Valdez to the Urban Design Commission.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne

20. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 211942 (ID:24872)

Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on May 25, 2021.

Councilor Scott said the meeting included a review of Police Department recommendations over the past 20 years as well as proposed water and sewer rates and various appropriations requests. He said the eminent domain taking of the Aldersey Street property was kept in committee, waiting until the Administration is ready to take it up again. President McLaughlin recused himself, Councilor Rossetti assumed the Chair, and Councilor Scott's motion to sever #211469 and #211826 from the report was approved 8-0 with Councilors White and McLaughlin recused and Councilor Ballantyne absent. On the main portion of the report, Councilor Strezo expressed concern for residents on fixed incomes and their ability to pay water and sewer bills, and Councilor Scott explained that discussions are being held to determine financial thresholds for assistance. Councilor Ewen-Campen commented about building structural defects into the water and sewer rates and said he's concerned about borrowing against the stabilization fund. Councilor White spoke about the need to establish a reserve fund. The main portion of the report was approved 8-0 with Councilors White and McLaughlin recused and Councilor Ballantyne absent. Councilor Scott's motion to approve #211469 was then approved by the same vote, and #211826 was referred back to Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: White Jr., McLaughlin, Ballantyne

B. Mayor's Request 211466 (ID:24415)

Requesting the appropriation of \$1,005,971.23 from the CPA Community Housing Reserve Fund to the Somerville Affordable Housing Trust Fund for the FY21 Community Housing Allocation.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: White Jr., McLaughlin, Ballantyne

C. Mayor's Request 211469 (ID:24322)

Requesting to rescind the approval and appropriation of \$87,114 for the Somerville Museum Collection Care project, to be re-appropriated.

RESULT: APPROVED. [8 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: McLaughlin, Ballantyne
RECUSED: White Jr.

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| D. Mayor's Request 211472 (ID:24416) | Requesting the appropriation of \$50,000 from the CPA FY21 Fund for the Open Space Acquisition and Improvements Stabilization Fund. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis ABSENT: White Jr., McLaughlin, Ballantyne |
| E. Mayor's Request 211566 (ID:24016) | Requesting the appropriation of \$50,000 from the CPA FY21 Open Space/Recreational Land Reserve Budget for the Open Space Acquisition and Improvements Stabilization Fund. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis ABSENT: White Jr., McLaughlin, Ballantyne |
| F. Officer's Communication 211618 (ID:24581) | Director of Water and Sewer submitting the FY22 water and sewer rate proposal. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis ABSENT: White Jr., McLaughlin, Ballantyne |
| G. Mayor's Request 211842 (ID:24611) | Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,520,000 in a bond for building improvements. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis ABSENT: White Jr., McLaughlin, Ballantyne |
| H. Officer's Communication 211858 (ID:24795) | Water and Sewer Director of Administration conveying testimony received relative to the proposed FY22 water and sewer rates. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| I. Mayor's Request 211898 (ID:24803) | Requesting an appropriation of \$630,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to ADA Improvements Fund 5148 for ADA building accessibility improvements. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis ABSENT: White Jr., McLaughlin, Ballantyne |

- J. Resolution 211943 (ID:24906) By City Councilor White Jr. That the Administration submit to the City Council an appropriation of \$1,000,000 from the Water and Sewer Stabilization Fund to the upcoming FY22 budget to reduce the increase in the water rate from 7% to 6%.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: White Jr., McLaughlin, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

- K. Order 211944 (ID:24907) By City Councilor White Jr. That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management provide this Council with all documents, emails and correspondence regarding the overflow from the EPA and MWRA.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: White Jr., McLaughlin, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

21. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 211945 (ID:24869) Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on May 19, 2021.

Councilor Strezio reported that among the topics the committee discussed were the eviction moratorium, the One+ Program and Encore Casino's payments to the city per the Surrounding Communities Agreement.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne

- B. Resolution 204462 (ID:17174) By City Councilor Davis, Ballantyne, and the Entire Board That the Administration advise this Board on enforcing city ordinances, and develop a better response to repeat violations, including whether eyewitness reports or submitted evidence can be the basis for a citation.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Resolution 205183 (ID:17954) By City Councilor Rossetti, McLaughlin, Ballantyne That the Administration reassess the city's agreement with Globe Direct regarding stopping deliveries upon request.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Order 205286 (ID:18060) By City Councilor Hirsch, and the Entire Board
That the Director of SPCD share what role the city has, or could have with additional staff, in assisting residents with condo association dilemmas, tenant organizing, or ensuring that inclusionary unit owners or tenants have equal voice in building decisions.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- E. Order 209361 (ID:22207) By City Councilor Ballantyne, McLaughlin
That the Director of SPCD discuss the impact on small businesses city-wide since the expansion and growth of Assembly Square and the opening of the Encore Casino.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

22. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 211946 (ID:24868) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on May 18, 2021.

Councilor Ewen-Campen said the committee discussed rooftop mechanical system heights and learned that life science rooftop mechanicals are often higher than for other building types. The committee also discussed a small overlay district to set limits on commercial storefronts and ways to select tenants for an affordable third unit in an owner-occupied property. Councilor White noted it's difficult to get financing for a third affordable unit.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis

ABSENT: Ballantyne

- B. Order 211136 (ID:24034) By City Councilor Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD discuss with the Land Use Committee whether tattoo parlors should need a Special Permit to operate on Pedestrian Streets and in other areas.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Resolution 211448 (ID:24428) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Davis
That the Administration convene a working group of members of the public and Planning staff to prepare recommendations for a zoning amendment Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Mayor's Request 211611 (ID:24484) Requesting approval of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance Body Art Services use standards and Table 9.1.1 Permitted Uses.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE

FOLLOWUP: City Council

23. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 211947 (ID:24870) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on May 20, 2021.

Councilor Davis said the committee approved 2 new uses of surveillance technology. The committee also approved 2 ordinances. The first was presented as #211971, to create a PILOT Advisory Committee for Payment In Lieu Of Taxes matters. The second was the Demolition Delay Ordinance, #211948, which City Clerk John Long confirmed had been approved with the approval of the committee report. Councilor Scott argued that changing the delay period is not in alignment with what was previously passed by this Council. Councilor Niedergang said several historic properties would be lost under the current 12-month delay. Councilor Clingan said the delay is by no means an attempt to stop development and noted that the additional 6 months would provide more time to negotiate agreements with developers. Councilor Scott said that using the delay as a tool to preserve historic buildings is the wrong choice, as it adds carrying costs, which, in turn increase housing costs. Councilor Davis said another method needs to be found to preserve historic properties since developers would just wait out the delay period as a cost of doing business. Councilor Niedergang said there isn't enough staff to create the number of local historic districts needed to preserve individual properties. Councilor Rossetti said she would prefer a 24-month delay. Councilor McLaughlin explained that the Council settled on 12 months because that's how long it takes to work through the process. He didn't think increasing the delay to 18 months would yield the desired results.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne

B. Order 209061 (ID:21919) By City Councilor Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Hirsch
 That the City Solicitor and the Director of Sustainability and the Environment draft with the Ward 5 Councilor an ordinance to ban or regulate the use of gas-powered leaf blowers.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Mayor's Request 211901 (ID:24760) Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for an OSPCD Drone.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne
AMENDED: Add to the end of the last sentence in Section 1.a: “, and the images are not shared with the Somerville Police Department except to the extent that some of the images are made available to the general public on the City’s website.”

D. Mayor's Request 211902 (ID:24761) Requesting approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for Coord App License Plate Collection.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne

E. Ordinance 211948 (ID:24836) By City Councilor Niedergang That this Council approve an amendment to the Demolition Review Ordinance to extend the maximum demolition delay period that the Historic Preservation Commission can impose on buildings of historical value from 12 months to 18 months, as recommended by the Committee on Legislative Matters on 5/20/21.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [9 TO 1]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
NAYS: Scott
ABSENT: Ballantyne

24. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 211949 (ID:24871) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on May 24, 2021.

Councilor White spoke about the renewal of the Junk Dealer license for Tosh Enterprises at 260 Elm St. He said this was the second committee meeting on the matter. Both the applicant and the objector provided additional information for the committee’s review, and retired Police Detective Ernie Nadile testified as well. Councilor White said that as Chair, he presented several findings of fact that were unanimously approved by the committee. The Committee determined unanimously that pawnbroking at the business should not continue because of the applicant’s own acknowledgment that he didn’t follow state law. On the question of whether any of the applicant’s operations should continue, the Chair said that as it was an ongoing business, and as the only issues were with pawnbroking, he felt the junk-dealer aspect could continue. Councilor Scott countered that the applicant’s failures were egregious and opposed renewing the license. Ultimately the Committee voted 2-1, with Councilor Scott opposed, to allow the applicant to continue as a junk dealer, with no pawnbroking. Several conditions were added and unanimously approved to protect the applicant’s current pawn customers. The committee then reviewed a proposed junk dealer ordinance submitted by City Clerk John Long. Councilor Mbah asked if the city could just ban pawn shops, and Assistant City Solicitor Hannah Pappenheim asked for time to research the matter.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne

- B. Grant of Location 208979 (ID:21835) Submitted by Eversource to install 7 feet of conduit in Willow Ave from Pole 198/22 to a point of pickup at 201 Willow Ave.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis |
| ABSENT: | Ballantyne |
- C. Public Communication 211425 (ID:24323) Matthew Shannon submitting a petition to revoke the Junk Dealer License held by Tosh Enterprises LLC.
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| RESULT: | PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis |
| ABSENT: | Ballantyne |
- D. License/Permit 211921 (ID:24827) Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Tosh Enterprises, 260 Elm St.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis |
| ABSENT: | Ballantyne |
| CONDITIONS: | 1) The License is approved for operation as a second hand store only. No pawn broking shall be allowed. 2) The Licensee shall not take any additional items in pawn. 3) Individuals having items deposited in pawn with the Licensee shall have the ability to redeem their items in accordance with MGL. c. 140, §71. 4) The Licensee shall report to the City Clerk within 6 months every item currently deposited in pawn with its final disposition. Failure to comply with these Conditions may result in revocation of this license. |

25. RODENT ISSUES SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 211950 (ID:24865) Report of the Special Committee on Rodent Issues, meeting on May 17, 2021.
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| Councilor Ewen-Campen referred members to the meeting minutes and asked that the report be accepted. | |
| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis |
| ABSENT: | Ballantyne |

- B. Order 209824 (ID:22715) By City Councilor Rossetti
That the Director of Communications utilize the CTY system, in April, to send out a high-alert to remind residents not to put out water or food for birds, as a method to help combat the rodent issue.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Order 210381 (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.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

26. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 211951 (ID:24864) Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on May 17, 2021.

Councilor Niedergang said that most of the meeting was spent discussing the I-93 viaduct project, pedestrian improvements in the area, and the possibility of installing sound walls on I-93, which was essentially dismissed by MA DOT officials. Councilor Strezo asked about the Kennington underpass and Councilor Niedergang replied that MA DOT isn't exactly sure what's going to be done there.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne

- B. Resolution 203004 (ID:15698) By City Councilor White Jr., McWatters, Sullivan, Connolly, Rossetti
That the Mayor work with the State Delegation on an agreement with the State to permit City crossing guards at the crosswalks at Highland Avenue and McGrath Highway, and to permit the Police Department to enforce traffic laws there.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

27. Mayor's Request 211952 (ID:24848) Requesting adoption of the attached Rental Registration and Energy Disclosure Ordinance.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

28. Mayor's Request 211953 (ID:24850) Requesting adoption of an amendment to Ordinance 12-14 to grant licensing authority to the Licensing Commission for restaurants' outdoor seating on the public way.

Councilor White spoke about the benefits of allowing the Licensing Commission to license restaurants' outdoor seating, and sponsored Licensing Commission Chair Joseph Lynch, who recounted that the Commission was given temporary authority during the pandemic to approve outdoor dining on the public way. He asked that this authority be made permanent. Councilor Niedergang noted that many restaurants have not complied with ADA requirements, and felt that the enforcement of outdoor dining has been lax. Councilor Scott expressed grave concerns about ceding this authority to the Licensing Commission, and Councilor Mbah concurred. Councilor Ewen-Campen spoke in favor of approval.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [8 TO 1]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
NAYS: Scott
ABSENT: Strezo, Ballantyne

29. Mayor's Request 211954 (ID:24824) Requesting adoption of MGL c48, s59A, authorizing the Fire Department to Provide Mutual Aid.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

30. Mayor's Request 211955 (ID:24839) Requesting the appropriation of \$3,245,814 to specified accounts from the Salary and Wage Stabilization Fund to fund the retro FY16-20 salaries and benefits pursuant to the contract with the Somerville Police Employees Association.

President McLaughlin recused himself from 30, 31, 34, and 39-40, and Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings and approve them.

RESULT: APPROVED. [9 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin

31. Mayor's Request 211956 (ID:24838) Requesting the appropriation of \$1,026,224 to specified accounts from the Salary Contingency Salaries Account to fund retro FY21 salaries and benefits pursuant to the contract with the Somerville Police Employees Association.

RESULT: APPROVED. [9 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin

32. Mayor's Request 211957 (ID:24842) Requesting the appropriation of \$21,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance (Free Cash) to the Health Insurance Opt-Out Budget, in order to correct a year end deficit.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings of 32-33 and 35-38 and approve them.
RESULT: **APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Strezo, Ballantyne

33. Mayor's Request 211958 (ID:24887) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$75,000 in the Law Department, from the Judgments/Settlements Account to the Legal Services Account, to fund anticipated outside legal counsel invoices.

RESULT: **APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Strezo, Ballantyne

34. Mayor's Request 211959 (ID:24477) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$5,612 from the Police Overtime Account to the Grant Match Account to cover the Metro Mayors Shannon Grant match requirement.

RESULT: **APPROVED. [9 TO 0]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin

35. Mayor's Request 211960 (ID:24841) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$3,530 within the Veterans Services Department from the Professional and Technical Services Account to the Personal Services Account, to correct a year end deficit.

RESULT: **APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Strezo, Ballantyne

36. Mayor's Request 211961 (ID:24837) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$3,000 in Constituent Services, from the Overtime Account to the Professional and Technical Service Account, to cover year-end invoices for 311 vendor support services.

RESULT: **APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Strezo, Ballantyne

37. Mayor's Request 211962 (ID:24723) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$3,295.25 using available funds in the Constituent Services Overtime Account for payment of 311 vendor support services.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne

38. Mayor's Request 211963 (ID:24724) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$68.37 using available funds in the Constituent Services Printing and Stationary Account for department printing services.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Strezo, Ballantyne

39. Mayor's Request 211964 (ID:24814) Requesting acceptance of a \$40,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Public Health to the Police Department for the State Opioid Response Program.

RESULT: APPROVED. [9 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin

40. Mayor's Request 211965 (ID:24476) Requesting acceptance of a \$25,602 grant that requires a match, from the Metro Mayors Shannon Initiative to the Police Department for youth violence prevention.

RESULT: APPROVED. [9 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin

41. Mayor's Request 211966 (ID:24844) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Timothy Bakey to the position of Fire Captain.

Councilor Rossetti moved to waive the readings of 41-45 and refer them to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

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| 42. Mayor's Request 211967 (ID:24845) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Barry Hamilton to the position of Fire Lieutenant. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 43. Mayor's Request 211968 (ID:24846) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Andrew Guralnick to the position of Fire Lieutenant. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 44. Mayor's Request 211969 (ID:24847) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Brendan Noonan to the position of Fire Lieutenant. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 45. Mayor's Request 211970 (ID:24712) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Christina Morone to the Commission for Women. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

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| 46. Officer's Communication 211971 (ID:24877) | Assistant City Solicitor submitting an Ordinance to establish a PILOT Advisory Task Force. | For discussion of this item see #211947. RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis ABSENT: Ballantyne |
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NEW BUSINESS

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| 47. License/Permit 211972 (ID:24895) | Public Event License, Edward Jones 529 day, 628 Somerville Ave, May 28, 8am-6pm. | Councilor White moved to waive the readings of 47-62 and approve them. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis ABSENT: Ballantyne |
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| <p>48. License/Permit 211973 (ID:24889)</p> | <p>Public Event License, East Somerville Main Streets Carnival, Broadway westbound between Michigan Ave and Illinois Ave, June 4-6, 10am-8pm (raindates June 11-13).</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis ABSENT: Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>49. License/Permit 211974 (ID:24890)</p> | <p>Public Event License, Pack 3 Somerville Blue and Gold Awards, Trum Field, June 5, 6pm-8pm (raindate June 6).</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis ABSENT: Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>50. License/Permit 211975 (ID:24885)</p> | <p>Public Event License, Anikaya/Akhra Inc performing The Cage solo dance, Perry Park, June 12, 4pm-8:30pm.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis ABSENT: Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>51. License/Permit 211976 (ID:24891)</p> | <p>Public Event License, Carol Sabin's birthday surprise, Henderson Street, June 19, 9am-9pm.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis ABSENT: Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>52. License/Permit 211977 (ID:24888)</p> | <p>Public Event License, Midsummer Block Party, Summit Ave from Vinal Ave to 15 Summit Ave, June 26, 10am-10pm (raindates June 27 & July 3).</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis ABSENT: Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>53. License/Permit 211978 (ID:24892)</p> | <p>Public Event License, Jean Appolon Expressions performing Traka dance, Seven Hills Park, June 26, 2pm-9pm (raindate June 27).</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis ABSENT: Ballantyne</p> |

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| 54. License/Permit 211979 (ID:24886) | Public Event License, OpenAir Circus Classes, Perry Park, July 6-8, 13-15, 20-22, 27-29 Aug 3-5, 10-12, 4pm-8pm. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis</p> <p>ABSENT: Ballantyne</p> |
| 55. License/Permit 211980 (ID:24833) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, BSI Engineering Inc. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis</p> <p>ABSENT: Ballantyne</p> |
| 56. License/Permit 211981 (ID:24834) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, LVMJ Corporation. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis</p> <p>ABSENT: Ballantyne</p> |
| 57. License/Permit 211982 (ID:24878) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, JET Holding Corp. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis</p> <p>ABSENT: Ballantyne</p> |
| 58. License/Permit 211983 (ID:24884) | Renewing Flammables License, Valvoline Instant Oil Change, 182 Washington St. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis</p> <p>ABSENT: Ballantyne</p> |
| 59. License/Permit 211984 (ID:24883) | Renewing Garage License, Valvoline Instant Oil Change, 182 Washington St. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis</p> <p>ABSENT: Ballantyne</p> |

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| 60. License/Permit 211985 (ID:24835) | Renewing Garage License, Mass Inspection, 712 Mystic Ave. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis ABSENT: Ballantyne |
| 61. License/Permit 211986 (ID:24882) | Renewing Garage License, GE Auto Repair, 631 Somerville Ave. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis ABSENT: Ballantyne |
| 62. License/Permit 211987 (ID:24832) | Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Top Speed Vehicles, 631 Somerville Ave. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis ABSENT: Ballantyne |
| 63. Public Communication 211988 (ID:24876) | Moshe Safdie proposing a zoning amendment to extend the Small Business Overlay to his property at 92 Properzi Way. Also referred to the Planning Board. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee |
| 64. Public Communication 211989 (ID:24879) | MBTA submitting comments re: #211462 and #211463, tree plantings along the GLX Extension. RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis ABSENT: Ballantyne |
| 65. Public Communication 211990 (ID:24880) | Tufts submitting comments re: #211918, supporting Tufts Dining workers. RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis ABSENT: Ballantyne |

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

66. Resolution 211991 (ID:24881) By City Councilor Strezo That the Administration update the Committee on Housing and Community Development in writing on the work of the committee that was established pursuant to the Surrounding Community Agreement with Encore Casino.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

67. Communication 211992 (ID:24893) By City Councilor White Jr. Reporting on the Charter Review Committee meeting of May 20, 2021.

Councilor White reported that the committee has retained the Collins Center for assistance, and is reviewing the budget to make sure there is maximum public participation. The goal is to present recommendations to this Council and Mayor later this year or next that can be approved as a home rule petition that the city submits to the state for adoption.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne

68. Order 211993 (ID:24894) By City Councilor White Jr., Strezo That the Director of SPCD consider with the Affordable Housing Trust Fund the advisability of combining anticipated affordable housing linkage payments for commercial development and seeking an affordable housing developer to leverage additional funding to maximize the number of affordable units that can be built.

Councilor White spoke about pooling funds to maximize the number of affordable units that can be built.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

69. Resolution 211994 (ID:24905) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Administration urgently address the insufficient number of crossing guards and present to this Council their plan to ensure student safety in the absence of guards at multiple large intersections.
- Councilor Ewen-Campen said this is an inter-ward issue. 13 crossing guards have recently retired thus many locations do not have a guard on duty. Councilor Rossetti commented that this has been going on for years and it's history repeating itself.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee
70. Mayor's Request 211995 (ID:24899) Requesting acceptance of a \$30,850,472 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 grant from the U.S. Treasury.
- Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings of 70 and 71 and approve them.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
71. Mayor's Request 211996 (ID:24903) Requesting acceptance of a \$250,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Public Health to the Health and Human Services Department in FY22 and FY23 for youth prevention services.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne
72. Officer's Communication 211997 (ID:24900) City Solicitor requesting approval to amend the scope of services in its contract with Seyfarth Shaw LLP to incorporate wage and hour and other pay-related compliance matters.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne

73. Officer's Memorialization Committee conveying the naming of the new High School
Communication sports field after Philip Reavis Sr.

211998
(ID:24896)

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne

74. Officer's Memorialization Committee conveying the naming of the High School's Center
Communication for Career and Technical Education wing after Leo G. DeSimone Jr.

211999
(ID:24897)

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne

75. Officer's Memorialization Committee conveying the naming of the new High School
Communication Library/Media Center after David Wendell Jones Sr. and Margaret J. Jones.

212000
(ID:24898)

RESULT: **PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne

76. License/Permit New Drainlayer's License, A.A. Will Corporation.

212001
(ID:24908)

Councilor White moved to waive the reading of 76 and approve it.
RESULT: **APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne

LATE ITEMS

77. Order By City Councilor McLaughlin
212002 That the Director of Parks and Recreation replace the basketball rims and
(ID:24911) hoops at Florence Street Park.

RESULT: **APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:20 PM.

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

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

June 3, 2021, 6:00 PM
Meeting by Remote Participation

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OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin.

| Attendee Name | Title | Status | Arrived |
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| Wilfred N. Mbah | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Mary Jo Rossetti | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Kristen Strezo | City Councilor at Large | Present | |
| William A. White Jr. | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Matthew McLaughlin | Ward One City Councilor | Present | |
| Jefferson Thomas ("J.T.") Scott | Ward Two City Councilor | Present | |
| Ben Ewen-Campen | Ward Three City Councilor | Present | |
| Jesse Clingan | Ward Four City Councilor | Present | |
| Mark Niedergang | Ward Five City Councilor | Present | |
| Lance L. Davis | Ward Six City Councilor | Present | |
| Katjana Ballantyne | Ward Seven City Councilor | Present | |

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
212003
(ID:24920)

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| RESULT: PLACED ON FILE |
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CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

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COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

2. Mayor's Request Requesting the appropriation of \$270,088,117 to fund the FY22 General Fund Operating Budget.
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(ID:24913)

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| Mayor Curtatone presented the city's FY22 General Fund Operating Budget of \$270,088,117, which is 9% over FY21. He reflected on the city's FY21 |
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financial outlook and the steps taken to provide services with significantly less revenue coming in. In FY21 there has been \$10.3 million in new growth, and it's expected that this trend will continue. No free cash will be used to fund the upcoming budget.

New positions will be added in Mobility, Planning and Zoning, City Council, Inspectional Services, Libraries, Infrastructure and Asset Management, Purchasing, DPW, City Clerk's Office, Information Technology, SomerStat, Constituent Services, Finance and Grants. Also included are 2 positions for the incoming mayor funded in November and December and training for newly elected officials and new department heads.

The Mayor continued by noting that the proposed budget includes the following:

- a proposed 4% increase for non-union staff.
- a \$1 million investment in the Racial and Social Justice Office,
- \$700,000 in new investments to support equity work,
- \$1.6 million in new school investments for equity,
- \$60 million from ARPA for social and economic recovery initiatives and to invest in addressing inequities. Two positions will be created and funded to oversee how the ARPA funds are utilized. The city will need to work to fund ways to fund these programs after the ARPA funding ceases.

Councilor Rossetti asked if the FY21 budget was underspent by the amount of \$17 million and Finance Director Ed Bean replied that the exact figure won't be available until the close of FY21 and approval of free cash by the state, but he acknowledged there would be a surplus. Noting that the city will be receiving approximately \$60 million dollars in ARPA funds, Councilor Rossetti expressed her concern about coupling a 9% increase in the proposed budget with increases in water and sewer rates. She pointed out that this will be the year that homeowners feel the pain of the cost of the new high school. Mayor Curtatone responded that ARPA funds are not reflected in the budget, except for the 2 staff positions to oversee those funds. He said he would not support back-filling revenue shortfalls. He wants to use ARPA funds (about \$31 million/year for 2 years) to deliver services, not lower taxes. Mr. Bean said the funds are a grant used at the discretion of the Executive Department and would be used for community needs. The funds must be obligated by 2024 and spent by 2026. The Mayor explained the city wants to leverage the funds to take advantage of any other programs, e.g., matching funds, that might be available.

The Mayor noted that \$25,000 has been added to the Council's budget for legal services, but details still need to be worked out. President McLaughlin said he prefers allowing the Council to retain outside counsel at its discretion, not solely for current issues.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

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| 3. Mayor's Request 212005 (ID:24915) | Requesting to appropriate or reserve \$3,196,123 in estimated FY22 CPA revenue for CPA projects and expenses. |
| | <p>Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings of items 3-14 and refer them to the Finance Committee.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| 4. Mayor's Request 212006 (ID:24914) | Requesting the approval of FY22 expenditure limitations for departmental Revolving Funds. |
| | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| 5. Mayor's Request 212007 (ID:24912) | Requesting a transfer of \$1,714 from the Salary Contingency Salaries Account to the Workers Compensation Personal Services Account to correct a year end deficit. |
| | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

NEW BUSINESS

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

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| 6. Mayor's Request 212008 (ID:24921) | Requesting the adoption of MGL Chapter 40 Section 13A to establish a Workers Compensation Insurance Fund. |
| | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| 7. Mayor's Request 212009 (ID:24924) | Requesting the adoption of MGL Chapter 40 Section 13C to establish a Workers Compensation Claims Reserve Fund. |
| | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| 8. Mayor's Request 212010 (ID:24922) | Requesting the appropriation of \$435,000 to the Workers Compensation Insurance Fund to pay Workers Compensation Claims in FY22. |
| | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |

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| <p>9. Mayor's Request 212011 (ID:24923)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$300,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Workers Compensation Insurance Fund in order to fund Workers Compensation Claims and Payments in FY22.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| <p>10. Mayor's Request 212012 (ID:24928)</p> | <p>Requesting an appropriation of \$810,262 to fund the FY22 Veterans Memorial & Founders Ice Rink Enterprise Fund Budget.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| <p>11. Mayor's Request 212013 (ID:24925)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$521,008 to fund the FY22 Kennedy School Pool Enterprise Fund Budget.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| <p>12. Mayor's Request 212014 (ID:24927)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$164,976 from the Kennedy School Pool Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings Account to subsidize the FY22 Kennedy School Pool Enterprise Fund Budget.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| <p>13. Mayor's Request 212015 (ID:24929)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$156,500 to fund the FY22 Dilboy Field Enterprise Fund Budget.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| <p>14. Mayor's Request 212016 (ID:24942)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$76,500 from the Dilboy Field Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings Account to subsidize the FY22 Dilboy Field Enterprise Fund Budget.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| <p>15. Officer's Communication 212017 (ID:24947)</p> | <p>School Committee requesting the appropriation of \$84,267,002 to fund the FY22 School Committee Budget.</p> <p>Councilor Davis was recused from this item. School Committee Chair Andre Green opened discussion, and Superintendent Mary Skipper and Finance Director Fran Gorski presented the FY22 School Department budget, which is 8.13% higher than the FY21 budget. It includes:</p> |

- Diversifying curricular materials, anti-racism training and curriculum, 2nd Step/Restorative Justice/Responsive, expanding Becoming a Man and Build initiatives, increasing Enroot and High School tutoring, funding the Community Design Lab and Middle Grades Robotics League, and continuing partnerships to support project-based learning.
- Securing two new Out-of-School Time Administrators to coordinate community-based afterschool and summer programs.
- Renewing the Commonwealth Preschool Partnership Initiative Grant/Somerville Partnership for Young Children.
- Reorganizing MLE and expanding MLE PAC, supporting SLIFE, building trauma-informed practices, and focusing on ESL Instruction: equity, access, and inclusion.
- Supporting teaching and learning through a social-emotional and wellness lens.
- Implementing a new Human Resources Information System.

22 new FTEs are not funded from the general operating budget, and 13.7 new FTEs are. Salaries increase \$5,933,571 over FY21, and that includes the School Nurses.

Councilor Strezo asked about teacher burnout and Superintendent Skipper spoke of taking pressure off teachers this summer and helping them to return to a safe, supportive workplace in the fall. Councilor White commented that in 2002 there were 1,000 more students and Superintendent Skipper said schools are on an upward trend and they will have a better sense in the fall. She said a bus pass program will begin with a study to determine need, then move to the assignment phase. Currently students aren't bussed except for special programs. Councilor Scott inquired about capacity to add students and Superintendent Skipper replied that the schools are pretty full but there is capacity. Chair Green said the School Committee needs more direct oversight of the school buildings going forward. Councilor Scott asked about gender neutral facilities at the new high school and Chair Green said the rush to make the building occupiable stalled this initiative and it should improve by the fall. Councilor Scott said this matter is being passed around and he wonders where the buck stops. Superintendent Skipper said once school is out, they can speak to interested students and follow up with Project Manager Rich Raiche.

Councilor Scott closed the meeting by noting that budget information may be found at www.somervillema.gov/fy22budget.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:25 PM.

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 10, 2021, 7:00 PM
 Meeting by Remote Participation

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OPENING CEREMONIES

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

| Attendee Name | Title | Status | Arrived |
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| Wilfred N. Mbah | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Mary Jo Rossetti | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Kristen Strezo | City Councilor at Large | Present | |
| William A. White Jr. | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Matthew McLaughlin | Ward One City Councilor | Present | |
| Jefferson Thomas ("J.T.") Scott | Ward Two City Councilor | Present | |
| Ben Ewen-Campen | Ward Three City Councilor | Present | |
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1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 212018
 (ID:24952) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 212019
 (ID:24953) Councilor White sponsored a moment of silence for Anthony Cota.
 Councilor McLaughlin sponsored a moment of silence for Paul Chochrek.
 RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, May 13, 2021.
 212020
 (ID:24954) **RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
 Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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4. Citation 212021 (ID:24958) By City Councilor Strezo, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr., and the Mayor Commending Kenia Alfaro after 5 years of outstanding service to immigrant families as the Welcome Project's Director of Parental Engagement and Education Policy.

After Councilor Strezo spoke about Ms. Alfaro’s dedication to her work, Ms. Alfaro thanked the Council and said she doesn’t think of her work as a job, as she has enjoyed helping immigrant families in the city. Councilor Clingan offered his thanks, and Councilor Mbah thanked her for her work with Just Somerville. President McLaughlin thanked her for working with him as his Spanish tutor in college.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. Grant of Location 212022 (ID:24930) Submitted by RCN to install 7 feet of conduit in the intersection of Somerville Avenue and Adelaide Road, from Utility Pole 545/1 to an existing RCN conduit.

The President opened the public hearing. Resident Paul Demerjian asked if the work will stay on Somerville Ave or expand further. Bill Conway from RCN spoke in favor of the item and stated the work will remain on Somerville Ave. and a portion of the sidewalk (which will be restored). There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

6. Grant of Location 212023 (ID:24934) Submitted by Crown Castle to install 15 feet of conduit in Somerville Avenue, from Manhole 20654, located near the intersection of Somerville Avenue and Kilby Street, to a point of pickup at 366 Somerville Avenue.

The President opened the public hearing. Bill Conway representing Crown Castle explained the scope of the work. Councilor Scott asked that the work be scheduled for weekdays so as to not interfere with the farmers’ market. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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7. Grant of Location 212024 (ID:24933) Submitted by Comcast to install 10 feet of conduit in Washington Street from an existing Utility Pole, located at the intersection of Washington and Franklin Sts, to a point of pickup at 103 Washington Street.
- The President opened the public hearing. Robert Rugman was present representing Comcast. There being no speakers on the item, the President closed the public hearing.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
8. Grant of Location 212025 (ID:24931) Submitted by Verizon to install 30 feet of conduit in Pearl Street, from Manhole 59A to an existing handhole near the intersection of Pearl and Pinckney Sts.
- The President opened the public hearing. There being no speakers on the item, the President closed the public hearing.
- RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE**
FOLLOWUP: City Council
9. Grant of Location 212026 (ID:24932) Submitted by Verizon to install a Utility Pole 70S near the intersection of Houghton and Prospect Sts.
- The President opened the public hearing. There being no speakers on the item, the President closed the public hearing. Councilor Scott asked that in light of the absence of any input from Verizon, this item not be approved. Councilor White agreed, asking that this and the previous item be tabled until Verizon representatives appear.
- RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE**
FOLLOWUP: City Council
10. Grant of Location 212027 (ID:24937) Submitted by Eversource to install 1,200 feet of conduit along Mystic Avenue from Medford, MA to Boston, MA as part of the Woburn Transmission Line project.
- The President opened the public hearing. Rob Collins represented Eversource. There being no speakers, the President closed the public hearing. Councilor Rossetti spoke about a prior agreement with Eversource and asked why this item was before the Council again. Mr. Collins explained that there was a property ownership issue which made this modification necessary. Councilor White commented that the City Engineer has no problem with the item. Councilor Clingan asked about the project and Mr. Collins said that the work in Somerville runs for 7,400 feet, 5,000 feet of which has already been completed. The work hours are 7 AM to 4 PM and traffic assistance is provided.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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11. Grant of Location 212028 (ID:24935) Submitted by Eversource to install 36 feet of conduit in Sycamore Street, from Utility Pole 329/2 to a point of pickup at 8 Sycamore Street.
- The President opened the public hearing. Joanne Callender from Eversource stated the purpose of the request. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
12. Grant of Location 212029 (ID:24936) Submitted by Eversource to install 34 feet of conduit in Hawthorne Street, from Utility Pole 391/3 to a point of pickup at 26 Hawthorne Street.
- The President opened the public hearing. Joanne Callender from Eversource stated the purpose of the request. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing. Councilor Scott’s motion that the work be performed between 8 AM to 5 PM only was approved 11-0.
- RESULT:** APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
CONDITION: All work must be performed between 8 AM and 5 PM.
13. Grant of Location 212030 (ID:24938) Submitted by Eversource to install 47 feet of conduit in Highland Avenue, from Manhole 14706 to a point of pickup at 136 Highland Avenue.
- The President opened the public hearing. Joanne Callender from Eversource stated the purpose of the request. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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14. Mayor's Request 211611 (ID:24484) Requesting approval of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance Body Art Services use standards and Table 9.1.1 Permitted Uses.
- RESULT:** LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

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15. Mayor's Request 212031 (ID:24910) Requesting approval to appropriate up to \$153,000 from the Union Square Community Benefits Stabilization Fund to pay for the Somerville Cares Fund operating expenses and the Community Land Trust startup costs.

Councilor Ewen-Campen was recused. Councilor Scott noted that he hasn't heard from the Administration yet.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

16. Mayor's Request 212032 (ID:24843) Requesting acceptance of a \$100,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Transportation to the SPCD Mobility Division for improvements to Mystic Avenue and Shore Drive.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

17. Officer's Communication 212033 (ID:24948) City Solicitor requesting approval to retain Greenberg Traurig as outside legal counsel in the matter of 191 Highland Avenue.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

18. Officer's Communication 212034 (ID:24949) Director of Health and Human Services conveying the Supervised Consumption Site Penultimate Report.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

19. Officer's Communication 212035 (ID:24917) Director of Health and Humans Services responding to #208261 re: funding for drug treatment.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

NEW BUSINESS

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| 20. License/Permit 212036 (ID:24946) | Public Event License, Hyphae movement-and-text performance, Chuckie Harris Park, Sept 13-19, 4-9pm (raindates Sept 25-26). | <p>Councilor White moved to waive the readings of items 20-30 and approve them.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 21. License/Permit 212037 (ID:24945) | Renewing Flammables License, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 259 McGrath Hwy. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 22. License/Permit 212038 (ID:24939) | Renewing Garage License, Herb Chambers I-93, 259 McGrath Hwy. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 23. License/Permit 212039 (ID:24940) | Renewing Garage License, Herb Chambers I-93, 71 Linwood St. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 24. License/Permit 212040 (ID:24941) | Renewing Garage License, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 19 Joy St. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 25. License/Permit 212041 (ID:24943) | Renewing Garage License, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 161 Linwood St. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 26. License/Permit 212042 (ID:24944) | Renewing Garage License, Mercedes Benz of Boston Commercial Vans, 161 Linwood St. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

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| 27. License/Permit 212043 (ID:24951) | Renewing Garage License, Junior Auto Body, 486R Columbia St. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 28. License/Permit 212044 (ID:24950) | Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 161 Linwood St. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 29. License/Permit 212045 (ID:24909) | Renewing Open Air Vendor License, The Somerville Flea, Buena Vista Parking Lot. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 30. License/Permit 212046 (ID:24959) | Small Wireless Facility License, Extenet attaching small wireless facilities on a replacement pole at the intersection of Somerville Avenue and Bow Market Way. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 31. Public Communication 212047 (ID:24956) | Senthil Kumar proposing a zoning amendment to rezone his property at 8-8A Melvin Street from Mid Rise 5 to Neighborhood Residential. Also referred to the Planning Board. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee |
| 32. Public Communication 212048 (ID:24957) | Dean Matarazzo proposing a zoning amendment to rezone his property at 13 Garfield Ave from Fabrication to Urban Residential. Also referred to the Planning Board. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee |

33. Public Joe Kislo submitting comments re: #211170, an amendment to re-zone the Communication property at 256 and 278 Elm, 58 Day, and 7 Herbert Streets to a mix of Civic and CC4.
212049
(ID:24955)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

34. Mayor's Request Requesting an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to repeal Section 10.5 - Outdoor Café Seating.
212050
(ID:24916)

Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to waive the reading of items 34-36 and refer them to the Committee on Land Use with a copy to the Planning Board.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

35. Mayor's Request Requesting an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to revise the façade build-out dimensional standard for any Apartment Building in the Urban Residence district when abutting the Neighborhood Residence district.
212051
(ID:24918)

Also referred to the Planning Board.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

36. Mayor's Request Requesting adoption of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Section 2.1 - Glossary and the provisions of multiple permitted building components.
212052
(ID:24919)

Also referred to the Planning Board.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

37. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an amendment to Ordinances 2-322 and 2-323 to update categories and associated salaries for non-union positions.
212053
(ID:25005)

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

38. Mayor's Request Requesting the adoption of MGL c40 s13D to establish a Compensated Absence Liability Fund.
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(ID:24967)

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

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| 39. Mayor's Request 212055 (ID:24991) | <p>Requesting approval to create the Sewer Capital Stabilization Fund.</p> <p>Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading of items 39-51 and refer them the Committee on Finance.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| 40. Mayor's Request 212056 (ID:24990) | <p>Requesting approval to create the Water Capital Stabilization Fund.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| 41. Mayor's Request 212057 (ID:24963) | <p>Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$11,318,094 in a bond for the Spring Hill Sewer Separation Project and drainage improvements.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| 42. Mayor's Request 212058 (ID:24962) | <p>Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$9,415,818 in a bond for the Spring Hill Sewer Separation Project water improvements.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| 43. Mayor's Request 212059 (ID:24961) | <p>Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$8,002,417 in a bond for the Spring Hill Sewer Separation Project streetscape improvements.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| 44. Mayor's Request 212060 (ID:24970) | <p>Requesting an appropriation of \$28,812,108 to fund the FY22 Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| 45. Mayor's Request 212061 (ID:24969) | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$17,036,831 to fund the FY22 Water Enterprise Fund Budget.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| 46. Mayor's Request 212062 (ID:24966) | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$2,000,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Salary and Wage Stabilization Fund.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |

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| <p>47. Mayor's Request 212063 (ID:24976)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$1,350,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Facility Construction and Renovation Stabilization Fund.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| <p>48. Mayor's Request 212064 (ID:24974)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$1,250,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Capital Stabilization Fund.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| <p>49. Mayor's Request 212065 (ID:24968)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$500,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Compensated Absence Liability Fund.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| <p>50. Mayor's Request 212066 (ID:24977)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$500,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Street Reconstruction & Resurfacing Stabilization Fund.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| <p>51. Mayor's Request 212067 (ID:24989)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$406,807 for the FY22 Cable Television PEG Access Fund Budget.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |
| <p>52. Mayor's Request 212068 (ID:24964)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$65,844 from the Salary Contingency Salaries Account to Departmental Non-Union Holiday Accounts to pay staff for the Juneteenth Holiday.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>53. Mayor's Request 212069 (ID:24960)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of a transfer of \$686,745.15 within various DPW Accounts to fund the Snow Removal Account deficit.</p> |
| <p>Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading of items 53-57 and refer them to the Committee on Finance. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> | |

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| 54. Mayor's Request 212070 (ID:24965) | Requesting a transfer of \$407,200 from the Salary Contingency Account to the Salary and Wage Stabilization Fund. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| 55. Mayor's Request 212071 (ID:24978) | Requesting approval of a transfer of \$323,737.91 from several Capital Projects Capital Outlay Accounts to the Facility Construction and Renovation Stabilization Fund to provide capital project building renovation and improvement services. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| 56. Mayor's Request 212072 (ID:24973) | Requesting approval of a transfer of \$291,572.39 from the Engineering Capital Outlay Engineering & Architectural Services Account and the R&M Highways Account to the Street Reconstruction and Resurfacing Stabilization Fund for pavement assessment, street resurfacing, and pavement marking services. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| 57. Mayor's Request 212073 (ID:24975) | Requesting a transfer of \$34,729 from the Engineering Capital Outlay Engineering & Architectural Services Account to the Central Hill Campus Plan Account to fund design services. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| 58. Mayor's Request 212074 (ID:24830) | Requesting acceptance of a \$36,000 grant with no new match required, from the Department of Environmental Protection to the DPW for the Recycling Program. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]</p> <p>AYES: Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>RECUSED: Mbah</p> |
| 59. Mayor's Request 212075 (ID:24979) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Connor Colbert to the position of Firefighter. | <p>Councilor Rossetti explained that the individuals named in items 59-67 were recently approved for appointment to the Fire Reserve List, and they will be attending the Fire Academy in the fall. She moved to approve them this evening.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

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| 60. Mayor's Request 212076 (ID:24980) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Daniel Higgins to the position of Firefighter. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 61. Mayor's Request 212077 (ID:24981) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jason Kenney to the position of Firefighter. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 62. Mayor's Request 212078 (ID:24982) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Brittany Taylor to the position of Firefighter. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 63. Mayor's Request 212079 (ID:24983) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Nicholas Halloran to the position of Firefighter. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 64. Mayor's Request 212080 (ID:24984) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Sean Marquis to the position of Firefighter. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 65. Mayor's Request 212081 (ID:24985) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Daniel O'Donnell to the position of Firefighter. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 66. Mayor's Request 212082 (ID:24986) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jeffrey Querusio to the position of Firefighter. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

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| 67. Mayor's Request 212083 (ID:24987) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Matthew Sullivan to the position of Firefighter. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 68. Officer's Communication 212084 (ID:24988) | Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management responding to #211944 re: coordination with the EPA and MWRA on Combined Sewer Overflows. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 69. License/Permit 212085 (ID:25004) | Public Event License, Arts Council Big Gay Dance Party, Union Square parking lot and plaza, June 11, 4-10pm (raindate June 18). | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

LATE ITEMS

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| 70. Officer's Communication 212086 (ID:25010) | Director of Racial and Social Justice conveying a letter regarding the June 7 Finance Committee budget hearing. | <p>Councilor Ballantyne sponsored Director of Racial and Social Justice Denise Molina Capers, who read a statement about her budget presentation before the Finance Committee on June 7. She had explained how the RSJ office is staffed and how the expansion of the department is necessary to carry out its charge. She asked the Council to consider the hostility and animosity that ensued during her presentation, and mentioned several micro-aggression comments that were made. She asked the Council to support the RSJ Office in its work to act as a bridge to ending racial and social injustices.</p> RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 71. Public Communication 212087 (ID:25009) | Courtney O'Keefe submitting comments re: #212034, Supervised Consumption Sites. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

72. Officer's Communication 212088 (ID:25011) Police Chief responding to #211826 re: reviewing the past 20 years of Police Department reform recommendations and resultant changes.

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| RESULT: | PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| FOLLOWUP: | Finance Committee |

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 8:10 PM.

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 24, 2021, 7:00 PM
 Meeting by Remote Participation

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OPENING CEREMONIES

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

| Attendee Name | Title | Status | Arrived |
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| Wilfred N. Mbah | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Mary Jo Rossetti | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Kristen Strezo | City Councilor at Large | Present | |
| William A. White Jr. | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Matthew McLaughlin | Ward One City Councilor | Present | |
| Jefferson Thomas ("J.T.") Scott | Ward Two City Councilor | Present | |
| Ben Ewen-Campen | Ward Three City Councilor | Present | |
| Jesse Clingan | Ward Four City Councilor | Present | |
| Mark Niedergang | Ward Five City Councilor | Present | |
| Lance L. Davis | Ward Six City Councilor | Present | |
| Katjana Ballantyne | Ward Seven City Councilor | Present | |

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 212089
 (ID:25041) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 212090
 (ID:25042) There were no remembrances.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, May 27, 2021.
 212091
 (ID:25043) **RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
 Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 4. Grant of Location 212092 (ID:25012)

Submitted by Eversource to install 134 feet of conduit in Highland Avenue, from Manhole 14703 to a point of pickup at 123 Highland Avenue.

The President opened the public hearing. Joanne Callender from Eversource spoke in favor of the item. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- 5. Grant of Location 212093 (ID:25013)

Submitted by Eversource to install 114 feet of conduit in Everett Street, from new Manhole 31221 at Newton Street to Utility Pole 118/2 at the rear of Somerville Avenue; and to remove Utility Poles 2, 3, 4, and 5 on Prospect Street at a later date.

The President opened the public hearing. Joanne Callender from Eversource spoke in favor of the item. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
RECUSED: Scott

- 6. Grant of Location 212094 (ID:25014)

Submitted by Comcast to install 41 feet of conduit in Laurel Street, from existing Utility Pole 199/1 to a point of pickup at the rear of 515 Somerville Avenue.

The President opened the public hearing. Robert Rugman from Comcast spoke in favor of the item. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- 7. Grant of Location 212095 (ID:25015)

Submitted by Comcast to install 45 feet of conduit in Prospect Street, from existing Utility Pole 15 to a point of pickup at 109 Prospect Street.

The President opened the public hearing. Robert Rugman from Comcast spoke in favor of the item. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing. Councilor Scott asked that ADA accessibility be provided while the work is performed. Mr. Rugman said he would check to ensure this.

RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
CONDITION: Licensee must insure ADA accessibility on the sidewalk throughout the project.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

8. Resolution By City Councilor Strezo
212096 That the Administration explore a hybrid work model for city employees to
(ID:25019) allow employees a work and life balance that also retains and attracts
Somerville talent.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

9. Resolution By City Councilor Mbah
212097 That the Administration consider having all playgrounds, playing fields and
(ID:25039) green islands tested by an outside agency for contamination.

Councilor Mbah noted that he wanted to add the testing of “green islands” to the Resolution.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

10. Communication By City Councilor Clingan
212098 Reporting on a meeting of the Safe Consumption Facility Working Group.
(ID:25040)

Councilor Clingan reported that the working group has completed its report. He sponsored working group member Rivkah Lapidus, who said that safe consumption sites would be sterile places with the support of first responders overseeing drug use. There is much drug use in Davis Square, and Davis Square and East Somerville are the sites being proposed. There will be 3 virtual community meetings in July. Currently there are no safe consumption sites in the United States. Councilor Mbah asked if the sites would be for the Somerville community and she said yes, although there are non-residents who frequent Davis Square. Councilor Davis mentioned that the primary operator of the site would have experience with the challenges involved and Councilor Clingan agreed, while noting that the operator could not be a recipient of federal funds.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

11. Communication By City Councilor McLaughlin
212099 Acting as President, cancelling this Council's Regular meetings that were
(ID:25044) scheduled for July 22 and August 12.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12. Mayor's Request 211611 (ID:24484) Requesting approval of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance Body Art Services use standards and Table 9.1.1 Permitted Uses.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

13. Grant of Location 212025 (ID:24931) Submitted by Verizon to install 30 feet of conduit in Pearl Street, from Manhole 59A to an existing handhole near the intersection of Pearl and Pinckney Sts.

The President opened the public hearing. James Watt was present representing Verizon and spoke in favor of the item. There being no speakers on the item, the President closed the public hearing.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

14. Grant of Location 212026 (ID:24932) Submitted by Verizon to install a Utility Pole 70S near the intersection of Houghton and Prospect Sts.

The President opened the public hearing. James Watt was present representing Verizon and spoke in favor of the item. There being no speakers on the item, the President closed the public hearing. Councilor Scott wondered why another pole was being proposed in that area and asked that the item be referred to the Committee on Licenses and Permits for follow up.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

15. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 212100 (ID:25028) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on June 7, 2021.

For discussion of this item see #212109.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

16. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 212101 (ID:25032) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on June 8, 2021.

For discussion of this item see #212109.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

17. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 212102 (ID:25029) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on June 9, 2021.

For discussion of this item see #212109.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

18. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 212103 (ID:25030) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on June 14, 2021.

For discussion of this item see #212109.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

19. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 212104 (ID:25031) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on June 16, 2021.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

20. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 212105 (ID:25033) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on June 17, 2021.

For discussion of this item see #212109.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

21. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 212106 (ID:25034) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on June 21, 2021.

For discussion of this item see #212109.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

22. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 212107 (ID:25035) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on June 21, 2021.
- For discussion of this item see #212109.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
- AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

23. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 212108 (ID:25036) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on June 22, 2021.
- For discussion of this item see #212109.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
- AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- B. Mayor's Request 205501 (ID:18220) Requesting approval of an Administrative Order providing for the appointment of school physicians and nurses by the School Committee.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
- AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- C. Officer's Communication 211857 (ID:24748) Director of Water and Sewer submitting the FY22 water and sewer volumetric rate recommendation.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
- AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- D. Officer's Communication 212033 (ID:24948) City Solicitor requesting approval to retain Greenberg Traurig as outside legal counsel in the matter of 191 Highland Avenue.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
- AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- E. Mayor's Request 212057 (ID:24963) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$11,318,094 in a bond for the Spring Hill Sewer Separation Project and drainage improvements.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
- AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

F. Mayor's Request 212058 (ID:24962) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$9,415,818 in a bond for the Spring Hill Sewer Separation Project water improvements.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

G. Mayor's Request 212059 (ID:24961) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$8,002,417 in a bond for the Spring Hill Sewer Separation Project streetscape improvements.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

24. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 212109 (ID:25037) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on June 23, 2021.

Councilor Scott reported on the ten Finance Committee meetings dealing with the FY22 budget, saying all meetings and reports are available online. He presented the budget before the Council, #212004, as amended by the Committee. He asked that the committee reports be accepted as written. Councilor White suggested that the DPW budget be dealt with at this time and moved to reject the separation of the DPW's Buildings and Grounds Division into two Divisions, and urge the submission of a new budget by the Administration that does not include that separation. The motion passed with all members in favor. Councilor Rossetti argued that the tree positions should remain in the Highway Division, and that the Buildings and Grounds Division should not be separated. Finance Director Ed Bean said that either way the bottom line would not change, funds would just be shifted. Councilor White then moved for reconsideration of the vote to reject the separation of separation of divisions, and that motion passed with all members in favor.

Councilor Rossetti then moved that the FY22 budget be amended by keeping the 3 tree positions in the Highway Division, and that motion passed with all members in favor. She moved then to approve the DPW budget as amended solely by the 3 tree positions remaining in the Highway Division, and that motion passed with all members in favor.

The meeting was recessed at 9:22 PM and reconvened at 9:30 PM, with all member present after the recess.

Mr. Bean explained that Agenda #45 is a revised budget submission by the Administration, after making adjustments for the cuts made by the City Council as well as adjustments suggested by the City Council. He noted that the revised budget is below the city's levy limit, and said the Administration would like to continue dialog on some of the Council's recommendations. City Clerk John Long explained that the Council had just approved a budget,

and suggested that the Council reconsider that vote so it could vote on the revised budget presented at Agenda #45. Councilor Scott moved that reconsideration, it passed with all members in favor, he then moved to place the approved budget, #212004 as amended, on file, and that motion passed with all members in favor. He then moved to take Agenda #45 out of order and to approve it, and that motion passed with all members in favor.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- B. Mayor's Request 212004 (ID:24913) Requesting the appropriation of \$270,088,117 to fund the FY22 General Fund Operating Budget.

For the approved FY22 Budget see #212150.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- C. Mayor's Request 212005 (ID:24915) Requesting to appropriate or reserve \$3,196,123 in estimated FY22 CPA revenue for CPA projects and expenses.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- D. Mayor's Request 212006 (ID:24914) Requesting the approval of FY22 expenditure limitations for departmental Revolving Funds.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- E. Mayor's Request 212007 (ID:24912) Requesting a transfer of \$1,714 from the Salary Contingency Salaries Account to the Workers Compensation Personal Services Account to correct a year end deficit.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- F. Mayor's Request 212008 (ID:24921) Requesting the adoption of MGL Chapter 40 Section 13A to establish a Workers Compensation Insurance Fund.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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| <p>G. Mayor's Request 212009 (ID:24924)</p> | <p>Requesting the adoption of MGL Chapter 40 Section 13C to establish a Workers Compensation Claims Reserve Fund.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>H. Mayor's Request 212010 (ID:24922)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$435,000 to the Workers Compensation Insurance Fund to pay Workers Compensation Claims in FY22.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>I. Mayor's Request 212011 (ID:24923)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$300,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Workers Compensation Insurance Fund in order to fund Workers Compensation Claims and Payments in FY22.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>J. Mayor's Request 212012 (ID:24928)</p> | <p>Requesting an appropriation of \$810,262 to fund the FY22 Veterans Memorial & Founders Ice Rink Enterprise Fund Budget.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>K. Mayor's Request 212013 (ID:24925)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$521,008 to fund the FY22 Kennedy School Pool Enterprise Fund Budget.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>L. Mayor's Request 212014 (ID:24927)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$164,976 from the Kennedy School Pool Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings Account to subsidize the FY22 Kennedy School Pool Enterprise Fund Budget.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>M. Mayor's Request 212015 (ID:24929)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$156,500 to fund the FY22 Dilbooy Field Enterprise Fund Budget.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

- N. Mayor's Request 212016 (ID:24942) Requesting the appropriation of \$76,500 from the Dilboy Field Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings Account to subsidize the FY22 Dilboy Field Enterprise Fund Budget.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- O. Mayor's Request 212053 (ID:25005) Requesting approval of an amendment to Ordinances 2-322 and 2-323 to update categories and associated salaries for non-union positions.
- For the approved Ordinance see #212157.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- P. Mayor's Request 212054 (ID:24967) Requesting the adoption of MGL c40 s13D to establish a Compensated Absence Liability Fund.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- Q. Mayor's Request 212055 (ID:24991) Requesting approval to create the Sewer Capital Stabilization Fund.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [10 TO 1]
AYES: Mbah, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
NAYS: Rossetti
- R. Mayor's Request 212056 (ID:24990) Requesting approval to create the Water Capital Stabilization Fund.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [10 TO 1]
AYES: Mbah, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
NAYS: Rossetti
- S. Mayor's Request 212060 (ID:24970) Requesting an appropriation of \$28,812,108 to fund the FY22 Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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| <p>T. Mayor's Request 212061 (ID:24969)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$17,036,831 to fund the FY22 Water Enterprise Fund Budget.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>U. Mayor's Request 212062 (ID:24966)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$2,000,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Salary and Wage Stabilization Fund.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>V. Mayor's Request 212063 (ID:24976)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$1,350,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Facility Construction and Renovation Stabilization Fund.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>W. Mayor's Request 212064 (ID:24974)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$1,250,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Capital Stabilization Fund.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>X. Mayor's Request 212065 (ID:24968)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$500,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Compensated Absence Liability Fund.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>Y. Mayor's Request 212066 (ID:24977)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$500,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Street Reconstruction & Resurfacing Stabilization Fund.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>Z. Mayor's Request 212067 (ID:24989)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$406,807 for the FY22 Cable Television PEG Access Fund Budget.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

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| <p>AA. Mayor's Request 212069 (ID:24960)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of a transfer of \$686,745.15 within various DPW Accounts to fund the Snow Removal Account deficit.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>AB. Mayor's Request 212070 (ID:24965)</p> | <p>Requesting a transfer of \$407,200 from the Salary Contingency Account to the Salary and Wage Stabilization Fund.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>AC. Mayor's Request 212071 (ID:24978)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of a transfer of \$323,737.91 from several Capital Projects Capital Outlay Accounts to the Facility Construction and Renovation Stabilization Fund to provide capital project building renovation and improvement services.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>AD. Mayor's Request 212072 (ID:24973)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of a transfer of \$291,572.39 from the Engineering Capital Outlay Engineering & Architectural Services Account and the R&M Highways Account to the Street Reconstruction and Resurfacing Stabilization Fund for pavement assessment, street resurfacing, and pavement marking services.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>AE. Mayor's Request 212073 (ID:24975)</p> | <p>Requesting a transfer of \$34,729 from the Engineering Capital Outlay Engineering & Architectural Services Account to the Central Hill Campus Plan Account to fund design services.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [9 TO 2] AYES: Mbah, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne NAYS: Rossetti, Davis</p> | |
| <p>AF. Resolution 212110 (ID:24992)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Rossetti That the Administration strike the language “related to ongoing/exiting litigation” from the 3rd paragraph of the Ordinary Maintenance Changes narrative on the City Council page in the FY22 Budget book.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WITHDRAWN. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |

AG. Resolution 212111 (ID:24993) By City Councilor Scott That the Mayor allocate appropriate funds for hardware to administer hybrid meetings and provide funding for the City Council or Clerks of Committees budget for support staff.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

AH. Resolution 212112 (ID:24994) By City Councilor Scott That the Mayor set aside an additional \$300,000 in a segregated fund for Racial and Social Justice appropriations mid-year.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

AI. Resolution 212113 (ID:24995) By City Councilor Scott That the Mayor appropriate \$80,000 for a community engagement specialist for the City Council and for committee meetings.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

AJ. Resolution 212114 (ID:24996) By City Councilor Scott That the Mayor create 2 fully funded new positions, a Review Planner and a Violation Inspector for existing infrastructure within the Inspectional Services Department, requiring hires to have demonstrable experience and knowledge on ADA compliance.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

AK. Resolution 212115 (ID:24997) By City Councilor Scott That the Administration create a position starting July 1, 2021 for a clerk to assist with the planned superannuation of an employee and ensure a fully staffed department, in the amount of \$90,000 for FY22.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

AL. Resolution 212116 (ID:24998) By City Councilor Scott
That the Administration provide a position starting October 1, 2021 for an administrative clerk to assist with ARPA and fund tracking documentation, in the amount of \$50,000 for FY22.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

AM. Resolution 212117 (ID:24999) By City Councilor Scott
That the Administration devote roughly \$100,000 in Personal Services funding for an additional project manager and the fractional support from the general fund for administrative support for the Infrastructure and Asset Management Department.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

AN. Resolution 212118 (ID:25002) By City Councilor Scott
That the Administration add \$100,000 to the Engineering Personal Services Account to fund an engineering position for implementation of short-term ADA compliant designs for street and building improvements, working in collaboration with the DPW.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

AO. Order 212119 (ID:25017) By City Councilor Mbah
That the Police Department Overtime Account be reduced by \$500,000.

RESULT: NOT APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

AP. Resolution 212120 (ID:25058) By City Councilor Scott
That the Administration reconsider its position to decline to bid on the Veterans Memorial Rink RFP and to place the Founders Rink management out to bid for an RFP.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

AQ. Resolution 212121 (ID:25073) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Administration add \$60,000 to the Racial and Social Justice Ordinary Maintenance account to support the police staffing study.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

AR. Resolution 212122 (ID:25074) By City Councilor Davis, Mbah That the Administration add 5 new licensed social workers or licensed mental health counselors to the Health and Human Services Department.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

AS. Resolution 212123 (ID:25075) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Administration award at least 10% of City contracts to women and minority-owned businesses during FY22, and issue the long-promised RFP to enact a historical disparity study.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

AT. Resolution 212124 (ID:25076) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Administration fund the creation of at least two high-quality, safe, sanitary public restrooms, one in Union Square and one in Davis Square, in FY22.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

AU. Resolution 212125 (ID:25077) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Administration update this Council in writing on the details of how the Living Wage provisions are included in the new Recycling Contract that is currently out to bid.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

AV. Resolution 212126 (ID:25079) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Administration fund a position in the Planning Department specifically focused on realizing affordable housing projects, such as the two projects in Union Square "D blocks" that are currently running into technical hurdles.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

AW. Resolution 212127 (ID:25080) By City Councilor Clingan, Scott That the Administration add \$53,000 to fund the salary for a Principal Clerk in the City Clerk's Office to support the Wage Theft Advisory Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

AX. Resolution 212128 (ID:25081) By City Councilor Strezio That an additional administrative assistant be funded in the SPCD Housing Division for the City Hall Annex, to support Departments in that building.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

AY. Resolution 212129 (ID:25082) By City Councilor Scott That the Mayor add \$18,000 to the Clerk of Committees Ordinary Maintenance account for translation services for City Councilors' mobile hybrid neighborhood meetings.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

25. LAND USE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 212130 (ID:25027) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on June 17, 2021.

Councilor Ewen-Campen reported on the Land Use Committee meeting. Councilor Scott commented that the Boynton Yards issue is an example of community involvement to effect change.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

26. Mayor's Request 212131 (ID:25047) Requesting, with Councilor McLaughlin, approval of an amendment to Ordinance 2-309.5, the Veterans Commission Ordinance, to permit Hero Square dedications for both living and deceased service members who served during wartime.

President McLaughlin gave credit to the Veterans Services Director for bringing this forward.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

27. Mayor's Request 212132 (ID:25038) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$7,000,000 in a bond for citywide water meter replacement.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

28. Mayor's Request 212133 (ID:25007) Requesting approval to transfer \$8,634,038 from the Water/Sewer Capital Stabilization Fund to the newly created Sewer Capital Stabilization Fund.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

29. Mayor's Request 212134 (ID:25006) Requesting approval to transfer \$5,094,382 from the Water/Sewer Capital Stabilization Fund to the newly created Water Capital Stabilization Fund.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

30. Mayor's Request 212135 (ID:25021) Requesting acceptance of a \$75,000 donation from Tufts.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

31. Mayor's Request 212136 (ID:25025) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Michael R. Perrone to the position of Police Lieutenant.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

32. Mayor's Request 212137 (ID:25026) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Marc T. DiFava to the position of Police Sergeant.
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| RESULT: | REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION |
| FOLLOWUP: | Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

33. Officer's Communication 212138 (ID:25052) Outside Counsel requesting to appear in Executive Session to discuss litigation strategy with respect to Fairchild v Somerville.
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| Outside Counsel Tim Zessin stated that this is a proper matter for discussion in Executive Session. The Council voted to enter into Executive Session at 7:26 PM. The Council returned from Executive Session at 7:59 PM and reconvened the regular Council meeting. Councilor Rossetti announced that no votes were taken in Executive Session other than the vote to adjourn. | |
| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

34. Officer's Communication 212139 (ID:25020) Planning Director requesting this Council's endorsement of the SomerVision 2040 Plan.
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| RESULT: | REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION |
| FOLLOWUP: | Housing and Community Development Committee |

NEW BUSINESS

35. License/Permit 212140 (ID:25048) Public Event License, City Fireworks, Trum Field and Broadway from Medford St to Cedar St, June 30, 1pm-11pm (raindate July 1).
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| Councilor White moved to waive the readings and approve Agenda #s 35-39 tonight. | |
| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

36. License/Permit 212141 (ID:25050) Public Event License, Josephine Birthday Block Party, Josephine Ave from Kidder Ave to Morrison Ave, July 3, 1pm-8pm (raindate July 4).
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

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| 37. License/Permit 212142 (ID:25046) | Public Event License, Arts Council ArtBeat, Holland St/Elm St from Winter St to Grove St, July 10, 8am-11pm (raindate July 11). | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 38. License/Permit 212143 (ID:25045) | Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Sam's Falafel and Shawarma, 215 Highland Ave. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 39. License/Permit 212144 (ID:25049) | Small Wireless Facility License, Extenet attaching small cell equipment on a replacement pole at the intersection of Somerville Avenue and School Street. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 40. License/Permit 212145 (ID:25016) | New Flammables License, 101 South Street Owner LLC, 101 South St, storing 6,984 gallons. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |
| 41. Public Communication 212146 (ID:25051) | 2 residents submitting comments re: the FY22 municipal budget. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

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| 42. Order 212147 (ID:25070) | By City Councilor McLaughlin In his capacity as President, recommending the appointment of Kimberly Wells to the position of City Clerk. | <p>Councilor Rossetti said the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters would take this item up at its meeting on July 6.</p> RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
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| <p>43. Mayor's Request 212148 (ID:25060)</p> | <p>Requesting an Executive Session to discuss the collective bargaining strategy involved in reorganizing the DPW Buildings and Grounds Division as well as the Tree Crew.</p> |
| <p>City Solicitor Frank Wright stated that this is a proper matter for discussion in Executive Session. The Council voted to enter into Executive Session at 8:03 PM. The Council returned from Executive Session at 8:38 PM and reconvened the regular Council meeting. President McLaughlin announced that no votes were taken in Executive Session other than the vote to adjourn. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>44. Mayor's Request 212149 (ID:25056)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of the attached Dog Rules and Dog Park Rules.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee</p> | |
| <p>45. Mayor's Request 212150 (ID:25064)</p> | <p>Requesting an appropriation of \$270,179,919 to fund the General Fund Operating Budget for FY22.</p> |
| <p>For discussion of this item see #212004 and #212109. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>46. Mayor's Request 212151 (ID:25053)</p> | <p>Requesting acceptance of a \$3,669.60 grant with no new match required, from the MA Attorney General's Office to the Health and Human Services Department for Healthy Summer Youth Jobs.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>47. Officer's Communication 212152 (ID:25057)</p> | <p>City Solicitor submitting an amendment to the Municipal Ordinances to prohibit pawnbroking.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee</p> | |
| <p>48. Officer's Communication 212153 (ID:25054)</p> | <p>Director of Health and Human Services conveying the Supervised Consumption Site Final Report.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |

49. Officer's Communication 212154 (ID:25055) Commission for Women Co-Chair submitting comments re: the FY22 budget.

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| RESULT: | PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

50. License/Permit 212155 (ID:25071) Public Event License, Raise Up Fair Share Amendment Kickoff, Union Sq Plaza, June 28, 4:45pm-7pm.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

51. Public Communication 212156 (ID:25078) SMEA President submitting comments re: the FY22 budget and DPW reorganization.

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| RESULT: | PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

LATE ITEMS

52. Officer's Communication 212157 (ID:25085) Deputy Personnel Director submitting an updated amendment to Ordinances 2-322 and 2-323 to update categories and associated salaries for non-union positions.

For discussion of this item see #212053 and #212109.

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| RESULT: | ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

53. Mayor's Request 212158 (ID:25072) Requesting authorization to seek funding, enter into related agreements, appropriate funding, and rededicate Somerville Junction Park to open space and recreational use in perpetuity.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:45 PM.

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 8, 2021, 7:00 PM
 Meeting by Remote Participation

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OPENING CEREMONIES

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

| Attendee Name | Title | Status | Arrived |
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| Wilfred N. Mbah | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Mary Jo Rossetti | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Kristen Strezo | City Councilor at Large | Present | |
| William A. White Jr. | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Matthew McLaughlin | Ward One City Councilor | Present | |
| Jefferson Thomas ("J.T.") Scott | Ward Two City Councilor | Present | |
| Ben Ewen-Campen | Ward Three City Councilor | Present | |
| Jesse Clingan | Ward Four City Councilor | Present | |
| Mark Niedergang | Ward Five City Councilor | Present | |
| Lance L. Davis | Ward Six City Councilor | Present | |
| Katjana Ballantyne | Ward Seven City Councilor | Present | |

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 212159
 (ID:26101) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 212160
 (ID:26102) There were no remembrances.
 RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting, June 3, 2021, and the Regular Meeting, June 10, 2021.
 212161
 (ID:26103) **RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

CITATIONS

- 4. Citation 212162 (ID:26109) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Rossetti, White Jr., Mbah, Strezo, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang Congratulating City Clerk John Long on his retirement.

The members of the City Council collectively and individually congratulated City Clerk John Long on his retirement from service to the City and people of Somerville after a distinguished career of 30 years.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 5. Grant of Location 212163 (ID:25061) Submitted by RCN Telecom to install 100 feet of conduit at the intersection of Prospect, Everett, and Newton Sts from a proposed manhole in Prospect St to a point of pickup at 35 Prospect St, and from the same manhole, 90 feet to an existing Utility Pole 118/3 near the rear of 282 Somerville Ave.

President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. Alex Ortiz from RCN spoke in favor of this item, and with no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
RECUSED: Scott

- 6. Grant of Location 212164 (ID:25062) Submitted by Extenet to install 63 feet of conduit in Somerville Ave from existing Eversource Manhole 20656 to a proposed handhole, then continuing 2 feet to a small wireless facility node near 343 Somerville Ave.

President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. Corey Milan from Extenet spoke in favor of this item, and with no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- 7. Grant of Location 212165 (ID:25063) Submitted by Extenet to install 62 feet of conduit near the intersection of School St and Somerville Ave from existing Eversource Manhole 8643 to a proposed handhole, then continuing 3 feet to a small wireless facility node near 435 Somerville Ave.

President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. Corey Milan from Extenet spoke in favor of this item, and with no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

8. Resolution 212166 (ID:26099) By City Councilor Niedergang, White Jr., Mbah, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Davis, Ballantyne
In support of Senate bill #1545, An Act Relative to Automated Enforcement.

Councilor Niedergang explained this would allow cities/towns to opt into automated enforcement, i.e., red light cameras, and he presented some supporting data. Councilor Strezio said there should be additional dialogue and a public hearing on the matter. Councilor Niedergang explained that this legislation only allows the city to opt in if it so chooses.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

9. Communication 212167 (ID:26100) By City Councilor Niedergang
Reporting on the meetings of the Traffic Commission from January through June 2021 and announcing the Commission's new email address, trafficcommission@somervillema.gov.

Councilor Niedergang highlighted some of the items passed by the Traffic Commission, including removing 35 parking spaces at Powder House Circle; creating more 20 MPH safety zones; approving additional HP parking spaces; changing bus stops for safety reasons; and creating or extending fire lanes. The Commission's next meeting will be on July 15 at 5:30, and on the agenda will be a proposal to net-remove 33 parking spaces on College Avenue. Councilor Rossetti asked for a copy of the College Avenue plan in advance of the meeting and Councilor Niedergang said that he would request that a copy be sent to each Councilor.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

10. Order 212168 (ID:25088) By City Councilor Strezio, McLaughlin
That the Director of Traffic replace the missing ONE WAY signs on Dana Street.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. Mayor's Request 211611 (ID:24484) Requesting approval of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance Body Art Services use standards and Table 9.1.1 Permitted Uses.

This item had been previously tabled while the Council awaited the Planning Board's recommendation, which was submitted as #212189 on this agenda.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

12. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 212169 (ID:26105) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on July 6, 2021.

Councilor Rossetti reported that the Committee approved 8 positions, including 4 Fire Department promotions and the new City Clerk.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- B. Mayor's Request 209518 (ID:22355) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jennifer Mancia as Executive Director of the Women's Commission.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- C. Mayor's Request 210490 (ID:23337) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Hayley Bermel to the Commission for Women.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- D. Mayor's Request 211298 (ID:24183) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jennifer Mancia as Executive Director of the Women's Commission.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- E. Mayor's Request 211299 (ID:24185) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Nancy Salamoun as Executive Director of the Human Rights Commission.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- F. Mayor's Request 211412 (ID:24273) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Kimberly Sheridan to the Commission for Women.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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| <p>G. Mayor's Request 211413 (ID:24274)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Arlen Weiner to the Commission for Women.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>H. Mayor's Request 211747 (ID:24589)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Holly Simione to the Commission for Person with Disabilities.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>I. Mayor's Request 211966 (ID:24844)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Timothy Bakey to the position of Fire Captain.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>J. Mayor's Request 211967 (ID:24845)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Barry Hamilton to the position of Fire Lieutenant.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>K. Mayor's Request 211968 (ID:24846)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Andrew Guralnick to the position of Fire Lieutenant.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>L. Mayor's Request 211969 (ID:24847)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Brendan Noonan to the position of Fire Lieutenant.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>M. Order 212147 (ID:25070)</p> | <p>By City Councilor McLaughlin In his capacity as President, recommending the appointment of Kimberly Wells to the position of City Clerk.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |

13. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 212170 (ID:26107) Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on July 7, 2021.

Councilor Strezo said the Committee received updates on the rental moratorium, playground communication boards and the SomerVision 2040 plan.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

14. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 212171 (ID:26104) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on June 29, 2021.

Councilor Ewen-Campen said the Committee took stock of what remains to be dealt with. Several map change amendments were recommended for approval. The committee was updated by the Planning Department about some changes relative to the sale of cannabis. Councilor Scott said two of the map changes (471 Somerville Ave and 92 Properzi Way), had gone through the neighborhood process and are supported by neighborhood.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- B. Public Communication 211675 (ID:24575) Scott Zink proposing a zoning amendment to re-zone his property at 471 Somerville Avenue from Urban Residential to MR4.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: City Council

- C. Public Communication 211988 (ID:24876) Moshe Safdie proposing a zoning amendment to extend the Small Business Overlay to his property at 92 Properzi Way.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: City Council

- D. Public Communication 212047 (ID:24956) Senthil Kumar proposing a zoning amendment to rezone his property at 8-8A Melvin Street from Mid Rise 5 to Neighborhood Residential.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: City Council

- E. Mayor's Request 212051 (ID:24918) Requesting an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to revise the façade build-out dimensional standard for any Apartment Building in the Urban Residence district when abutting the Neighborhood Residence district.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: City Council

15. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 212172 (ID:26106) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on July 6, 2021.

Councilor Davis reported that 2 items were recommended for approval. The Committee also held a lengthy discussion on a proposed amendment to Ordinance 2-123 (#211812) and ended up discharging it without a recommendation. Councilor Davis said he has since had discussions with Councilors White and McLaughlin and would like to refer it back to Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- B. Ordinance 211812 (ID:24721) By City Councilor White Jr., Scott, Clingan, Mbah, Davis, Ballantyne Proposing an amendment to Ordinance 2-123 that would require notification to this Council of claims against the City filed at the MA Commission Against Discrimination.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

- C. Order 211818 (ID:24767) By City Councilor Niedergang, Clingan, Davis That this Council consider amending the Demolition Review Ordinance to extend the maximum demolition delay period that the Historic Preservation Commission can impose on buildings of historical value from 12 months to 18 months.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Mayor's Request 211954 (ID:24824) Requesting adoption of MGL c48, s59A, authorizing the Fire Department to Provide Mutual Aid.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- E. Mayor's Request 212131 (ID:25047) Requesting, with Councilor McLaughlin, approval of an amendment to Ordinance 2-309.5, the Veterans Commission Ordinance, to permit Hero Square dedications for both living and deceased service members who served during wartime.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

16. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 212173 (ID:26108) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on July 7, 2021.

Councilor White informed the Council that an ordinance amendment to prohibit pawn brokers in the city was recommended for approval.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- B. License/Permit 212145 (ID:25016) New Flammables License, 101 South Street Owner LLC, 101 South St, storing 6,984 gallons.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- C. Officer's Communication 212152 (ID:25057) City Solicitor submitting an amendment to the Municipal Ordinances to prohibit pawnbroking.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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17. Mayor's Request 212174 (ID:26094) Requesting to appear in executive session as to the proposed settlement of a pending claim.

Solicitor Wright advised that the four items on the agenda are appropriate for discussion in Executive Session. The Council entered into Executive Session at 9:00 PM to discuss all four items. The meeting reconvened at 11:00 PM, and Councilor Rossetti reported that President McLaughlin was recused from agenda items 17 and 19 (#212174 and #212176) and that one vote was taken on #212174.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

18. Mayor's Request 212175 (ID:26095) Requesting to appear in executive session regarding an HVAC contract claim.
- Solicitor Wright advised that the four items on the agenda are appropriate for discussion in Executive Session. The Council entered into Executive Session at 9:00 PM to discuss all four items. The meeting reconvened at 11:00 PM, and Councilor Rossetti reported that President McLaughlin was recused from agenda items 17 and 19 (#212174 and #212176) and that one vote was taken on #212174.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
19. Mayor's Request 212176 (ID:26097) Requesting to appear in executive session to discuss the recent arbitrator's decision involving the Somerville Police Employee's Association.
- Solicitor Wright advised that the four items on the agenda are appropriate for discussion in Executive Session. The Council entered into Executive Session at 9:00 PM to discuss all four items. The meeting reconvened at 11:00 PM, and Councilor Rossetti reported that President McLaughlin was recused from agenda items 17 and 19 (#212174 and #212176) and that one vote was taken on #212174.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
20. Mayor's Request 212177 (ID:26098) Requesting to appear in executive session to discuss the proposed settlement of opioid litigation involving the Purdue Pharma bankruptcy case.
- Solicitor Wright advised that the four items on the agenda are appropriate for discussion in Executive Session. The Council entered into Executive Session at 9:00 PM to discuss all four items. The meeting reconvened at 11:00 PM, and Councilor Rossetti reported that President McLaughlin was recused from agenda items 17 and 19 (#212174 and #212176) and that one vote was taken on #212174.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
21. Mayor's Request 212178 (ID:25084) Requesting approval to appropriate \$323,737.91 from the Facility Construction and Renovation Stabilization Fund to provide capital project building renovation and improvement services.
- Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings of items 21-27 and approve them.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

22. Mayor's Request 212179 (ID:25083) Requesting approval to appropriate \$230,515.51 from the Street Reconstruction and Resurfacing Stabilization Fund for pavement assessments, street resurfacing, and pavement marking services.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

23. Mayor's Request 212180 (ID:24901) Requesting acceptance of a \$298,280 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Mental Health to the Police Department for Crisis Intervention Team training.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

24. Mayor's Request 212181 (ID:25018) Requesting acceptance of a \$239,544.18 grant that requires a \$23,954.42 match, from FEMA to the Fire Department for Fire Officer training.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

25. Mayor's Request 212182 (ID:25024) Requesting acceptance of a \$117,108 grant with no new match required, from The MA Office of Elder Affairs to the Council on Aging for programming, transportation, salary, equipment and other needs of the elderly.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

26. Mayor's Request 212183 (ID:24902) Requesting acceptance of a \$37,315 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Mental Health to the Police Department for the Jail Diversion Program.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

27. Mayor's Request 212184 (ID:25086) Requesting approval to pay two prior year invoices totaling \$816 using available FY21 funds in the Treasury Department Professional & Technical Services Account for FY20 online ACH fees.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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| 28. | Mayor's Request 212185 (ID:26093) | Requesting approval to change three polling places, attached, due to the relaxing of COVID-19 restrictions which allow a return to the previous polling locations. | <p>Election Commissioner Nick Salerno explained that 3 polling places will be changed: Ward 3 Pct 1 will return to Properzi Manor, Ward 6 Pct 3 will move to the West Branch Library, and Ward 7 Pct 3 will return to the VNA on Alewife Brook Parkway.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 29. | Mayor's Request 212186 (ID:26090) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Ann Fullerton to the Zoning Board of Appeals. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 30. | Mayor's Request 212187 (ID:26091) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Stephanos Axios to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an Alternate Member. | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |

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| 31. | Officer's Communication 212188 (ID:26096) | City Solicitor requesting approval to retain Petrini & Associates, P.C. as outside legal counsel in the HVAC contract matter. | <p>Attorney Chris Brown from Petrini & Associates, P. C. spoke about his firm's experience in municipal law, infrastructure work, procurement and public construction contracts. The fees for the firm's services will range from \$150/hour for paralegal work up to \$300/hour for Attorney Petrini.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 32. | Officer's Communication 212189 (ID:26089) | Planning Board conveying its recommendations on #'s 211170, 211433, 211611, 211612, and 211693, all requests to amend the Zoning Ordinances. | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee</p> |

33. Officer's Communication 212190 (ID:25022) Acting Chief of Police responding to #211929 re: Housing Authority Police reforms.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

34. Officer's Communication 212191 (ID:26111) City Clerk submitting his resignation as of July 23, 2021.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

NEW BUSINESS

35. License/Permit 212192 (ID:25087) Public Event License, Moore/Mead Sts Block Party, from Claremon St to Holland St, July 11, 1:30pm-5:30pm (raindate July 18).

Councilor White moved to waive the readings and approve the items.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

36. License/Permit 212193 (ID:26116) Public Event License, Indiana Ave Block Party, July 18, 2-10pm (raindate July 25).

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

37. License/Permit 212194 (ID:26123) Public Event License, SomerViva and MIRA Coalition Celebration of Immigrant Workers, East Somerville Community School Turf Field and Basketball Court, July 23, 3:30-6:30PM.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

38. License/Permit 212195 (ID:25067) Public Event License, Gorham St Block Party, from Tannery Brook Row to Holland St, July 24, 8am-10pm (raindate July 25)

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

39. License/Permit 212196 (ID:25065) Public Event License, East Morrison Ave Block Party, Morrison Ave from Highland Rd to Prichard Ave, July 24, 1pm-8pm (raindate July 25).

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

40. License/Permit 212197 (ID:26118) Public Event License, Tennyson St Block Party, From Pembroke St to Medford St, July 24, 1-8:30pm (raindate July 25).

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

41. License/Permit 212198 (ID:26126) Public Event License, Arts Council and Zili Misik Project Misik Workshops and Performances, Blessing of the Bay Boathouse grassy area only, Jul 28, Aug 4,11,25, Sep 11, 5-9PM (raindates Jul 29, Aug 5,12,26, Sep 12).

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

42. License/Permit 212199 (ID:25069) Public Event License, 7ate9 Bakery National Cheesecake Day Celebration, parking spaces in front of 199C Highland Ave, July 31, 7am-6pm (raindate Aug 1).

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

43. License/Permit 212200 (ID:26119) Public Event License, SmartBear Software Pan Mass Run, Assembly Row area, Aug 5, Noon-5:30PM.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

44. License/Permit 212201 (ID:26128) Public Event License, One Entertainment Somerville Kite and Arts Festival, Dilboy Auxiliary A Field, Aug 7, 8AM-4PM.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

45. License/Permit 212202 (ID:26127) Public Event License, Arts Council Yart Sale, citywide, Aug 14, 10AM-5PM (raindate Aug 15).

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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| 46. License/Permit 212203 (ID:25068) | Public Event License, Electric Ave Block Party, from Packard Ave to Mason St, Aug 14, 11am-6pm (raindate Aug 15). | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 47. License/Permit 212204 (ID:26125) | Public Event License, Bromfield Rd Block Party, Aug 21, 11AM-7PM (raindate Aug 28). | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 48. License/Permit 212205 (ID:25066) | Public Event License, Wallace St Block Party, from Broadway to Holland Street, Aug 28, 2pm-9:30pm (raindate Aug 29). | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 49. License/Permit 212206 (ID:26120) | Public Event License, bent/haus Water Misting Installation, Chuckie Harris Park, Aug 28, 6-10PM (raindate Aug 29). | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 50. License/Permit 212207 (ID:26117) | Public Event License, FRIT Riverfest 2021, Assembly Row area, Sep 18, 10AM-11PM. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 51. License/Permit 212208 (ID:26115) | Public Event License, Irving St Block Party, Sep 18, 11:30am-7pm (raindate Sep 25). | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 52. License/Permit 212209 (ID:26114) | Public Event License, Kids Like You and Me Somerville Cambridge Underground Pop Arts Performance Showcase, Lincoln Park Basketball Court, September 18, 1-5PM (raindate October 2). | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

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| 53. License/Permit 212210 (ID:26122) | Public Event License, Prospect Hill Block Party, Munroe St from Prospect Hill Ave to Bigelow St, Sep 18, 1-8pm (raindate Sep 19). | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 54. License/Permit 212211 (ID:26121) | Public Event License, Lexington Ave Block Party, From Hancock St to Cedar St, Sep 19, 4-9pm (raindate Sep 26). | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 55. License/Permit 212212 (ID:26113) | Public Event License, Police Dept. Collier Kickball Extravaganza, Trum Field, September 25, 7AM-6PM. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 56. License/Permit 212213 (ID:26112) | Public Event License, All Community Events Somerville Hot Cider Hustle 8K Road Race, Assembly Row area and Mystic Reservation, October 30, 4AM-Noon. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 57. Public Communication 212214 (ID:26110) | Gilman Sq Neighborhood Association, Union Square Neighborhood Council Board, and 526 citizens submitting comments re: rezoning 343 Medford St. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

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| 58. Mayor's Request 212215 (ID:26130) | Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$25,254.23 from various DPW accounts using available FY22 funds. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
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| <p>59. Mayor's Request 212216 (ID:26129)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$2,500 using available funds in the Human Resources Department Arbitration Services Account for June 2021 arbitration services.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>60. License/Permit 212217 (ID:26135)</p> | <p>Public Event License, Bay State Ave Block Party, from Kidder Ave to Foskett St, July 31, 4PM-12AM (raindate Aug 1).</p> |
| <p>Councilor White moved to waive the readings of items 60-64 and approve all but 64, which should be sent to the Committee on Licenses and Permits. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>61. License/Permit 212218 (ID:26134)</p> | <p>Public Event License, Art Council Rock and Roll Yard Sale, Union Sq parking lot, Sept 11, 9AM-6PM (raindate Sept 12).</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>62. License/Permit 212219 (ID:26124)</p> | <p>Public Event License, Hudson St Block Party, From Waldo St to Central St, Oct 2, 2-8pm (raindate Oct 3).</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>63. License/Permit 212220 (ID:26133)</p> | <p>New Sign/Awning Permit, Waikiki Sushi and Poke, 27 Holland Street, for double sided blade sign and back lit channel sign over public sidewalk.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>64. License/Permit 212221 (ID:26132)</p> | <p>New Garage License, Brazil Auto Repair Inc, 621 Somerville Avenue, 2 autos inside, 0 outside for mechanical repairs only, operating Mon-Fri: 8am-6pm, Sat: 8am-2pm, Sun: Closed.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee</p> | |

LATE ITEMS

65. Resolution 212222 (ID:26142) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. Standing in solidarity with the Tufts Labor Coalition and Tufts dining workers.

Councilor Ballantyne sponsored Tufts student David Boulet-Gercourt and Dining Hall worker Patricia O’Brien, who reported that there has been no progress with Tufts and they asked for the Council’s continued support. This is the first time that Tufts has not allowed dining hall workers to collect unemployment payments and many workers have not received a paycheck since May. The dining hall workers were laid off since there were no summer classes or summer programs. Ms. O’Brien told the Council that the unemployment office didn’t reject the claims but rather, Tufts blocked them.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

66. Mayor's Request 212132 (ID:25038) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$7,000,000 in a bond for citywide water meter replacement.

Discharged from the Finance Committee. Director of Water and Sewer Chad Whiting explained that the water meters in the city are reaching the end of their life cycle. Councilor Ewen-Campen asked why the debt service interest rate is 3.5% and Mr. Whiting said it's just an estimate, with the actual rate set when the bond is issued. He said residents will be notified in advance of the change-out and no work will be performed without the authorization of the property owner. Photos will be taken of the old meters and readings and the information will be transferred to the new meters.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

67. Mayor's Request 211848 (ID:24603) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$387.30 using available funds in the Infrastructure and Asset Management Fee Account for delinquent EZ Pass toll invoices.

Discharged from the Finance Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

68. Mayor's Request 211850 (ID:24698) Requesting approval of a time-only extension for The Robinson Green Beretta Corp. contract for construction administration at the Buena Vista Garage through 8/31/2021.

Discharged from the Finance Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

69. Order 212223 (ID:26138) By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of Mobility work with the MBTA to add a bus shelter at the McGrath Highway bus stop across the highway from Twin City Plaza.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee
70. Order 212224 (ID:26139) By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Commissioner of Public Works, the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management and the Director of Sustainability and Environment pilot a project to reduce the heat island effect on asphalt using materials to cool it.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee
71. Order 212225 (ID:26140) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Clingan, White Jr.
That Eversource representatives be requested to appear before the next meeting of this Council’s Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works to respond to the gas leak data along Somerville Avenue.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
72. Order 212226 (ID:26141) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Clingan
That the City Solicitor advise the Ward 4 and Ward 7 Councilors whether Tufts' new parking enforcement technology is in compliance with the Surveillance Ordinance and whether it scans Somerville's public ways.
- Councilors Ballantyne and Clingan asked to understand more about this technology as it has impacted some residents.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 11:20 PM.

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

August 26, 2021, 7:00 PM
 Meeting by Remote Participation

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OPENING CEREMONIES

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

| Attendee Name | Title | Status | Arrived |
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| Wilfred N. Mbah | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Mary Jo Rossetti | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Kristen Strezo | City Councilor at Large | Present | |
| William A. White Jr. | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Matthew McLaughlin | Ward One City Councilor | Present | |
| Jefferson Thomas ("J.T.") Scott | Ward Two City Councilor | Present | |
| Ben Ewen-Campen | Ward Three City Councilor | Present | |
| Jesse Clingan | Ward Four City Councilor | Present | |
| Mark Niedergang | Ward Five City Councilor | Present | |
| Lance L. Davis | Ward Six City Councilor | Present | |
| Katjana Ballantyne | Ward Seven City Councilor | Present | |

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
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 (ID:26221) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 212228
 (ID:26222) Councilors Clingan and Ballantyne sponsored a moment of silence for James O'Brien.
 Councilor Clingan sponsored a moment of silence for all those lost to drug addiction.
 Councilors White, McLaughlin and Scott sponsored a moment of silence for Salvatore DiDomenico.
 RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes 212229 (ID:26223) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meetings of June 24, 2021 and July 8, 2021.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. Grant of Location 212230 (ID:26164) Submitted by Eversource to install 99 feet of conduit in Summer Street, from Utility Pole 325/28 to a point of pickup at 162 Summer Street.

President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy from Eversource spoke in favor of this item. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing. Councilor Rossetti expressed concern with Eversource’s work at the new high school, as a portion of work was not completed today, as promised. She asked that Ms. Duffy contact the Eversource representative in charge of this particular job so that the matter may be discussed tonight. Councilor Ewen-Campen stated his willingness to send all Eversource items to committee until this matter is resolved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

5. Grant of Location 212231 (ID:26168) Submitted by Eversource to install 116 feet of conduit in Inner Belt Road, from Manhole 26995 to a point of pickup at Inner Belt Road and Third Avenue.

President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy from Eversource spoke in favor of this item. David Green spoke on the item and asked about the plan for re-routing traffic. Ms. Duffy replied that there would be a police detail and she asked Mr. Green to contact her for further discussion. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

6. Order 212232 (ID:26193) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Mbah, Davis, Ballantyne, Clingan, Strezo That this Council adopt a code of conduct and anti-harassment policy.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Rules Special Committee

7. Order 212233 (ID:26194) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ballantyne, Clingan, Scott
That the City Clerk's Office discontinue providing badges to Councilors, and that Councilors refrain from using badges to enforce laws.

President McLaughlin explained his reasoning for proposing this item, noting that the issuance of badges first occurred in the city about 100 years ago. This item would discontinue the practice.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

8. Order 212234 (ID:26230) By City Councilor McLaughlin
In his capacity as President, recommending the appointment of Joan Liu to the Traffic Board.

President McLaughlin noted that the city has a Traffic Board in addition to a Traffic Commission, and he sponsored his appointment to that board, Joan Liu, to address the Council, and asked that her appointment be approved this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

9. Order 212235 (ID:26208) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Davis, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Niedergang, Mbah
That the Director of Health and Human Services identify a location for a harm reduction site to provide alternative methods of addressing substance abuse while plans for a safe consumption site are prepared.

President McLaughlin proposed this item as he is unsure that the proposed safe consumption sites will be implemented this year. Councilor Clingan spoke about the city being behind other cities in this regard.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

10. Order 212236 (ID:26209) By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management update this Council on efforts to prevent flooding under the Washington Street bridge.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Flood Forum Special Committee

11. Order 212237 (ID:26210) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Clingan, Strezo, Scott, Ballantyne, Mbah That the Director of Inspectional Services and the Director of Health and Human Services update this Council on rodent control enforcement and vacant positions within the rodent task force.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

12. Communication 212238 (ID:26190) By City Councilor Rossetti In her capacity as President, following the recusal of President McLaughlin, announcing the appointment of Councilor Jesse Clingan to serve on the Police Chief Selection Committee.

President McLaughlin was recused from this item. Councilor Rossetti announced the appointment, in her capacity as President.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [10 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin

13. Communication 212239 (ID:26191) By City Councilor Rossetti In her capacity as President, following the recusal of President McLaughlin, announcing the appointment of Councilor Lance Davis to serve on the Public Safety Building Committee.

President McLaughlin was recused from this item. Councilor Rossetti announced the appointment, in her capacity as President.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [10 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin

14. Communication 212240 (ID:26192) By City Councilor Rossetti Report of the High School Building Committee meetings of July and August.

Councilor Rossetti gave a report of the High School Building Committee saying that several walk throughs are scheduled in order to secure temporary certifications. Additional inspections are also scheduled, e.g., elevators. Asbestos is expected to be removed over the next 3 months. Public viewing of the facility is not recommended at this time due to COVID concerns. She noted that she will not be serving on that committee after the new Council is installed.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

15. Resolution 212241 (ID:26204) By City Councilor Mbah, Scott, Ewen-Campen Requesting the establishment of a restitution program for current and former residents who have been harmed by the war on drugs.

Councilor Mbah introduced this resolution, saying that this is the city’s moral obligation to comply. President McLaughlin stated that the war on drugs isn’t over and he has questions about how funds would be dispersed. He said that giving money to people won’t solve the problem and would take funds away from other initiatives. He also said this would take funds away from “on the ground” issues. Councilor Rossetti asked that the item be referred to a committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

16. Resolution 212242 (ID:26171) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Strezo, and the Mayor, Ballantyne, Davis, Clingan, Scott, Mbah Supporting H.1434/S.891 - An Act to Prevent COVID-19 Evictions and Foreclosures and Promote an Equitable Housing Recovery.

Councilor Ewen-Campen explained that the bill would pause all no-fault evictions until March of 2022 as well as pausing all foreclosures and require that a number of other actions be taken.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

17. Resolution 212243 (ID:26200) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Scott, Ballantyne, Mbah That the Administration purchase 57 Central Street (aka “Central Street Studios”) and continue to maintain the existing building as artists’ studios and/or affordable artist live/work spaces.

Councilor Ewen-Campen spoke on the item and would like to examine the options available to maintain the property as a space for artists. Councilor Niedergang noted that the city has expressed some interest in the matter and Councilor Scott said that this is an important activist step by the City Council.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

18. Resolution 212244 (ID:26199) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Davis, Scott
That the Administration work with this Council to begin a public process to consider removing the phrase “Honorably Purchased from the Pawtuckets – 1639” from the Somerville Seal and Flag.

Councilor Ewen-Campen said that the statement in question needs a conversation to determine how it first came about. He gave a brief history of how 75% of the native population at the time died, some in conflict with settlers, and he questioned how “honorable” the purchase really was. Councilor Clingan thinks that this would erase the history that transpired and suggested that perhaps simply removing the word “honorable” might suffice. Councilor Ewen-Campen didn’t agree with that suggestion and would like to have a discussion. Councilor Rossetti noted that the Memorialization Committee might not be the appropriate place to refer this matter since public input has not been a large factor in its decisions. Councilor White explained that any change would have to be done by ordinance.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

19. Order 212245 (ID:26201) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Mbah
That the Director of Engineering update this Council on what work has been done over the past two years to alleviate flooding on Richdale Avenue.

Councilor Ewen-Campen noted that the problem has not gotten any better over the past 4 years and he would like to know what actions have been taken over the past 2 years to remedy the problem.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

20. Order 212246 (ID:26197) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Clingan
That the Director of Economic Development update this Council on the recent Request For Proposals to lease the Historic Union Square Fire Station to a private developer, and provide this Council with an independent assessment of the building and relocation efforts for the tenants.

Councilor Ewen-Campen asked that the Council begin discussions on this item and stated that he is uncomfortable with turning the property over to a private developer.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

21. Order 212247 (ID:26195) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, Strezo, Clingan, Davis That the Director of Economic Development update this Council on the updated Nexus study to increase Development Linkage Fees.
- Councilor Ewen-Campen noted that linkage fees are a prime method for acquiring funds which could be used for affordable housing ad he would like an updated study to take advantage of the current real estate market.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
22. Order 212248 (ID:26196) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne That the Director of Health and Human Services report to this Council the percentage per department of City employees who are vaccinated against COVID-19, and finalize plans to mandate such vaccinations.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
23. Order 212249 (ID:26198) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, Clingan That the Director of Housing report to this Council whether the stock of federally funded housing units is above or below the “Faircloth Limit” which caps the number of such units at 1999 levels.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
24. Order 212250 (ID:26202) By City Councilor Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne That the Commissioner of Public Works, the Director of Purchasing, and the Director of Mobility report to the Legislative Matters Committee on enforcement of and annual reporting on the Ordinance to Safeguard Vulnerable Road Users.
- Councilor Niedergang reviewed the mandates of the ordinance and said that Somerville should be working closely with Cambridge on this matter.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

25. Order 212251 (ID:26203) By City Councilor Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Mobility report to this Council whether the video "Safer Trucking in Changing Cities" is being used to train City truck drivers in safe driving techniques.

Councilor Niedergang noted that this video has been used by the DPW in the past for training truck drivers.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

26. Order 212252 (ID:26215) By City Councilor Scott That the Commissioner of Public Works install 5 MINUTE PICKUP/DROPOFF signs at 445 Somerville Avenue.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

27. Order 212253 (ID:26214) By City Councilor Scott That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the damaged street sign at Hanson Street and Properzi Way.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

28. Order 212254 (ID:26217) By City Councilor Scott That the Director of Mobility replace the HAWK signal at Buckingham and Beacon Streets with a standard RYG stoplight signal.

Councilor Scott explained that he has received complaints about the efficacy of the HAWK signal.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

29. Order 212255 (ID:26213) By City Councilor Scott, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Mbah That this Council consider an Automated Speed Enforcement in School Zones Home Rule Petition similar to the one already approved by Salem MA.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

30. Order
212256
(ID:26216)
- By City Councilor Scott
That the Director of Planning ensure that a motion is placed on the next agendas of the Planning Board and Urban Design Commission to approve the minutes of prior meetings and ensure that those minutes are posted promptly.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

31. Order
212257
(ID:26220)
- By City Councilor Scott, Mbah
That the Director of Economic Development provide an update regarding the leases at the Armory building and the plan for tenancy and uses moving forward.

Councilor Scott stated that there is a lot of stress among the artist community regarding this matter. Councilor Niedergang moved to amend the item by directing it to the Director of Economic Development.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

32. Order
212258
(ID:26219)
- By City Councilor Scott
That the Director of Engineering provide a timeline for the change of the signaling at Webster Avenue and Washington Street to a pedestrian exclusive interval.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

33. Order
212259
(ID:26218)
- By City Councilor Scott
That the Director of Mobility and the Director of Engineering discuss the upcoming MassDOT replacement of the Webster Street rail bridge and explain what public input process will be followed locally.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

34. Order 212260 (ID:26205) By City Councilor Strezo, Clingan, Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne
That the Director of Engineering update the Flood Forum Committee on the mitigation and steps to address flooding for the Gilman Square region, most specifically on Richdale Avenue, School Street and Medford Street.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Flood Forum Special Committee

35. Order 212261 (ID:26206) By City Councilor Strezo, Ewen-Campen
That the Director of Parking implement traffic calming measures on Montrose Street, between School and Sycamore Streets, including but not limited to two CAUTION - CHILDREN PLAYING signs on opposite ends of the street.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

36. Order 212262 (ID:26207) By City Councilor Strezo
That the Director of the Council on Aging appear before this Council’s Committee on Housing and Community Development to discuss an ongoing plan to bus seniors to city-wide events, including evenings and weekends.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

37. Order 212263 (ID:26212) By City Councilor Clingan
That the Director of Engineering work with the Administration to fund a wastewater management project in the next fiscal budget for Gilman Square, to address constant flooding.

Councilor Clingan expressed the need for action on this matter, stating that quick fixes aren’t going to take care of the problem.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Flood Forum Special Committee

38. Resolution 212264 (ID:26211) By City Councilor Clingan That the Director of the Somerville Housing Authority (SHA) provide this Council’s Committee on Housing and Community Development with an organizational chart for the SHA, including the current SHA Commissioners.

Councilor Clingan explained that this is for transparency purposes.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

39. Public Communication 211675 (ID:24575) Scott Zink proposing a zoning amendment to re-zone his property at 471 Somerville Avenue from Urban Residential to MR4.

This item was Enrolled and Ordained.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

40. Public Communication 211988 (ID:24876) Moshe Safdie proposing a zoning amendment to extend the Small Business Overlay to his property at 92 Properzi Way.

This item was Enrolled and Ordained.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

41. Public Communication 212047 (ID:24956) Senthil Kumar proposing a zoning amendment to rezone his property at 8-8A Melvin Street from Mid Rise 5 to Neighborhood Residential.

This item was Enrolled and Ordained.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

42. Mayor's Request 212051 (ID:24918) Requesting an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to revise the façade build-out dimensional standard for any Apartment Building in the Urban Residence district when abutting the Neighborhood Residence district.

This item was Enrolled and Ordained.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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- 43. Mayor's Request 212265 (ID:26177) Requesting approval of a 30-year lease for the new Assembly Square Fire Station.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and refer this item to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 44. Mayor's Request 212266 (ID:26170) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,509,600 in a bond for the acquisition of 9-11 Allen St.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and refer this item to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 45. Mayor's Request 212267 (ID:26175) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,331,543 in a bond for the construction of an outdoor elevator to improve accessibility between the High School Field Level and the new Green Line Extension Gilman Square Station.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and refer this item to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 46. Mayor's Request 212268 (ID:26174) Requesting approval to re-purpose the Green Line Extension Stabilization Fund and appropriate \$7,668,457 from said fund for the construction of an elevator between the High School Field and the new Green Line Gilman Square Station.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and refer this item to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
- 47. Mayor's Request 212269 (ID:26167) Requesting approval to appropriate \$151,000 from the Facility Construction and Renovation Stabilization Fund for additional design and electrical conduit work related to the Gilman Station elevator and GLX platform.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and refer this item to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

48. Mayor's Request 212270 (ID:26229) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$138,281 to various accounts in the Elections Department to fund in-person early voting in September and November.
- Election Commissioner Salerno addressed the Council and explained the reason for going forward with early voting and the cost associated with it, as well as with mail in voting. Councilor Niedergang inquired why there was no weekend early voting planned and Mr. Salerno explained the rationale for the decision.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
49. Mayor's Request 212271 (ID:26161) Requesting approval to transfer funds from the Sewer Capital Outlay Account to the Ordinary Maintenance Account to settle a pending claim totaling \$7,329 for repairs to a blocked residential sewer line.
- Councilor Ballantyne explained the situation and moved for approval.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
50. Mayor's Request 212272 (ID:26144) Requesting a transfer of \$13,500 from the City Council Salaries Monthly Account to the City Clerk's Office Salaries Account to unify the City Clerk's compensation into one Account.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
51. Mayor's Request 212273 (ID:26172) Requesting approval to pay two prior year invoices totaling \$800 using available funds in the OSPCD-Mobility Ordinary Maintenance Account for police details for shared street implementation work.
- Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and approve this item.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
52. Mayor's Request 212274 (ID:26162) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$675 using available funds in the Infrastructure and Asset Management Ordinary Maintenance Account for printed materials, including safety decals for hard hats.
- Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and approve this item.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

53. Mayor's Request 212275 (ID:26163) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$250 using available funds in the Infrastructure and Asset Management Ordinary Maintenance Account for an Enterprise Fund Accounting class.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and approve this item.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

54. Mayor's Request 212276 (ID:26165) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$150 using available funds in the Infrastructure and Asset Management Ordinary Maintenance Account for an Asbestos Awareness training.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and approve this item.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

55. Mayor's Request 212277 (ID:26152) Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$250,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Housing and Community Development to the OSPCD-Mobility Division for Gilman Square streetscape design project.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and approve this item.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

56. Mayor's Request 212278 (ID:26137) Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$50,000 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for expenditures and backfill/overtime for the Special Response Team.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and approve this item.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

57. Mayor's Request 212279 (ID:26176) Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$41,490.25 grant with no new match required, from MADoT to the OSPCD-Mobility Division for the Safe Streets and Paths project.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and approve this item.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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| 58. | Mayor's Request 212280 (ID:26150) | Requesting acceptance of a \$16,111.11 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for the purchase of security equipment to enhance physical security for city property and buildings. |
| | | <p>Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and approve this item.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 59. | Mayor's Request 212281 (ID:26228) | Requesting approval of the In-Person Early Voting Schedule for the September 14, 2021 Preliminary and the November 2, 2021 General Election. |
| | | <p>Election Commissioner Salerno addressed the Council and explained the reason for going forward with early voting and the cost associated with it, as well as with mail in voting. Councilor Niedergang inquired why there was no weekend early voting planned and Mr. Salerno explained the rationale for the decision.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 60. | Mayor's Request 212282 (ID:26231) | Requesting approval for specified City Employees to work the September 14, 2021 Preliminary Election and the November 2, 2021 General Election. |
| | | <p>Election Commissioner Salerno addressed the Council and requested approval of this item.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 61. | Mayor's Request 212283 (ID:26149) | Requesting the reappointment of Eleanor Rances to the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. |
| | | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |

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| 62. | Officer's Communication 212284 (ID:26148) | City Solicitor requesting approval to pay FY21 Outside Legal Counsel Invoices with funds from FY21 and FY22. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

63. Officer's Communication 212285 (ID:26145) Planning Board conveying its recommendations on items 211675, 211890, 211988, 211889, 212047, 212050, 212051, and 212052, all requests to amend the Zoning Ordinances.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

64. Officer's Communication 212286 (ID:26155) Memorialization Committee submitting a new street named Auto Workers Way in Assembly Row.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

NEW BUSINESS

65. License/Permit 212287 (ID:26160) Public Event License, East Somerville Main Streets Market, sidewalk in front of East Branch Public Library, Sundays Aug 15-Oct 31, 10AM-2PM.

Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

66. License/Permit 212288 (ID:26224) Public Event License, Arthur D. Healey School Block Party, Meacham St from Edgar Ave to school parking lot, Aug 30, 4:30PM-7:30PM.

Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

67. License/Permit 212289 (ID:26183) Public Event License, Tufts Discover Davis Square, Statue Park, Sept 5, 11am-5pm.

Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

68. License/Permit 212290 (ID:26184) Public Event License, SomerFest, Seven Hills Park, Sept 10, 2PM-10:30PM (raindate Sept 17).

Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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| 69. License/Permit 212291 (ID:26185) | Public Event License, Oxford St Block Party, Oxford St from Trull Ln to School St, Sept 11, 1PM-11:00PM (raindate Sept 12). | <p>Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 70. License/Permit 212292 (ID:26186) | Public Event License, ESMS Howl-o-ween Pet Parade, New Washington Street and Zero Washington Dog Park, Oct 16, 11AM-4PM (raindate Oct 17). | <p>Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 71. License/Permit 212293 (ID:26156) | New Drainlayer's License, Ronan 953 LLC. | <p>Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 72. License/Permit 212294 (ID:26157) | New Drainlayer's License, Peter Amorello Construction & Demolition. | <p>Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 73. License/Permit 212295 (ID:26158) | New Drainlayer's License, The Welch Corp. | <p>Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 74. License/Permit 212296 (ID:26169) | New Drainlayer's license, Garrett Construction Co. Inc. | <p>Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

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| 75. License/Permit 212297 (ID:26147) | Renewing Drainlayer's License, Strongback Systems. Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 76. License/Permit 212298 (ID:26159) | New Garage License, 101 South Street Owner LLC, 101 South Street, 300 vehicles inside, 0 outside, for storing vehicles only. Councilor White moved to waive the reading and refer this item to the Licenses and Permits Committee. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |
| 77. License/Permit 212299 (ID:26225) | New Garage License, FRIT, 485 Foley Street, 250 autos inside, 0 outside for storing vehicles only. Councilor White moved to waive the reading and refer this item to the Licenses and Permits Committee. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |
| 78. License/Permit 212300 (ID:26226) | New Garage License, FRIT, 455 Grand Union Boulevard, 611 autos inside, 0 outside for storing vehicles only. Councilor White moved to waive the reading and refer this item to the Licenses and Permits Committee. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |
| 79. Public Communication 212301 (ID:26188) | AP Davis Square Plaza, LP requesting the adoption of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Map to re-zone four parcels in Davis Square Plaza from MR-4 to Civic and CC-4. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee |
| 80. Public Communication 212302 (ID:26189) | Tufts University President responding to # 212222 re: supporting Tufts Labor Coalition and Tufts dining workers. RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

81. Order 212303 (ID:26233) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Health and Human Services provide metric-based transparent information for small businesses and schools as we learn to live with COVID and follow emerging science.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

82. Order 212304 (ID:26234) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Health and Human Services discuss with this Council, what COVID/Delta variant safety measures and mandates are being proposed, including mandating vaccinations.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

83. Mayor's Request 212305 (ID:26178) Requesting approval of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for payments of Certificates of Occupancy.

Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to waive the reading and refer this item to the Land Use Committee.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

84. Mayor's Request 212306 (ID:26179) Requesting approval of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for Commercial Spaces.

Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to waive the reading and refer this item to the Land Use Committee.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

85. Mayor's Request 212307 (ID:26180) Requesting approval of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for Sidewalk & Frontage Clarifications.

Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to waive the reading and refer this item to the Land Use Committee.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

86. Mayor's Request 212308 (ID:26181) Requesting approval of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for Rooftop Mechanicals.

Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to waive the reading and refer this item to the Land Use Committee.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

87. Mayor's Request 212309 (ID:26182) Requesting approval of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for MPD + Boynton Sub Area.

Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to waive the reading and refer this item to the Land Use Committee.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

88. Mayor's Request 212310 (ID:26154) Requesting approval to appropriate \$75,654 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for Cloud email infrastructure to upgrade to a more advanced security profile.

Councilor Scott moved for approval.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

89. Mayor's Communication 212311 (ID:26235) Conveying a communication to Armory tenants regarding Use & Occupancy Agreement and the City's plan for the Armory.

Councilor Scott asked that personal information be redacted from the document attached to this item.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

LATE ITEMS

90. Resolution 205107 (ID:17866) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Rossetti, Hirsch, and the Entire Board That the Administration work with this Board to implement a Code of Conduct policy and discuss training all staff and Aldermen.

Councilor Rossetti moved to discharge item 205107 from the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters. The motion was Approved.
 Councilor Rossetti moved to refer item 205107 to the Rules Committee. The motion was Approved.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION
FOLLOWUP: Rules Special Committee

91. Resolution 212312 (ID:27237) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, Mbah, White Jr. Welcoming William McLaughlin to Somerville, extending best wishes to his proud parents, and looking forward to William's bright future in Somerville.

RESULT: APPROVED

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:20 PM.

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 9, 2021, 7:00 PM
 Meeting by Remote Participation

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OPENING CEREMONIES

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

| Attendee Name | Title | Status | Arrived |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Wilfred N. Mbah | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Mary Jo Rossetti | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Kristen Strezo | City Councilor at Large | Present | |
| William A. White Jr. | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Matthew McLaughlin | Ward One City Councilor | Present | |
| Jefferson Thomas ("J.T.") Scott | Ward Two City Councilor | Present | |
| Ben Ewen-Campen | Ward Three City Councilor | Present | |
| Jesse Clingan | Ward Four City Councilor | Present | |
| Mark Niedergang | Ward Five City Councilor | Present | |
| Lance L. Davis | Ward Six City Councilor | Present | |
| Katjana Ballantyne | Ward Seven City Councilor | Present | |

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 212313
 (ID:27281) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 212314
 (ID:27282) Councilor Rossetti sponsored a moment of silence for Mary Hayes Murphy.

 Councilors Clingan and Strezo sponsored a moment of silence for Thomas C. Killeen.

 RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, August 26, 2021.
 212315
 (ID:27283) **RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

CITATIONS

4. Citation 212316 (ID:27287) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, Mbah, White Jr., and the Mayor Commending Mary Alice Lally on 50 years of employment with the City.

President McLaughlin congratulated Mary Alice Lally on her 50 years of service to the city. Councilor Rossetti reminisced about her interactions over the years with Ms. Lally and congratulated her as well.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. Grant of Location 212317 (ID:27242) Submitted by Comcast to install 275 feet of conduit in Pearl Street, starting from a Comcast Manhole, 100 feet to a proposed sidewalk vault, then 5 feet to a point near 85 Pearl Street, 20 feet to 81 Pearl Street, and 75 feet to another proposed sidewalk vault, then 10 feet to a point near 77 Pearl Street and a final point of pickup at 75 Pearl Street.

President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. Mr. Dave Flewelling from Comcast spoke in favor of this item. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

6. Withdrawn 212318 (ID:27275) Withdrawn.
7. Resolution 212319 (ID:27274) By City Councilor Strezo, Ewen-Campen, Clingan That the Administration consider a foreclosure moratorium for Somerville homeowners and owner-occupied small landlords.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

8. Resolution 212320 (ID:27273) By City Councilor Strezo, Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, Davis, Clingan That the Somerville Housing Authority establish free WiFi hotspots in all of its residential properties, either in communal areas, resident lounges or outdoor areas and patios.

Councilor Strezo said that she believes that every resident deserves to have internet access.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

9. Order 212321 (ID:27272) By City Councilor Strezo, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne, Clingan, Scott That the Commissioner of Public Works replace all the open garbage cans in city parks and on the Community Path with closed rat-proof garbage cans.

Councilor Strezo said that a more aggressive strategy is needed to combat the rat problem in the city, and she sees this as only one step in the battle. Councilor Scott thanked Councilor Strezo for putting this item forward. Councilor Niedergang said that in eight years as a Councilor, he has never had a conversation about rats going into open trash containers and he would like to hear more about the subject. He acknowledged that there have been more rat sightings this year and he looks forward to the conversation. Councilor Strezo said that many residents have spoken to her about the rat problem.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

10. Resolution 212322 (ID:27276) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, Davis That the Administration create a paid "Teen Invasive Plant Removal Program" similar to the "Teen Snow Shoveling Program" to train young people to remove harmful invasive plants and connect them with residents desiring such help.

Councilor Ewen-Campen said that Green & Open Somerville brought this to his attention. He explained that teens would be trained to identify invasive plants and remove them. The program would be an extension of the Mayor's Summer Jobs Program.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

11. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 212323 (ID:27277) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on August 31, 2021.

Councilor Rossetti presented the Committee Report and updated the Council regarding the number of vacancies in the Police Department. President McLaughlin recused himself from any discussion of police matters. Councilor Rossetti gave a brief summary of the four confirmations that were before the Committee that evening. Ms. Racaniello stated that the two candidates approved for the Police Reserve List were the final two applicants on that list. Councilor Rossetti then commented on a request for Special Municipal Employee Designations (item 211915). Lastly, she spoke about the search efforts for a new Police Chief. Councilor Rossetti asked that item 211915 be severed from the report and Laid on the Table for discussion at the next City Council meeting. Due to technical difficulties, Councilor Rossetti asked Councilor Scott to continue with the discussion of item 211915. Councilor White asked that item 211915 remain in the Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters. The item was kept in the committee.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- B. Mayor's Request 210576 (ID:23123) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Kyle Lentini to the position of Reserve Police Officer.

RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin

- C. Mayor's Request 210578 (ID:23125) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Richard Lavey III to the position of Reserve Police Officer.

RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin

- D. Mayor's Request 212136 (ID:25025) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Michael R. Perrone to the position of Police Lieutenant.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [10 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin
- E. Mayor's Request 212137 (ID:25026) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Marc T. DiFava to the position of Police Sergeant.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [10 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin

12. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 212324 (ID:27278) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on September 1, 2021.
- Councilor Ewen-Campen presented the Committee Report and asked that it be approved as submitted. He spoke on item 212050, an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to repeal Section 10.5 - Outdoor Café Seating and explained why the change was being sought. The committee approved of the change and noted that the trouble with outdoor seating was nor the permitting process, but rather the enforcement of violations. Councilor Ewen-Campen submitted an Order (27292) to examine this matter further.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- B. Mayor's Request 212050 (ID:24916) Requesting an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to repeal Section 10.5 - Outdoor Café Seating.
- RESULT:** ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

C. Mayor's Request 212052 (ID:24919) Requesting adoption of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Section 2.1 - Glossary and the provisions of multiple permitted building components.

RESULT: **ORDINANCE ORDAINED AS AMENDED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
AMENDED: The dimensional standards of the balcony, dormer window, and shed dormer building components are amended as attached.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

13. Mayor's Request 212325 (ID:27254) Requesting acceptance of a Preservation Restriction for 277 Broadway.

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

14. Mayor's Request 212326 (ID:27235) Requesting approval to re-purpose \$119,815 in the Covid-19 Stabilization Fund to support the 2021 LCC grant program.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and approve this item.

RESULT: **APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

15. Mayor's Request 212327 (ID:26232) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$3,600 using available funds in the Department of Infrastructure and Asset Management Ordinary Maintenance Account for FY21 Mystic River Stormwater Education Collaborative membership.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and approve this item.

RESULT: **APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

16. Mayor's Request 212328 (ID:27256) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$368 using available funds in the Human Resources Department Advertising Account for a June 2021 job advertisement.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and approve this item.

RESULT: **APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

17. Mayor's Request 212329 (ID:27255) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$82.68 using available funds in the Human Resources Department Professional & Technical Services Account for April 2021 confidential shredding services.
- Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and approve this item.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
18. Mayor's Request 212330 (ID:27257) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$58 using available funds in the Human Resources Department Wellness Program Account for a June 2021 employee wellness program invoice.
- Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and approve this item.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
19. Mayor's Request 212331 (ID:27241) Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a grant of \$300,000 per year for 2 years (FY22 and FY23), with no new match required, from Mass DPH to the Health and Human Services Department for Contact Tracing.
- Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and approve this item.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
20. Mayor's Request 212332 (ID:27258) Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a grant of \$122,627 per year for 2 years (FY22 & FY23) with no new match required, from Mass General Brigham/CHA to the Health and Human Services Department for recruitment and training of Community Health Workers.
- Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and approve this item.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
21. Mayor's Request 212333 (ID:27240) Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$122,627 grant over 2 years (FY22/23) with no new match required, from Mass General Brigham/CHA Determination of Need funds, to the Health & Human Services Department SomerPromise Division for Behavioral Health support and training to early childhood care and education systems.
- Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and approve this item.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

22. Mayor's Request 212334 (ID:27236) Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$45,200 grant with no new match required, from the Mass Cultural Council to the Arts Council for support of the 2022 Local Cultural Council re-grant program.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and approve this item.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

23. Mayor's Request 212335 (ID:27239) Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$45,162.23 grant with no new match required, from Commonwealth Children's Fund to the Health & Human Services SomerPromise Division for the SomerBaby Program.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and approve this item.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

24. Mayor's Communication 212336 (ID:27279) Conveying the Tufts University COVID-19 Preparedness Plan: Fall 2021.

Councilor White moved to waive the reading and sponsored Mr. Rocco DiRico to address the Council to speak about the Tufts plans regarding vaccinations. Councilor Clingan stated that he will not vote for any items concerning Tufts due to their lack of support for their dining services workers. Mr. DiRico explained that there will be mandatory testing for COVID, masks must be worn indoors, and all staff and students must be vaccinated. He addressed the food services issue and said that those employees took a pay cut to avoid any layoffs. He clarified that unemployment benefits are approved by the state, not by the college. Councilors Strezo and Ballantyne also stated their support for the dining workers. Councilor Niedergang said he has not heard anything from the dining workers' union on the matter and he will support the permits. Councilor Mbah added that he will not support these items. Mr. DiRico said that his understanding is that the permits can't be denied if all the requirements have been met, however, if they were held up, over four thousand students would have no lodging. Councilor Ewen-Campen suggested that the items be tabled to give the Council time to look into the matter further. President McLaughlin referred the items to the Licenses and Permits Committee.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

NEW BUSINESS

25. Public Communication 212337 (ID:27284) 18 registered voters requesting the adoption of a Zoning Map amendment to change the zoning district of 51 McGrath Highway (MBL 115-B-1 and 115-B-4) from HR to MR5 and 35 McGrath Highway (MBL 115-B-5, 115-B-11, and 115-B-12) from MR5 to MR4.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

26. License/Permit 212338 (ID:27247) Public Event License, Spring Hill Block Party, Brastow Ave from 48 Brastow to Lowell St, Sept 11, 10AM-11:45PM (raindate Sept 18).

Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve this item.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

27. License/Permit 212339 (ID:27246) Public Event License, Mural Repainting and Block Party, intersection of Marion St and Dimick St, Sept 18, 7AM-10PM (raindate Sept 19).

Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve this item.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

28. License/Permit 212340 (ID:27253) Public Event License, Somerville Museum Block Party, Westwood Rd, Sept 18, 1PM-9PM (raindate Sept 19).

Councilor White recused himself from this item and Councilor Ewen-Campen stated that he supports this application but noted that there were requests from neighbors to deny the application since it's a fundraiser being held on public land. He said that concerns have been addressed and he hopes that the event can go forward. Councilor Mbah moved to approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
RECUSED: White Jr.

29. License/Permit 212341 (ID:27248) Public Event License, Rogers Ave Block Party, Rogers Ave from Boston Ave to Kidder Ave, Sept 18, 3PM-9PM (raindate Sept 25).

Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve this item.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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| <p>30. License/Permit 212342 (ID:27244)</p> | <p>Public Event License, Arts Council Somerstreets, Highland Ave from Central St to Lowell St, Sept 19, 12PM-8PM.</p> | <p>Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve this item. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>31. License/Permit 212343 (ID:27280)</p> | <p>Public Event License, East Somerville Main Streets Foodie Crawl, sidewalks on Broadway from Garfield Avenue to Mt Pleasant St, Sept 21, 2PM-10:30PM (raindate Sept 22).</p> | <p>Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve this item. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>32. License/Permit 212344 (ID:27259)</p> | <p>Public Event License, Union Square Main Streets What the Fluff?, Union Sq Plaza, Sept 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 8AM-11PM.</p> | <p>Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve this item. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>33. License/Permit 212345 (ID:27265)</p> | <p>Public Event License, Squad-Driven East Coast Run Launch, Foley St from Grand Union Blvd to Assembly Row, Sept 24, 4AM-9:30AM.</p> | <p>Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve this item. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>34. License/Permit 212346 (ID:27286)</p> | <p>Public Event License, Somerville Community Corporation A Movie that Matters, Chuckie Harris Park, Sept 24, 5PM-9PM (raindate Sept 25).</p> | <p>Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve this item. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>35. License/Permit 212347 (ID:27263)</p> | <p>Public Event License, Berkeley St Block Party, Berkeley St from Hersey St to School St, Sept 26, 2PM-8PM (raindate Oct 3).</p> | <p>Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve this item. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

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| <p>36. License/Permit 212348 (ID:27264)</p> | <p>Public Event License, Harrison Block Party, Harrison St from Ivaloo St to Kent St, Sept 26, 11AM-4PM (raindate Oct 3).</p> |
| <p>Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve this item. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>37. License/Permit 212349 (ID:27260)</p> | <p>Public Event License, Arts Council Porchfest, Citywide, Oct 2, 11AM-7PM (raindate Oct 3).</p> |
| <p>Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve this item. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>38. License/Permit 212350 (ID:27289)</p> | <p>Public Event License, Somerville Homeless Coalition 5K Road Race, Davis Sq area streets, Oct 2, 6AM-1PM.</p> |
| <p>Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve this item. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>39. License/Permit 212351 (ID:27243)</p> | <p>Public Event License, Organization New Acropolis USA Northeast Inc, Stoics on the Square, Statue Park, Oct 9, 9:30AM-1:30PM (raindate Oct 10).</p> |
| <p>Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve this item. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>40. License/Permit 212352 (ID:27261)</p> | <p>Public Event License, Arts Council and Wat's Da Wurd Evolution of Hip Hop, Union Sq Plaza, parking lot and Stone Park, Oct 16, 12PM-8PM (raindate Oct 17).</p> |
| <p>Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve this item. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>41. License/Permit 212353 (ID:27262)</p> | <p>Public Event License, Kingston St Block Party, Kingston St, Oct 16, 4PM-10PM (raindate Oct 17).</p> |
| <p>Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve this item. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |

42. License/Permit 212354 (ID:27252) Public Event License, East Somerville Main Streets Halloween Block Party, Chuckie Harris Park, Oct 30, 2PM-7PM (raindate Oct 31).
 Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve this item.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
43. License/Permit 212355 (ID:27245) Public Event License, Arts Council Somersteets, Somerville Ave from Park St to Warren Ave, Oct 31 12PM-8PM (raindate Nov 7).
 Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve this item.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
44. License/Permit 212356 (ID:27288) Renewing Drainlayer's License, J Derenzo.
 Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve this item.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
45. Public Communication 212357 (ID:27285) Christopher LaRoche submitting comments re: 211889 and 211890, zoning of 80 Webster Ave.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

46. Communication 212358 (ID:27327) By City Councilor Rossetti
 In her capacity as President, following the recusal of President McLaughlin, conveying the selection of Steven Flythe and Lori Segall as the President's appointees to the Police Chief Selection Committee.
 President McLaughlin recused himself from this item. Councilor Rossetti said that this was a difficult process since there were many strong candidates for the positions. She believes that the process for selecting a new Chief will begin shortly.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

47. Order
212359
(ID:27292)
- By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Director of Inspectional Services, the Chair of the Commission for Persons with Disabilities, and the Chair of the Licensing Commission appear before this Council to discuss permitting and enforcement of accessibility concerns related to outdoor dining.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

48. Order
212360
(ID:27293)
- By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of OSPCD and the Director of IAM provide updates on the 90 Washington Street Demonstration project, including community meetings, timelines, construction, tree removals, road changes, etc.

Councilor Ballantyne asked that this be placed on the next Housing and Community Development Committee agenda.

RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

49. Mayor's Request
212361
(ID:27249)
- Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,910,000 in a bond for participation in the MWRA Lead Line Replacement Program.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and refer this item to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

50. Mayor's Request
212362
(ID:27271)
- Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$725,000 in a bond for Construction Manager at-Risk services for the pre-construction phase of the Public Safety Building .

Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and refer this item to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

51. Mayor's Request 212363 (ID:27291) Requesting authorization to enter into and execute a service agreement with the Cambridge Health Alliance to operate a school based health center and an agreement to license surplus space for that purpose.

President McLaughlin sponsored Jeff Curley from the School Department to speak. Mr. Curley explained that this is a continuation of an agreement that the School Department has with the Cambridge Health Alliance to provide services to Somerville's students. A number of health-based services are offered and provided through this agreement.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

52. Mayor's Request 212364 (ID:27238) Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$299,920 grant per year for 3 yrs (FY22,23,24), with no new match required from Mass DPH to the Health and Human Services Department for a Shared Services Excellence Grant in partnership with the Cities of Arlington and Medford.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and approve this item.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

53. Mayor's Communication 212365 (ID:27318) Conveying the selection of Deha Ahmed and Kevin Dickinson as the Mayor's appointees to the Police Chief Selection Committee.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

54. Officer's Communication 212366 (ID:27320) Assistant City Solicitor Shapiro conveying opinions regarding 268A Ethics Disclosures and Special Municipal Employees.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

55. Officer's Communication 212367 (ID:27328) Directors of OSPCD, ISD, and Engineering responding to questions posed by the Land Use Committee regarding ADA compliance for outdoor seating.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

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| 56. License/Permit 212368 (ID:27294) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 123 Packard Ave. See item 212336. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |
| 57. License/Permit 212369 (ID:27295) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 75-85 Packard Ave. See item 212336. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |
| 58. License/Permit 212370 (ID:27296) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 43 Latin Way. See item 212336. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |
| 59. License/Permit 212371 (ID:27297) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 29 Latin Way. See item 212336. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |
| 60. License/Permit 212372 (ID:27298) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 45 Talbot Ave. See item 212336. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |
| 61. License/Permit 212373 (ID:27299) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 15 Whitfield Rd. See item 212336. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |
| 62. License/Permit 212374 (ID:27300) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 21 Whitfield Rd. See item 212336. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |
| 63. License/Permit 212375 (ID:27301) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 13-15 Talbot Ave. See item 212336. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |

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| 64. License/Permit 212376 (ID:27302) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 9-11 Sunset Rd. See item 212336. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |
| 65. License/Permit 212377 (ID:27303) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 56-64 Professors Row. See item 212336. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |
| 66. License/Permit 212378 (ID:27304) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 106 Professors Row. See item 212336. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |
| 67. License/Permit 212379 (ID:27305) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 92 Professors Row. See item 212336. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |
| 68. License/Permit 212380 (ID:27306) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 28 Professors Row. See item 212336. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |
| 69. License/Permit 212381 (ID:27307) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 14 Professors Row. See item 212336. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |
| 70. License/Permit 212382 (ID:27308) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 8 Professors Row. See item 212336. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |
| 71. License/Permit 212383 (ID:27309) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 125 Powderhouse Blvd. See item 212336. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |

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| 72. | License/Permit 212384 (ID:27310) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 98 Packard Ave. See item 212336. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |
| 73. | License/Permit 212385 (ID:27311) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 32 Dearborn Rd. See item 212336. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |
| 74. | License/Permit 212386 (ID:27312) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 12 Dearborn Rd. See item 212336. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |
| 75. | License/Permit 212387 (ID:27313) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 90-92-94 Curtis St. See item 212336. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |
| 76. | License/Permit 212388 (ID:27314) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 8 Whitfield Rd. See item 212336. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |
| 77. | License/Permit 212389 (ID:27315) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 176 Curtis St. See item 212336. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |
| 78. | License/Permit 212390 (ID:27316) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 136 Curtis St. See item 212336. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |
| 79. | License/Permit 212391 (ID:27317) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 40A-F Latin Way. See item 212336. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |

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| 80. License/Permit 212392 (ID:27319) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 13 Sawyer Ave. See item 212336. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |
| 81. License/Permit 212393 (ID:27321) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 37 Sawyer Ave. See item 212336. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |
| 82. License/Permit 212394 (ID:27322) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 45 Sawyer Ave. See item 212336. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |
| 83. License/Permit 212395 (ID:27323) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 101 Talbot Ave. See item 212336. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |
| 84. License/Permit 212396 (ID:27324) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 100 Talbot Ave. See item 212336. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |
| 85. License/Permit 212397 (ID:27325) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 73 Powderhouse Blvd. See item 212336. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |
| 86. License/Permit 212398 (ID:27326) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 39R Latin Way. See item 212336. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |

LATE ITEMS

87. Public Communication 212399 (ID:27329) Somerville Museum Assistant Director submitting comments re: Agenda #28, Public Event License, Somerville Museum Block Party.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

88. Order 212400 (ID:27330) By City Councilor Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo That the Director of Finance and the Treasurer create a separate revenue account for deposit of all funds received from handicapped parking violations, and allocate said funds to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities, as authorized under MGL.

Councilor Clingan explained how the funds could be allocated to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities as authorized under Mass General Law Section 22G.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

89. Resolution 212401 (ID:27331) By City Councilor Scott, Mbah That the Administration cease the lawsuit seeking to overturn the ruling of the Public Records Office, as outlined in the attached.

Councilor Scott submitted a Resolution requesting that the Administration cease the lawsuit seeking to overturn the ruling of the Public Records Office. He gave a brief background of the situation and asked that it be referred to a committee for further action.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 8:40 PM.

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 23, 2021, 7:00 PM
 Meeting by Remote Participation

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OPENING CEREMONIES

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

| Attendee Name | Title | Status | Arrived |
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| Wilfred N. Mbah | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Mary Jo Rossetti | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Kristen Strezo | City Councilor at Large | Present | |
| William A. White Jr. | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Matthew McLaughlin | Ward One City Councilor | Present | |
| Jefferson Thomas ("J.T.") Scott | Ward Two City Councilor | Present | |
| Ben Ewen-Campen | Ward Three City Councilor | Present | |
| Jesse Clingan | Ward Four City Councilor | Present | |
| Mark Niedergang | Ward Five City Councilor | Present | |
| Lance L. Davis | Ward Six City Councilor | Present | |
| Katjana Ballantyne | Ward Seven City Councilor | Present | |

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 212402
 (ID:27376)

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| RESULT: PLACED ON FILE |
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2. Remembrances Remembrances.
212403
(ID:27377)
- Councilor Niedergang and the entire Council sponsored a moment of silence for Grace Channing.
Councilors Niedergang, Ballantyne, Davis, White and McLaughlin sponsored a moment of silence for Marjorie Nichols.
Councilors Ballantyne, Scott and White sponsored a moment of silence for Gina Foglia.
Councilors White and Rossetti sponsored a moment of silence for Antonio Coretti.
President McLaughlin sponsored a moment of silence for Maria Frasier.
President McLaughlin sponsored a moment of silence for Tim Hickey.
- RESULT: APPROVED**

3. Minutes
212404
(ID:27378)
- Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, September 9, 2021.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

4. Resolution
212405
(ID:27366)
- By City Councilor Strezo, Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Scott, Mbah, Davis, McLaughlin, Niedergang, Rossetti, White Jr.
Calling on Congress to affirm reproductive freedom and pass the Women's Health Protection Act.
- Councilor Strezo stated that the recent Texas law (SB8) is destructive and she noted some of the groups of people that are affected by abortion restrictions. She asked for the Council's support of this resolution.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

5. Order 212406 (ID:27367) By City Councilor Strezo, Ballantyne That OSPCD’s Housing, Housing Stability, and Planning and Zoning staff discuss with the Housing and Community Development Committee, potential modifications to the Tier 3 Rental ADUs multiplier at 110% AMI for inclusionary units, to expand access to inclusionary rental units for lower income residents.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

6. Resolution 212407 (ID:27368) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Administration report to this Council on the \$4.5M that was approved by this Council (Item 210902) on November 12, 2020, and the additional \$3M in CARES Act funding, for school re-opening.

Councilor Ewen-Campen explained that he would like a status report on these funds.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

7. Order 212408 (ID:27369) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Strezo That the Chief of Police establish a policy to donate unclaimed bicycles to local non-profit organizations and/or auction them to the public.

Councilor Ewen-Campen noted that he would like to have a discussion about the options available to the city.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

8. Communication 212409 (ID:27373) By City Councilor Rossetti Reporting on the High School Building Committee Meeting of September 20, 2021.

Councilor Rossetti gave an update on the project and said that soil samples are still being taken and showing that asbestos is still present. The anticipated completion date for the field is now January of 2023. The budget for the project is in the negative to the tune of \$17 million. Discussions have been held to address this deficit however, the Building Committee was not included in those discussions.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

9. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 212410 (ID:27371)

Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on September 21, 2021.

Councilor Scott reported on the Finance Committee meeting of September 21, 2021 and gave a brief summary of the actions taken by the committee. Items 212266 and 212031 were severed from the report to allow Councilors White and Ewen-Campen (who were recused from these items) to vote on the report. Both of these items were approved on roll call votes. The Council then discussed the remainder of the committee report. Councilor White clarified that the fire station for Assembly Square is actually the creation of a fire company to man that location. The space will be leased by the city for 30 years and he estimates that the total cost for equipment, leasing the space and salaries could be in the neighborhood of \$1 million a year over that time period.

The Council discussed items 211364 and 211373. Councilor Ewen-Campen was recused. Councilor Scott noted that this property's owner has been in litigation with the city for two decades, with the city losing every suit, therefore, the city is moving to take the property by eminent domain. Mr. Proakis noted that the property was on the market for over \$5 million and he urged the Council to move on this item, one way or another. Councilor Niedergang asked if this is a priority for the administration and Mr. Proakis responded that this is something that would be great to have, but it might set the city up for another court battle. Councilor Strezio moved to approve this item. Councilor White commented that for the amount of money being requested, the city could build affordable housing elsewhere.

Councilor Scott noted that this is essentially to stop a developer from creating 8 units of housing and he doesn't think this is the best use of the city's funds. Councilor Rossetti stated that she is not in favor of approving this item. Councilor Clingan feels that the funds could be put to better use elsewhere. Councilor Niedergang stated that, after hearing the comments from councilors and the lukewarm response from the administration, he will be voting against the item. President McLaughlin said that he's not convinced that this taking would be for the greater good. A roll call vote was taken on items 211364 and 211373; both items were not approved.

The Council then discussed items 212267, 212268 and 212269 regarding an elevator between the GLX Gilman Square station and the SHS field. The cost would be approximately \$10 million. Councilor Ewen-Campen commented that the city has been dragging its feet on this issue and he thinks that this is the time to re-visit building a parking garage at the high school. Councilor Rossetti spoke on the matter and the lack of parking. Mr. Raiche addressed the Council and explained what would be involved in building a parking garage there. Mr. Proakis spoke about the relative options available and thinks that the best option is a public/private partnership to build a garage in Gilman Square. Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to refer the item back to the Finance Committee. Mr. Raiche urged the Council to act on these items quickly as the contractors are holding their prices for the time being.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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| <p>B. Mayor's Request 211364 (ID:24234)</p> | <p>Requesting the adoption of an Order of Taking for 9-11 Aldersey Street for historic, open space, and affordable housing purposes.</p> | <p>RESULT: NOT APPROVED. [1 TO 9] AYES: Strezo NAYS: Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne RECUSED: Ewen-Campen</p> |
| <p>C. Mayor's Request 211373 (ID:24275)</p> | <p>Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$3,450,397 in a bond for the cost of acquiring the property at 9-11 Aldersey Street.</p> | <p>RESULT: NOT APPROVED. [1 TO 9] AYES: Strezo NAYS: Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne RECUSED: Ewen-Campen</p> |
| <p>D. Officer's Communication 211859 (ID:24751)</p> | <p>Director of Infrastructure & Asset Management conveying the Water and Sewer Capital Investment Plan update for April, 2021.</p> | <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>E. Resolution 211943 (ID:24906)</p> | <p>By City Councilor White Jr. That the Administration submit to the City Council an appropriation of \$1,000,000 from the Water and Sewer Stabilization Fund to the upcoming FY22 budget to reduce the increase in the water rate from 7% to 6%.</p> | <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>F. Order 211944 (ID:24907)</p> | <p>By City Councilor White Jr. That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management provide this Council with all documents, emails and correspondence regarding the overflow from the EPA and MWRA.</p> | <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>G. Mayor's Request 211995 (ID:24899)</p> | <p>Requesting acceptance of a \$30,850,472 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 grant from the U.S. Treasury.</p> | <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

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| <p>H. Officer's Communication 212017 (ID:24947)</p> | <p>School Committee requesting the appropriation of \$84,267,002 to fund the FY22 School Committee Budget.</p> | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>I. Mayor's Request 212031 (ID:24910)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to appropriate up to \$153,000 from the Union Square Community Benefits Stabilization Fund to pay for the Somerville Cares Fund operating expenses and the Community Land Trust startup costs.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne RECUSED: Ewen-Campen</p> |
| <p>J. Mayor's Request 212215 (ID:26130)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$25,254.23 from various DPW accounts using available FY22 funds.</p> | <p>RESULT: WITHDRAWN. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>K. Mayor's Request 212266 (ID:26170)</p> | <p>Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,509,600 in a bond for the acquisition of 9-11 Allen St.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne RECUSED: White Jr.</p> |
| <p>L. Mayor's Request 212267 (ID:26175)</p> | <p>Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,331,543 in a bond for the construction of an outdoor elevator to improve accessibility between the High School Field Level and the new Green Line Extension Gilman Square Station.</p> | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| <p>M. Mayor's Request 212268 (ID:26174)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to re-purpose the Green Line Extension Stabilization Fund and appropriate \$7,668,457 from said fund for the construction of an elevator between the High School Field and the new Green Line Gilman Square Station.</p> | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |

N. Mayor's Request 212269 (ID:26167) Requesting approval to appropriate \$151,000 from the Facility Construction and Renovation Stabilization Fund for additional design and electrical conduit work related to the Gilman Station elevator and GLX platform.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

O. Mayor's Request 212361 (ID:27249) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,910,000 in a bond for participation in the MWRA Lead Line Replacement Program.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

10. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 212411 (ID:27372) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on September 22, 2021.

Councilor White reported on the Licenses and Permits Committee meeting of September 22, 2021 and summarized the actions taken by the committee. Councilor Scott moved to amend the report by conditioning item 212231 by restricting the hours of work from 7:00 PM to 5:00 AM. Item 211856 was enrolled and ordained.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

B. Officer's Communication 211856 (ID:24789) City Clerk submitting a proposed amendment of Article III of Chapter 8, the Junk Dealer Ordinance.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

C. Grant of Location 212230 (ID:26164) Submitted by Eversource to install 99 feet of conduit in Summer Street, from Utility Pole 325/28 to a point of pickup at 162 Summer Street.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

D. Grant of Location 212231 (ID:26168) Submitted by Eversource to install 116 feet of conduit in Inner Belt Road, from Manhole 26995 to a point of pickup at Inner Belt Road and Third Avenue.

RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
AMENDED: Hours of work restricted from 7:00 PM to 5:00 AM.

E. License/Permit 212298 (ID:26159) New Garage License, 101 South Street Owner LLC, 101 South Street, 300 vehicles inside, 0 outside, for storing vehicles only.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
CONDITION: The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent. This includes, but is not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University's own testing protocol detailed in the COVID Preparedness Plan Fall 2021.

F. License/Permit 212368 (ID:27294) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 123 Packard Ave.

RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
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G. License/Permit 212369 (ID:27295) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 75-85 Packard Ave.

RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
CONDITION: The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent. This includes, but is not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University's own testing protocol detailed in the COVID Preparedness Plan Fall 2021.

H. License/Permit 212370 (ID:27296) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 43 Latin Way.

RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
CONDITION: The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent. This includes, but is not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University's own testing protocol detailed in the COVID Preparedness Plan Fall 2021.

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| I. | License/Permit 212371 (ID:27297) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 29 Latin Way. | | | | | | |
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| RESULT: | APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS] | | | | | | | |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne | | | | | | | |
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| J. | License/Permit 212372 (ID:27298) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 45 Talbot Ave. | | | | | | |
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| RESULT: | APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS] | | | | | | | |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne | | | | | | | |
| CONDITION: | The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent. This includes, but is not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University's own testing protocol detailed in the COVID Preparedness Plan Fall 2021. | | | | | | | |
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| K. | License/Permit 212373 (ID:27299) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 15 Whitfield Rd. | | | | | | |
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| RESULT: | APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS] | | | | | | | |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne | | | | | | | |
| CONDITION: | The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent. This includes, but is not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University's own testing protocol detailed in the COVID Preparedness Plan Fall 2021. | | | | | | | |
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| L. | License/Permit 212374 (ID:27300) | Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 21 Whitfield Rd. | | | | | | |
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| RESULT: | APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS] | | | | | | | |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne | | | | | | | |
| CONDITION: | The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent. This includes, but is not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University's own testing protocol detailed in the COVID Preparedness Plan Fall 2021. | | | | | | | |

- M. License/Permit 212375 (ID:27301) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 13-15 Talbot Ave.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| CONDITION: | The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent. This includes, but is not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University's own testing protocol detailed in the COVID Preparedness Plan Fall 2021. |
- N. License/Permit 212376 (ID:27302) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 9-11 Sunset Rd.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
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- O. License/Permit 212377 (ID:27303) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 56-64 Professors Row.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
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- P. License/Permit 212378 (ID:27304) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 106 Professors Row.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
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- Q. License/Permit 212379 (ID:27305) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 92 Professors Row.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| CONDITION: | The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent. This includes, but is not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University's own testing protocol detailed in the COVID Preparedness Plan Fall 2021. |
- R. License/Permit 212380 (ID:27306) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 28 Professors Row.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
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- S. License/Permit 212381 (ID:27307) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 14 Professors Row.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| CONDITION: | The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent. This includes, but is not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University's own testing protocol detailed in the COVID Preparedness Plan Fall 2021. |
- T. License/Permit 212382 (ID:27308) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 8 Professors Row.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| CONDITION: | The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent. This includes, but is not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University's own testing protocol detailed in the COVID Preparedness Plan Fall 2021. |

U. License/Permit 212383 (ID:27309) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 125 Powderhouse Blvd.

RESULT: **APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
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V. License/Permit 212384 (ID:27310) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 98 Packard Ave.

RESULT: **APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
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W. License/Permit 212385 (ID:27311) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 32 Dearborn Rd.

RESULT: **APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
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X. License/Permit 212386 (ID:27312) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 12 Dearborn Rd.

RESULT: **APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]**
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- Y. License/Permit 212387 (ID:27313) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 90-92-94 Curtis St.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| CONDITION: | The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent. This includes, but is not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University's own testing protocol detailed in the COVID Preparedness Plan Fall 2021. |
- Z. License/Permit 212388 (ID:27314) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 8 Whitfield Rd.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| CONDITION: | The Lodging House shall operate in a manner designed to provide for the safety of the students and the public in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, as determined by the Somerville Board of Health or its authorized agent. This includes, but is not limited to, strict adherence to Tufts University's own testing protocol detailed in the COVID Preparedness Plan Fall 2021. |
- AA. License/Permit 212389 (ID:27315) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 176 Curtis St.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
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- AB. License/Permit 212390 (ID:27316) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 136 Curtis St.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
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- AC. License/Permit 212391 (ID:27317) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 40A-F Latin Way.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
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- AD. License/Permit 212392 (ID:27319) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 13 Sawyer Ave.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
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- AE. License/Permit 212393 (ID:27321) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 37 Sawyer Ave.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
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- AF. License/Permit 212394 (ID:27322) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 45 Sawyer Ave.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
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AG. License/Permit 212395 (ID:27323) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 101 Talbot Ave.

RESULT: **APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
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AH. License/Permit 212396 (ID:27324) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 100 Talbot Ave.

RESULT: **APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
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AI. License/Permit 212397 (ID:27325) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 73 Powderhouse Blvd.

RESULT: **APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
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AJ. License/Permit 212398 (ID:27326) Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 39R Latin Way.

RESULT: **APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
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11. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 212412 (ID:27370) Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on September 20, 2021.

Councilor Niedergang reported on the Traffic and Parking Committee meeting of September 20, 2021 and summarized the actions taken by the committee. Topics discussed included dangerous intersections, crossing guards, parking at SHS and driver safety training for city employees. Councilor Scott commented on pedestrian safety and Councilor Niedergang stated that he will place the concurrent signaling issue as well as the HAWK signals on the agenda for the next committee meeting.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- B. Resolution 202108 (ID:14794) By City Councilor Davis That the Administration work with the City of Cambridge to improve pedestrian safety at the intersections of Elm Street with Beech Street and Willow Avenue, including consideration of a Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

- C. Order 208844 (ID:21664) By City Councilor Niedergang, McLaughlin, Clingan, Hirsch That the Director of SPCD report to this Council on actions, communications and collaboration with State agencies to improve pedestrian safety in the Mystic Avenue area by I-93, following the death of two pedestrians hit by motor vehicles there.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- D. Order 210593 (ID:23468) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Strezo That the Director of Constituent Services and the Chief of Police discuss tracking bicycle crashes and how 311 and 911 staff are trained to handle such calls.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- E. Order 210895 (ID:23786) By City Councilor Davis, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the Director of Capital Projects revise the College Avenue reconstruction plan to include additional safety measures for pedestrians at both perpendicular and parallel crossings.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

- F. Order 210899 (ID:23790) By City Councilor Davis, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Parking implement traffic calming measures on Powder House Terrace.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- G. Resolution 211798 (ID:24701) By City Councilor Niedergang, Strezo, Clingan That the Mayor, the Director of SPCD, the Chief of Police and this Council collaborate with the State Delegation and community advocates to pressure the MA Department of Transportation to implement traffic safety improvements to McGrath Highway and Mystic Avenue to prevent more pedestrian deaths.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- H. Communication 211822 (ID:24770) By City Councilor Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. Inviting the Council, the Administration and the public to the Highway Justice for People: Mystic and McGrath Rally, on May 26 at 6 PM, at the empty lot on the corner of Broadway and McGrath Highway, to demand that MassDOT prioritize the safety of people over the movement of cars.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- I. Resolution 211994 (ID:24905) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Administration urgently address the insufficient number of crossing guards and present to this Council their plan to ensure student safety in the absence of guards at multiple large intersections.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

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| <p>12. Mayor's Request 212413 (ID:27290)</p> | <p>Requesting acceptance of a preservation restriction for 59 Cross Street.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| <p>13. Mayor's Request 212414 (ID:27340)</p> | <p>Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$4,400,000 in a bond for construction services as part of the MWRA Marginal Interceptor Sewer Rehabilitation.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| <p>14. Mayor's Request 212415 (ID:27266)</p> | <p>Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$4,050,000 in a bond for sewer improvements.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| <p>15. Mayor's Request 212416 (ID:27267)</p> | <p>Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,600,000 in a bond for a Sewer System Evaluation Study and Infiltration/Inflow Assessment.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| <p>16. Mayor's Request 212417 (ID:27333)</p> | <p>Requesting a transfer of \$90,552 from the City Council Salaries Account to the City Clerk Salaries Account to provide administrative support for the City Council's Policy Analyst.</p> |
| | <p>President McLaughlin stated that he requested this transfer.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>17. Mayor's Request 212418 (ID:26173)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$275,751.91 using available FY22 funds within various DPW accounts.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| <p>18. Mayor's Request 212419 (ID:27334)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$913.75 using available funds in the City Clerk's Professional and Technical Services Account for meeting translation services.</p> |
| | <p>Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and approve this item.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

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| <p>19. Mayor's Request 212420 (ID:27335)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$177.31 using available funds in the City Clerk's Maintenance Contract Account for printer maintenance services.</p> |
| <p>Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and approve this item. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>20. Mayor's Request 212421 (ID:27332)</p> | <p>Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$25,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Community Compact Best Practices Program to the City Clerk's Office for records inventory, evaluation and preservation strategy.</p> |
| <p>Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and approve this item. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>21. Mayor's Request 212422 (ID:24713)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to extend the Blessing of the Bay Park Revitalization Phase 2 contract with the Mystic River Watershed Association for an additional 12 months.</p> |
| <p>Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and approve this item. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>22. Mayor's Request 212423 (ID:27250)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to extend the contract with the Friends of the Community Growing Center, Inc. until June 30, 2022.</p> |
| <p>Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and approve this item. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>23. Mayor's Request 212424 (ID:27251)</p> | <p>Requesting approval for a time-only extension of the OverUnder contract for the ArtFarm project through September 30, 2025.</p> |
| <p>Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and approve this item. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>24. Mayor's Request 212425 (ID:27339)</p> | <p>Requesting that this Council grant Special Municipal Employee status to the Condominium Review Board pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 268A.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: LAI D ON THE TABLE FOLLOWUP: City Council</p> | |

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| 25. Mayor's Request 212426 (ID:27341) | Requesting that this Council grant Special Municipal Employee status to the Bicycle Advisory Committee pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 268A. | RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE FOLLOWUP: City Council |
| 26. Mayor's Request 212427 (ID:27342) | Requesting that this Council grant Special Municipal Employee status to the Community Preservation Committee pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 268A. | RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE FOLLOWUP: City Council |
| 27. Mayor's Request 212428 (ID:27343) | Requesting that this Council grant Special Municipal Employee status to the Fair Housing Commission pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 268A. | RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE FOLLOWUP: City Council |
| 28. Mayor's Request 212429 (ID:27344) | Requesting that this Council grant Special Municipal Employee status to the Pedestrian and Transit Advisory Committee pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 268A. | RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE FOLLOWUP: City Council |
| 29. Mayor's Request 212430 (ID:27345) | Requesting that this Council grant Special Municipal Employee status to the Planning Board pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 268A. | RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE FOLLOWUP: City Council |
| 30. Mayor's Request 212431 (ID:27346) | Requesting that this Council grant Special Municipal Employee status to the Urban Design Commission pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 268A. | RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE FOLLOWUP: City Council |
| 31. Mayor's Request 212432 (ID:27347) | Requesting that this Council grant Special Municipal Employee status to the Urban Forestry Committee pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 268A. | RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE FOLLOWUP: City Council |
| 32. Mayor's Request 212433 (ID:27348) | Requesting that this Council grant Special Municipal Employee status to the Board of Health pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 268A. | RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE FOLLOWUP: City Council |

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| 33. Mayor's Request 212434 (ID:27349) | Requesting that this Council grant Special Municipal Employee status to the Board of Library Trustees pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 268A. | RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE FOLLOWUP: City Council |
| 34. Mayor's Request 212435 (ID:27350) | Requesting that this Council grant Special Municipal Employee status to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 268A. | RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE FOLLOWUP: City Council |
| 35. Mayor's Request 212436 (ID:27351) | Requesting that this Council grant Special Municipal Employee status to the Council on Aging pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 268A. | RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE FOLLOWUP: City Council |
| 36. Mayor's Request 212437 (ID:27352) | Requesting that this Council grant Special Municipal Employee status to the Licensing Commission pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 268A. | RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE FOLLOWUP: City Council |
| 37. Mayor's Request 212438 (ID:27353) | Requesting that this Council grant Special Municipal Employee status to the Memorialization Committee pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 268A. | RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE FOLLOWUP: City Council |
| 38. Mayor's Request 212439 (ID:27354) | Requesting that this Council grant Special Municipal Employee status to the Recreation and Youth Commission pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 268A. | RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE FOLLOWUP: City Council |
| 39. Mayor's Request 212440 (ID:27355) | Requesting that this Council grant Special Municipal Employee status to the Veterans Commission on Monuments, Memorials, and Dedications pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 268A. | RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE FOLLOWUP: City Council |
| 40. Mayor's Request 212441 (ID:27356) | Requesting that this Council grant Special Municipal Employee status to the Commission for Women pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 268A. | RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE FOLLOWUP: City Council |

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| 41. Mayor's Request 212442 (ID:27357) | Requesting that this Council grant Special Municipal Employee status to the Board of Assessors pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 268A. | RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE FOLLOWUP: City Council |
| 42. Mayor's Request 212443 (ID:27358) | Requesting that this Council grant Special Municipal Employee status to the Election Commission pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 268A. | RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE FOLLOWUP: City Council |
| 43. Mayor's Request 212444 (ID:27359) | Requesting that this Council grant Special Municipal Employee status to the Somerville Retirement Board pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 268A. | RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE FOLLOWUP: City Council |
| 44. Mayor's Request 212445 (ID:27360) | Requesting that this Council grant Special Municipal Employee status to the Traffic Commission pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 268A. | RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE FOLLOWUP: City Council |
| 45. Mayor's Request 212446 (ID:27361) | Requesting that this Council grant Special Municipal Employee status to the Traffic Board pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 268A. | RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE FOLLOWUP: City Council |
| 46. Mayor's Request 212447 (ID:27362) | Requesting that this Council grant Special Municipal Employee status to the Charter Review Committee pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 268A. | RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE FOLLOWUP: City Council |

47. Mayor's Request 212448 (ID:27374) Requesting an opportunity for the ARPA Director and the Metropolitan Area Planning Council to provide this Council with an overview of ARPA.
- Austin Faison, Somerville’s Director of ARPA informed the Council that the city will be receiving \$77,504,170 in ARPA funds and that he will be working with Kate Hartke to allocate those fund. Lizzi Weyant from the MAPC gave a presentation of the American Rescue Plan Act, focusing on state and local funds. The funds must be allocated by December, 2024 and expended by December, 2026. She highlighted 4 of the eligible uses and many of the prohibited uses. Emily Torres-Cullinane from the MAPC continued the presentation, speaking about the community engagement strategy for providing information and creating opportunities for residents to share priorities and suggestions with the city. An interactive webpage and online portal have been activated to provide information at www.somervillema.gov/ARPA <<http://www.somervillema.gov/ARPA>> Councilor Mbah commented that there is no incentive for participation in the plan and he believes that those disproportionately affected should be paid top dollar to participate.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

48. Officer's Communication 212449 (ID:27337) Assistant City Solicitor submitting an Ordinance to require the City Clerk to forward all members of the City Council copies of G. L. c. 268A, sections 20(c) and 20(d), disclosure forms filed with the City Clerk.
- Councilor Rossetti commented that this is a follow-up to a conversation held in the Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee meeting. The Law Department was asked to draft this ordinance. Councilor Rossetti moved to approve the item. Councilor Scott suggested that a correction be made to the ordinance to eliminate references to sections 20(c) and 20(d) and refer only to section 20. Ms. Racaniello noted that the amendment changes the scope of the ordinance by making it broader. Councilor Davis suggested referring the item to committee so that this could be examined further. President McLaughlin noted that this would affect items 24 through 46 on tonight’s agenda.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee
49. Officer's Communication 212450 (ID:27375) Chief Assessor requesting approval to retain outside legal counsel for Appellate Tax Board Settlement matters.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

50. Officer's Communication 212451 (ID:27364) Fire Chief responding to Item 211748, providing data on calls and responses to the Assembly Square neighborhood.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

51. Officer's Communication 212452 (ID:27396) Somerville Housing Authority responding to Item 212264 with an organizational chart.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

NEW BUSINESS

52. License/Permit 212453 (ID:27379) New Drainlayer's License, North American Excavating LLC.

Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve this item.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

53. License/Permit 212454 (ID:27380) New Drainlayer's License, Minkin Construction LLC.

Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve this item.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

54. License/Permit 212455 (ID:27381) Public Event License, Belmont Street Block Party, Belmont St from Belmont Pl to Belmont Sq, Sept 19, 1:30PM-5:30PM (raindate Sept 26) (interim approval granted).

Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve this item.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

55. License/Permit 212456 (ID:27382) Public Event License, Chandler Street Block Party, Chandler St from Park Ave to Chapel St, Sept 25, 2:30PM-7PM (raindate Sept 26).

Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve this item.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

56. License/Permit 212457 (ID:27388) Public Event License, Arts Council Ignite Festival, Union Square Area (Plaza, parking lot, Stone Park, and Sanborn CT Lot), Oct 2, 2PM-11PM (raindate Oct 3).

Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve this item.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

57. License/Permit 212458 (ID:27386) Public Event License, Glenwood Rd Block Party, Glenwood Rd from Medford St to Vernon St, Oct 2, 12PM-8:30PM (raindate Oct. 3).

Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve this item.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

58. License/Permit 212459 (ID:27383) Public Event License, Pearson Rd Porchfest Block Party, Pearson Rd from Broadway to Warner St, Oct 2, 11:30AM-2:30PM.

Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve this item.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

59. License/Permit 212460 (ID:27384) Public Event License, Church St Porchfest Block Party, Church St from Summer St to Somerville Ave, Oct. 2, 3:30PM-6:30PM (raindate Oct. 3).

Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve this item.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

60. License/Permit 212461 (ID:27385) Public Event License, Webster St Porchfest Block Party, Webster St from Cutter St to Franklin St, Oct 2, 3:30PM-6:30PM.

Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve this item.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

61. License/Permit 212462 (ID:27387) Public Event License, Belmont St Porchfest Block Party, Belmont St from Spring Hill Terr to Highland Ave, Oct 2, 1:30PM-4:30PM (raindate Oct 3).

Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve this item.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

62. License/Permit 212463 (ID:27393) Public Event License, Munroe St Porchfest Block Party, Munroe St from Bigelow St to Prospect Hill Parkway, Oct 2, 3:30PM-6:30PM (raindate Oct 3).

Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve this item.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

63. License/Permit 212464 (ID:27392) Public Event License, Hussey Block Party, Rush St from Brook St to Broadway, Oct 9, 11AM-5PM (raindate Oct 10).

Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve this item.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

64. License/Permit 212465 (ID:27389) Public Event License, Bow Market Vintage Fest, Somerville Ave from Bow St to in front of Bow Market, Oct 17, 9AM-9PM (raindate Oct 24).

Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve this item.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

65. License/Permit 212466 (ID:27394) Public Event License, Church St Block Party, Church St from Summer St to Somerville Ave, Oct 17, 1PM-5:30PM (raindate Oct 24).

Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve this item.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

66. License/Permit 212467 (ID:27390) Public Event License, Belmont St Block Party, Belmont St from Spring Hill Terr to Highland Ave, Oct 17, 1PM-8PM (raindate Oct 24).

Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve this item.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

67. License/Permit 212468 (ID:27395) Public Event License, East Somerville Main Streets Halloween Block Party and Pet Parade, Chuckie Harris Park and Cross St between Pennsylvania Ave to Broadway, Oct 30, 2PM-7PM (raindate Oct 31).

Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve this item.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

68. License/Permit 212469 (ID:27391) Public Event License, Somerville Road Runners Gobble Gobble Gobble Road Race, Davis Sq and area streets, Nov 25, 6AM-12PM.

Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve this item.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

69. Public Communication 212470 (ID:27397) Department of Homeland Security responding to Item 211931 regarding workers' rights.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

70. Ordinance 212471 (ID:27402) By City Councilor Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang That the Zoning Ordinances be amended by striking all language from section 8.3.1.10.c to prevent parking maximums in Master Planned Development areas being exceeded by Special Permit.

Councilor Scott noted that this issue has come up during several community meetings and he feels that the bar needs to be higher. Councilor Ewen-Campen stated that large employers incentivize workers to drive to work by building large parking lots. This, he said, leads to traffic congestion and increased pollution. He would like this item moved forward as quickly as possible.

This item was also referred to the Planning Board.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

71. Order 212472 (ID:27403) By City Councilor Scott, Ballantyne, Clingan That the OSPCD Planning and Mobility Divisions, and a representative from the Commission for Persons with Disabilities, discuss with this Council, the off-street parking provisions of the Zoning Ordinance and thoroughfare provisions of the Overlay Districts, to ensure that planned civic spaces remain accessible at no cost to people with disabilities who require vehicular access.

Councilor Scott commented that the city needs to consider and do a better job to provide accessibility for drivers with disabilities.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

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| 72. Order 212473 (ID:27404) | By City Councilor Scott, Davis, Clingan, Ballantyne, Mbah, McLaughlin That the Director Inspectional Services discuss with this Council how to increase reliability and frequency of enforcement of public health violations in the City. |
| | <p>Councilor Scott spoke about items being reported to 311 being marked 'closed' without any explanation. He was contacted by lawyers who have been having trouble getting information to help many of their clients with safety issues in the city.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee</p> |
| 73. Mayor's Request 212474 (ID:27401) | <p>Requesting approval of a grant of easement in Inner Belt Road for Fiber Optic Communications Equipment.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| 74. Officer's Communication 212475 (ID:27407) | <p>Director of Inspectional Services submitting the Leaf Blower Regulations.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 75. License/Permit 212476 (ID:27398) | <p>Renewing Drainlayer's License, NELM.</p> <p>Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 76. Public Communication 212477 (ID:27405) | <p>Union Square Neighborhood Council submitting comments re: Item 212031, funding for the Somerville Community Land Trust.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

LATE ITEMS

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| 77. | Resolution 212478 (ID:27410) | By City Councilor Clingan That the administration assign staff to support the Wage Theft Advisory Committee. |
| Councilor Scott noted that the Council worked to create this tool for workers' rights only to see it not being taken seriously by the administration. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee | | |
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| 78. | Order 212479 (ID:27411) | By City Councilor Davis That the Administration work with the City of Cambridge to improve pedestrian safety at the intersections of Elm Street with Beech Street and Willow Avenue, including opportunities to improve the Elm Street crossings in coordination with Cambridge's planned re-engineering of Beech Street. |
| RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee | | |
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| 79. | Mayor's Request 212480 (ID:27365) | Requesting approval of the Land Disposition Agreement for the property at 31 Tufts Street. |
| RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee | | |
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| 80. | License/Permit 212481 (ID:27408) | Public Event License, Josephine Ave Block Party, Josephine Ave from Kidder Ave to Morrison Ave, Oct 2, 1:30PM-4:30PM (raindate Oct 3). |
| Councilor White moved to approve the late item. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne | | |
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| 81. | License/Permit 212482 (ID:27409) | Public Event License, Jingle Bell 5K Walk/Run, Davis Sq area, Dec 19, 7AM-1PM. |
| Councilor White moved to approve the late item. RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne | | |

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:55 PM.

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

October 14, 2021, 7:00 PM
 Meeting by Remote Participation

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OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin.

| Attendee Name | Title | Status | Arrived |
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| Wilfred N. Mbah | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Mary Jo Rossetti | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Kristen Strezo | City Councilor at Large | Present | |
| William A. White Jr. | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Matthew McLaughlin | Ward One City Councilor | Present | |
| Jefferson Thomas ("J.T.") Scott | Ward Two City Councilor | Present | |
| Ben Ewen-Campen | Ward Three City Councilor | Present | |
| Jesse Clingan | Ward Four City Councilor | Present | |
| Mark Niedergang | Ward Five City Councilor | Present | |
| Lance L. Davis | Ward Six City Councilor | Present | |
| Katjana Ballantyne | Ward Seven City Councilor | Present | |

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 212483
 (ID:27478) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 212484
 (ID:27479) Councilor Scott sponsored a moment of silence for Frank Ballato.
 Councilor Clingan sponsored a moment of silence for George Hughes.
 Councilor Clingan sponsored a moment of silence for Yolanda Riviera.
 RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, September 23, 2021.
 212485
 (ID:27480) **RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
 AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
 Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. Grant of Location 212486 (ID:27446) Submitted by Cambridge Network Solutions to install a total of 507 feet of conduit in Windsor Street as follows: Starting from existing Verizon manhole at the intersection of South St and Windsor St to an existing Utility Pole 439/2. From said utility pole, 220 feet to an existing Utility Pole 439. Then, continuing 202 feet to the Cambridge/Somerville property line.

President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. Jeffrey Harrington from Cambridge Network Solutions spoke in favor of this item. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

5. Grant of Location 212487 (ID:27447) Submitted by TC Systems Inc to install a total of 604 feet of conduit in Artisan Way as follows: Starting from existing FRIT manhole at the intersection of Artisan Way and Great River Road to a proposed handhole. Then, continuing in Noon Place to a proposed handhole.

President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. Hayleigh Walker from TC Systems Inc spoke in favor of this item. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

6. Grant of Location 212488 (ID:27441) Submitted by Eversource to install 36 feet of conduit in Mount Pleasant Street, from Utility Pole 243/3 to a point of pickup at 24-28 Mount Pleasant Street.

President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy from Eversource spoke in favor of this item. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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7. Grant of Location 212489 (ID:27442) Submitted by Eversource to install a total of 139 feet of conduit in Medford Street, from Utility Pole 228/2 to a proposed handhole. Then continuing to a proposed traffic light control box located in Gore Street, Cambridge.
- President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy from Eversource spoke in favor of this item and noted that the petition is for 45 feet, not 139, as the remaining amount is located in Cambridge. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
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8. Grant of Location 212490 (ID:27443) Submitted by Eversource to install 87 feet of conduit in Highland Avenue, from Manhole 14704 to a point of pickup at 124 Highland Avenue.
- President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy from Eversource spoke in favor of this item. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
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9. Grant of Location 212491 (ID:27444) Submitted by Eversource to install 39 feet of conduit in Oliver Street, from Utility Pole 261/8 to a point of pickup at 62 Oliver Street.
- President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy from Eversource spoke in favor of this item. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
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10. Grant of Location 212492 (ID:27445) Submitted by Eversource to install 83 feet of conduit in Elmwood Street/Tannery Brook Row, from Utility Pole 113/10 to a point of pickup at 95-99 Elmwood Street, Cambridge.
- President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy from Eversource spoke in favor of this item and noted that the petition is for 20 feet, not 83, as the remaining amount is located in Cambridge. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
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ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

11. Communication By City Councilor McLaughlin
212493 In his capacity as President, urging completion of all items in Committees.
(ID:27419)

President McLaughlin mentioned that the city will be moving to a new legislative tracking system, and he asked that Committee Chairs make efforts to act on items in their committees.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

12. Order By City Councilor Rossetti
212494 That the items listed within be discharged from the Committee on
(ID:27421) Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters and approved by this Council.

Councilor Rossetti moved that these items be discharged from the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters. The motion was approved. Councilor Rossetti commented that members of the C of APM committee were made aware that she intended to ask that these items be approved. Councilor Rossetti moved that these items be approved. Councilor Niedergang stated that he's not comfortable with approving these appointments and he would rather have the incoming Council vote on them, and he moved to place these items on file. Councilor Davis agreed with Councilor Niedergang. President McLaughlin commented that when an appointment can't be approved in a five-year time span, then there's a problem on the Council's end. Both Councilor Rossetti and Councilor Niedergang withdrew their motions. The items were recommitted to the Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

13. Order 212495 (ID:27428) By City Councilor Rossetti
That this Council enter Executive Session to discuss litigation strategy with respect to Civil Service Commission Case Fairchild v. City of Somerville.

The Council moved into Executive Session at 8:52 PM to discuss this item.

The Council returned from Executive Session at 9:34 PM and reconvened the regular Council meeting at 9:40 PM. Councilor Rossetti announced that no votes were taken in the Executive Session except the vote to return to the open session. President McLaughlin reassumed the Chair.

RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin

14. Order 212496 (ID:27429) By City Councilor Mbah
That the Director of Parking install CHILDREN CROSSING signs at all intersections in the city.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

15. Order 212497 (ID:27430) By City Councilor Mbah
That the Director of Communications provide advance notice each time there's going to be water flushing out of a hydrant.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

16. Order 212498 (ID:27470) By City Councilor Niedergang
That the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Council on the plans and timeline for fixing or replacing the vandalized Henry Hansen memorial in Henry Hansen Park in Magoun Square.

Councilor Niedergang reported that the cost of repairing the monument will be approximately \$8,200.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

17. Order 212499 (ID:27471) By City Councilor Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne That the Director of Racial and Social Justice update this Council before the end of 2021 on progress made in the last six months, especially on hiring, staffing for Commissions, and the work of reimagining policing in Somerville.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

18. Order 212500 (ID:27472) By City Councilor Niedergang That the Director of the Arts Council report to this Council on why more streets were not closed for Porchfest, why some block party permits were either denied or had hours shortened, and what re-evaluation is occurring to make Porchfest less disruptive to some neighbors and streets next year.

President McLaughlin was recused from these items and Councilor Rossetti assumed the Chair. Councilor Niedergang stated that he thinks that Porchfest can be better managed and needs more focus and advance planning to make it safe for everyone.

RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin

19. Order 212501 (ID:27473) By City Councilor Niedergang That the Chief of Police report to this Council on why the police presence at this year's Porchfest seemed inadequate, and what planning will be done to ensure less disruption to neighbors for next year's Porchfest.

President McLaughlin was recused from these items and Councilor Rossetti assumed the Chair. Councilor Niedergang stated that he thinks that Porchfest can be better managed and needs more focus and advance planning to make it safe for everyone.

RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin

20. Communication 212502 (ID:27474) By City Councilor Niedergang Reporting on the September 14, 2021 meeting of the Parking Study Task Force.

Councilor Niedergang encouraged all interested persons to view the slide presentation from the meeting.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 21. Mayor's Request 212425 (ID:27339)

Requesting that this Council grant Special Municipal Employee status to the Condominium Review Board pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 268A.

Councilor Rossetti moved to waive the readings of these items and approve them this evening. Councilor Niedergang shared that he doesn't understand the connection between these items and tonight's agenda #66 and stated that he has several questions. Councilor Rossetti explained that it has been difficult for the city to secure people to serve on various boards and committees. Director Proakis explained the challenges faced by municipal employees with respect to conflict-of-interest laws. Councilor Niedergang commented that he's not opposed to this, but by granting this status to a large number of people removes the ability to police it. Mr. Proakis noted that the state has a complaint process for reporting suspected ethics violations. The items were approved.

RESULT: **APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- 22. Mayor's Request 212426 (ID:27341)

Requesting that this Council grant Special Municipal Employee status to the Bicycle Advisory Committee pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 268A.

See 212425.

RESULT: **APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- 23. Mayor's Request 212427 (ID:27342)

Requesting that this Council grant Special Municipal Employee status to the Community Preservation Committee pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 268A.

See 212425.

RESULT: **APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- 24. Mayor's Request 212428 (ID:27343)

Requesting that this Council grant Special Municipal Employee status to the Fair Housing Commission pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 268A.

See 212425.

RESULT: **APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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25. Mayor's Request 212429 (ID:27344) Requesting that this Council grant Special Municipal Employee status to the Pedestrian and Transit Advisory Committee pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 268A.
- See 212425.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
26. Mayor's Request 212430 (ID:27345) Requesting that this Council grant Special Municipal Employee status to the Planning Board pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 268A.
- See 212425.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
27. Mayor's Request 212431 (ID:27346) Requesting that this Council grant Special Municipal Employee status to the Urban Design Commission pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 268A.
- See 212425.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
28. Mayor's Request 212432 (ID:27347) Requesting that this Council grant Special Municipal Employee status to the Urban Forestry Committee pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 268A.
- See 212425.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
29. Mayor's Request 212433 (ID:27348) Requesting that this Council grant Special Municipal Employee status to the Board of Health pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 268A.
- See 212425.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
30. Mayor's Request 212434 (ID:27349) Requesting that this Council grant Special Municipal Employee status to the Board of Library Trustees pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 268A.
- See 212425.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

31. Mayor's Request 212435 (ID:27350) Requesting that this Council grant Special Municipal Employee status to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 268A.
- See 212425.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezzo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
32. Mayor's Request 212436 (ID:27351) Requesting that this Council grant Special Municipal Employee status to the Council on Aging pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 268A.
- See 212425.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezzo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
33. Mayor's Request 212437 (ID:27352) Requesting that this Council grant Special Municipal Employee status to the Licensing Commission pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 268A.
- See 212425.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezzo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
34. Mayor's Request 212438 (ID:27353) Requesting that this Council grant Special Municipal Employee status to the Memorialization Committee pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 268A.
- See 212425.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezzo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
35. Mayor's Request 212439 (ID:27354) Requesting that this Council grant Special Municipal Employee status to the Recreation and Youth Commission pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 268A.
- See 212425.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezzo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
36. Mayor's Request 212440 (ID:27355) Requesting that this Council grant Special Municipal Employee status to the Veterans Commission on Monuments, Memorials, and Dedications pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 268A.
- See 212425.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezzo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

37. Mayor's Request 212441 (ID:27356) Requesting that this Council grant Special Municipal Employee status to the Commission for Women pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 268A.

See 212425.
RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

38. Mayor's Request 212442 (ID:27357) Requesting that this Council grant Special Municipal Employee status to the Board of Assessors pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 268A.

See 212425.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

39. Mayor's Request 212443 (ID:27358) Requesting that this Council grant Special Municipal Employee status to the Election Commission pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 268A.

See 212425.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

40. Mayor's Request 212444 (ID:27359) Requesting that this Council grant Special Municipal Employee status to the Somerville Retirement Board pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 268A.

See 212425.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

41. Mayor's Request 212445 (ID:27360) Requesting that this Council grant Special Municipal Employee status to the Traffic Commission pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 268A.

See 212425.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

42. Mayor's Request 212446 (ID:27361) Requesting that this Council grant Special Municipal Employee status to the Traffic Board pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 268A.

See 212425.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

43. Mayor's Request 212447 (ID:27362) Requesting that this Council grant Special Municipal Employee status to the Charter Review Committee pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 268A.
- See 212425.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

44. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 212503 (ID:27432) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on September 28, 2021.
- Councilor Rossetti presented the Committee Report and asked that it be accepted.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- B. Mayor's Request 204899 (ID:17586) Requesting the re-appointment of Walter Whitney as Superintendent of Public Buildings & Grounds.
- RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- C. Mayor's Request 210871 (ID:23699) Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Elizabeth Janiak to the Condominium Review Board.
- RESULT:** WITHDRAWN. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- D. Mayor's Request 210914 (ID:23700) Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of William Medeiros to the Condominium Review Board.
- RESULT:** WITHDRAWN. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- E. Mayor's Request 211062 (ID:23847) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Aladdine Joroff to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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- F. Mayor's Request 211414 (ID:24289) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Murphy Langevin to the Urban Forestry Committee.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
- G. Mayor's Request 211746 (ID:24588) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Megan Kearns to the Conservation Commission.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
- H. Mayor's Request 211852 (ID:24714) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jean Alix Simeon as a full member of the Condominium Review Board.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
- I. Mayor's Request 211853 (ID:24715) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Paula Vancini as an Alternate Member of the Condominium Review Board.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

45. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 212504 (ID:27439)

Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on October 12, 2021.

President McLaughlin recused himself from this item and Councilor Rossetti assumed the chair. Councilor Scott presented the Committee Report and asked to sever item #212362. That item was severed on a roll call vote. Councilor Scott spoke on the severed item and explained that the project has been increased in scope and includes a 4-story parking garage. He spoke about the placement of fire equipment at other sites. Councilor Scott explained that the Construction Manager at-Risk process for this project is different than what the city has done in the past, e.g., for the new high school. He noted that the Finance Committee had recommended approval, however he stated that he was caught off guard by the presentation at the Committee meeting. He is concerned about the process and the design put forth for this \$100 million plus project, which he noted has not yet received any public input. and he would like to refer this item back to the Finance Committee. Councilor Rossetti spoke about the high school building process and Councilor Scott maintained that the funds in this item are for selecting the contractor and moving the project forward. Councilor Rossetti disagreed with Councilor Scott’s understanding of the matter. Councilor Davis commented that he was also surprised that the project had progressed to the point it had and that the decision seemed to have been made as to where to place the building. He added that this doesn’t feel like the process that has been used in the past on other projects. He would like the administration to explain exactly what this role encompasses and whether it locks the city into anything. Councilor Davis sponsored Director Raiche to speak on the matter. Mr. Raiche said that a number of public meetings and building meetings have been held. The square footage of the parcel is deceptive and there isn’t any other way to orient the building on the site. The hiring proposed in this item allows the city to accelerate other facets of the project and to assist with value engineering. Councilor Niedergang said that he’s concerned that the price tag of this project has doubled, and commented that it might be better to wait on the project until the new Council is seated. Councilor Scott moved to recommit the item to the Finance Committee. The motion passed on a roll call vote.

Councilor Scott moved to sever items #212267, #212268 and #212269. That motion passed. Councilor Scott then moved to place these 3 items on file. That motion passed. Councilor Scott presented the remainder of the Committee Report and asked that it be accepted. Councilor Clingan commented on the need for a support person for the Wage Theft Committee. The Finance Committee Report was accepted.

RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin

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| <p>B. Mayor's Request 207285 (ID:20055)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$542,675 from the CPA Fund Open Space/Recreational Land and Budgeted Reserve Accounts to the City for the ArtFarm project.</p> | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [10 TO 0] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne RECUSED: McLaughlin</p> |
| <p>C. Officer's Communication 207342 (ID:20118)</p> | <p>Director of Capital Projects conveying the Departmental Relocation Strategy and Implementation Plan.</p> | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [10 TO 0] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne RECUSED: McLaughlin</p> |
| <p>D. Order 207478 (ID:20291)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Finance provide this Council with a written report of bond requests for the next 3 years along with corresponding revenue stream projections.</p> | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [10 TO 0] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne RECUSED: McLaughlin</p> |
| <p>E. Mayor's Communication 208460 (ID:21282)</p> | <p>Conveying the June 2019 General Fund Capital Investment Plan.</p> | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [10 TO 0] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne RECUSED: McLaughlin</p> |
| <p>F. Mayor's Request 208630 (ID:21434)</p> | <p>Requesting the appropriation of \$376,820 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the purchase of vehicles for the Parks & Recreation Department.</p> | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [10 TO 0] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne RECUSED: McLaughlin</p> |

- G. Mayor's Request 211224 (ID:24113) Requesting the appropriation of \$36,720 from the Salary and Wage Stabilization Fund to the Executive Office Salaries Account to establish two new Racial & Social Justice staff positions.
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| RESULT: | PLACED ON FILE. [10 TO 0] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| RECUSED: | McLaughlin |
- H. Communication By City Councilor Niedergang 211257 (ID:24151) Submitting questions, concerns, comments and ideas regarding Police staffing, in response to Chief Charles Femino’s memo of January 31, 2021, for the February 1 Public Health and Public Safety Committee.
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| RESULT: | PLACED ON FILE. [10 TO 0] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| RECUSED: | McLaughlin |
- I. Order 211258 (ID:24152) By City Councilor Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, White Jr. That this Council discuss FY22 funding and organizational priorities for the Mobility Department.
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| RESULT: | PLACED ON FILE. [10 TO 0] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| RECUSED: | McLaughlin |
- J. Order 211382 (ID:24279) By City Councilor Niedergang, Mbah, Ballantyne That this Council consider advocating for an additional \$750,000 in the FY22 budget, as attached, for safe streets and equitable mobility.
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| RESULT: | PLACED ON FILE. [10 TO 0] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| RECUSED: | McLaughlin |
- K. Resolution 211429 (ID:24328) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Clingan, Strezo, Davis, Mbah That the Mayor allocate funding for two dual diagnosis and social work clinical outreach positions in the Community Outreach Help and Recovery Department in the FY22 budget.
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| RESULT: | PLACED ON FILE. [10 TO 0] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| RECUSED: | McLaughlin |

L. Order 211446 (ID:24413) By City Councilor Rossetti, Ballantyne
That this Council's Committee on Finance discuss with appropriate staff, anticipated funding from the recently authorized American Rescue Plan Act.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [10 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin

M. Resolution 211600 (ID:24501) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Clingan, Mbah, Strezo, Ballantyne, Scott
That the Administration include a sidewalk snow shoveling program in the FY22 budget focused on pedestrian streets, major north-south and east-west routes, sidewalk corners and crosswalks with piles of snow, MBTA bus stops, and senior buildings.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [10 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin

N. Order 211826 (ID:24774) By City Councilor Scott, Mbah
That this Council review the past 20 years of the city's Police Department reform recommendations and the resultant changes.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [10 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin

O. Officer's Communication 212084 (ID:24988) Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management responding to #211944 re: coordination with the EPA and MWRA on Combined Sewer Overflows.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [10 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin

P. Officer's Communication 212086 (ID:25010) Director of Racial and Social Justice conveying a letter regarding the June 7 Finance Committee budget hearing.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [10 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin

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| Q. | Order 212257 (ID:26220) | By City Councilor Scott, Mbah That the Director of Economic Development provide an update regarding the leases at the Armory building and the plan for tenancy and uses moving forward. | | | | | | |
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| RESULT: | PLACED ON FILE. [10 TO 0] | | | | | | | |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne | | | | | | | |
| RECUSED: | McLaughlin | | | | | | | |
| R. | Mayor's Request 212267 (ID:26175) | Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,331,543 in a bond for the construction of an outdoor elevator to improve accessibility between the High School Field Level and the new Green Line Extension Gilman Square Station. | | | | | | |
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| RESULT: | PLACED ON FILE. [10 TO 0] | | | | | | | |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne | | | | | | | |
| RECUSED: | McLaughlin | | | | | | | |
| S. | Mayor's Request 212268 (ID:26174) | Requesting approval to re-purpose the Green Line Extension Stabilization Fund and appropriate \$7,668,457 from said fund for the construction of an elevator between the High School Field and the new Green Line Gilman Square Station. | | | | | | |
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| RESULT: | PLACED ON FILE. [10 TO 0] | | | | | | | |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne | | | | | | | |
| RECUSED: | McLaughlin | | | | | | | |
| T. | Mayor's Request 212269 (ID:26167) | Requesting approval to appropriate \$151,000 from the Facility Construction and Renovation Stabilization Fund for additional design and electrical conduit work related to the Gilman Station elevator and GLX platform. | | | | | | |
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| RESULT: | PLACED ON FILE. [10 TO 0] | | | | | | | |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne | | | | | | | |
| RECUSED: | McLaughlin | | | | | | | |
| U. | Mayor's Request 212362 (ID:27271) | Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$725,000 in a bond for Construction Manager at-Risk services for the pre-construction phase of the Public Safety Building . | | | | | | |
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- V. Mayor's Request 212414 (ID:27340) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$4,400,000 in a bond for construction services as part of the MWRA Marginal Interceptor Sewer Rehabilitation.

RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin

- W. Mayor's Request 212416 (ID:27267) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,600,000 in a bond for a Sewer System Evaluation Study and Infiltration/Inflow Assessment.

RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin

- X. Mayor's Request 212418 (ID:26173) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$275,751.91 using available FY22 funds within various DPW accounts.

RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin

- Y. Officer's Communication 212450 (ID:27375) Chief Assessor requesting approval to retain outside legal counsel for Appellate Tax Board Settlement matters.

RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin

46. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 212505 (ID:27434) Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on September 29, 2021.

Councilor Strezio presented the Committee Report and asked that it be accepted.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- B. Order 211059 (ID:23991) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Economic Development work with this Council on a Memorandum of Understanding for the Winter Hill Urban Renewal Plan.
- RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- C. Mayor's Request 211613 (ID:24487) Requesting approval of the 2021-2022 HUD One Year Action Plan, for CDBG, HOME, and ESG Programming.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- D. Officer's Communication 212139 (ID:25020) Planning Director requesting this Council's endorsement of the SomerVision 2040 Plan.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

47. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 212506 (ID:27433) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting in Joint Session with the Planning Board on September 28, 2021.
- Councilor Ewen-Campen presented the Committee Report and spoke about a series of amendments for Boynton Yards. He asked that the report be accepted.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

48. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 212507 (ID:27437) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on October 5, 2021.
- Councilor Ewen-Campen presented the Committee Report and reported that progress is being made regarding rooftop mechanicals and that there was a discussion about parking at Boynton Yards. He asked that the report be accepted.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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| <p>B. Public Communication 208951 (ID:21772)</p> | <p>29 Washington Street Realty Trust proposing a zoning amendment to re-zone their property at 29 Washington St to MR4 or MR5.</p> | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>C. Public Communication 209034 (ID:21852)</p> | <p>Washington TN LLC proposing a zoning amendment to re-zone their property at 373 Washington St to UR.</p> | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>D. Public Communication 209338 (ID:22164)</p> | <p>Jack Saade withdrawing a zoning amendment he proposed on 9/12/19, #208899, to re-zone his property at 453 Somerville Ave.</p> | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>E. Communication 209342 (ID:22174)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Hirsch Providing compiled property and zoning relief application data, to inform the affordability requirements built into the zoning overhaul.</p> | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>F. Public Communication 209419 (ID:22254)</p> | <p>Alessandro & Elaine T. Leccese Family Trust proposing a zoning amendment to re-zone their properties at 198 Washington Street to MR5.</p> | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>G. Public Communication 209735 (ID:22578)</p> | <p>George and Maria Hatzis proposing a zoning amendment to re-zone their property at 248 Somerville Ave to MR5.</p> | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>H. Public Communication 210452 (ID:23323)</p> | <p>LaCourt Foundation LLC proposing a zoning amendment to re-zone their property at 34-36 Merriam St to UR.</p> | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

- I. Order 210930 (ID:23817) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Strezo That the Director of SPCD commission independent Community Impact Studies for each upcoming Neighborhood Plan and large-scale redevelopment effort, to quantify possible displacement, rent increase, and other negative outcomes, and to propose mitigation strategies.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- J. Order 211133 (ID:24031) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the Director of SPCD discuss with the Land Use Committee the fair housing amendment recently passed in Boston that requires new developments to be reviewed for impacts on displacement and housing discrimination.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- K. Officer's Communication 212189 (ID:26089) Planning Board conveying its recommendations on #'s 211170, 211433, 211611, 211612, and 211693, all requests to amend the Zoning Ordinances.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- L. Officer's Communication 212285 (ID:26145) Planning Board conveying its recommendations on items 211675, 211890, 211988, 211889, 212047, 212050, 212051, and 212052, all requests to amend the Zoning Ordinances.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- M. Order 212508 (ID:27427) By City Councilor Davis That the administration advise this Council and provide the language to allow cannabis delivery in the most streamlined way possible.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

49. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 212509 (ID:27435) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on September 30, 2021.

Councilor Davis presented the Committee Report and spoke about some of the various actions taken by the committee. He spoke about an item involving the release of documents by the city, as ruled by the Public Records Office, which the city is appealing. Councilor Scott commented that the city is pursuing the appeal at a great cost, to the outrage of Ward 2 residents. Councilor Davis noted that there may not be a legal avenue for the Council to follow to stop the city’s appeal.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- B. Resolution 205489 (ID:18414) By City Councilor Rossetti That the Administration compile a report for this Board of all emails and letters received on the proposed Real Estate Transfer Fee, and work with this Board to host community forums that bring all interested parties to the table.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- C. Order 210233 (ID:23128) By City Councilor Davis, Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Strezo, Rossetti, Mbah, Ballantyne, Clingan, White Jr., McLaughlin That this Council draft an ordinance to establish a Use of Force Policy applicable to municipal law enforcement agencies.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- D. Resolution 210557 (ID:23458) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott, Davis, Ballantyne Congratulating the Administration on a very successful rehabilitation and re-opening of Prospect Hill Park, and requesting a reduction in the excessively bright lighting from the new lamp posts.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- E. Order 210742 (ID:23624) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Scott, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, Mbah, White Jr. That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance similar to Boston's PILOT ordinance, formalizing payments in lieu of taxes to create a fair and transparent system of taxation for large tax-exempt non-profit organizations.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- F. Order 211002 (ID:23916) By City Councilor Davis That the Chief of Police and the Administration discuss with the Legislative Matters Committee, potential revisions to the citation form for violations of City ordinances, to include demographic data.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- G. Resolution 212401 (ID:27331) By City Councilor Scott, Mbah That the Administration cease the lawsuit seeking to overturn the ruling of the Public Records Office, as outlined in the attached.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- H. Officer's Communication 212449 (ID:27337) Assistant City Solicitor submitting an Ordinance to require the City Clerk to forward all members of the City Council copies of G. L. c. 268A, sections 20(c) and 20(d), disclosure forms filed with the City Clerk.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

50. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 212510 (ID:27438) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on October 10, 2021.

Councilor Davis presented the Committee Report and relayed the discussions that took place on various items. He asked that the report be accepted. Item #211812 was enrolled and ordained.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

B. Mayor's Request 207392 (ID:20167) Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition providing for legal voting rights in municipal elections for non-citizen residents.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

C. Order 210605 (ID:23483) By City Councilor Davis That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance prohibiting the installation of public lighting in excess of a temperature level to be determined.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

D. Ordinance 210719 (ID:23593) By City Councilor White Jr., Clingan, Strezo That the provisions of Sec. 8-3(1) be amended by changing "for not less than a twelve month period" to "not less than a one month period"

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

E. Order 211262 (ID:24156) By City Councilor Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That this Council pursue a Charter or Ordinance amendment to expand Police and Fire Interview Panels to include a City Councilor and a designee of the Director of Racial and Social Justice.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

F. Order 211601 (ID:24502) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Scott, Strezo, Mbah That the City Solicitor and the Chief of Police discuss with the Committee on Legislative Matters a formal policy or ordinance to decriminalize or deprioritize arrests for drug possession, and prioritize treatment over incarceration.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- G. Ordinance 211812 (ID:24721) By City Councilor White Jr., Scott, Clingan, Mbah, Davis, Ballantyne Proposing an amendment to Ordinance 2-123 that would require notification to this Council of claims against the City filed at the MA Commission Against Discrimination.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
NOTE: Ordained absent Mayor's signature pursuant to section 16 of the City Charter.

- H. Order 212511 (ID:27464) By City Councilor Niedergang That this Council approve the Automated Speed Enforcement in School Zones Home Rule Petition (Item #212255), with an amendment to increase the fine in Section 3. (a) to the maximum recommended by the City Solicitor's Office.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

51. PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 212512 (ID:27431) Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, meeting on September 27, 2021.

Councilor Clingan presented the Committee Report and stated that the committee received updates on several matters. He asked that the report be accepted.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- B. Order 210996 (ID:23885) By City Councilor Niedergang That the Director of SPCD, the Director of Parks and Recreation, or the Commissioner of Public Works discuss with this Council the installation of electrical outlets in parks, playgrounds and other public places to charge cell phones, computers, and other such equipment.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- C. Order 211596 (ID:24509) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Strezio, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the Commissioner of Public Works ensure that no hostile architecture public benches are installed in the city.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- D. Order 211718 (ID:24631) By City Councilor Clingan That the Director of Water and Sewer discuss with the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works the notification process regarding non-emergency work.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- E. Order 211719 (ID:24630) By City Councilor Clingan That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the street lights at 31-33 Bailey Road.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

52. RULES SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 212513 (ID:27436) Report of the Special Committee on Rules, meeting on October 4, 2021.

Councilor White asked that this item be tabled until the updates are reflected.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

53. Mayor's Request 212514 (ID:27475) Requesting to appear in Executive Session for the purposes of discussing Item #27465, a contract with Conduent State and Local Solutions Inc., due to the imminent threat of litigation.

The Council moved into Executive Session at 10:00 PM to discuss item #27465 (Item #91 on tonight's agenda).

The Council returned from Executive Session and reconvened the regular Council meeting at 10:13 PM. President McLaughlin announced that no votes were taken in the Executive Session except the vote to return to the open session.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

54. Withdrawn 212515 (ID:27477) Withdrawn.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

55. Mayor's Request 212516 (ID:27338) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$3,604,801 in a bond for street resurfacing, sidewalk improvements and ADA ramps and improvements.
- Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings and refer this item to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
56. Mayor's Request 212517 (ID:27476) Requesting approval to appropriate and transfer \$8,796,290 from the Facility Construction and Renovation Stabilization Fund to the Somerville High School Construction Fund.
- Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings and refer this item to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
57. Mayor's Request 212518 (ID:27423) Requesting approval to appropriate \$1,235,641 from the Sewer Capital Stabilization Fund to the Sewer Enterprise Fund in order to balance the FY 2022 Sewer Enterprise Fund budget.
- Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings and refer this item to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
58. Mayor's Request 212519 (ID:27424) Requesting approval to appropriate \$1,023,399 from the Water Capital Stabilization Fund to the Water Enterprise Fund in order to balance the FY 2022 Water Enterprise Fund budget.
- Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings and refer this item to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
59. Mayor's Request 212520 (ID:27459) Requesting approval to appropriate \$500,000 from the Street Reconstruction Stabilization Fund for Street & Sidewalk Repairs and ADA Improvements.
- Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings and refer this item to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

60. Mayor's Request 212521 (ID:27461) Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$7,901,613.11 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 grant.
- Kate Hartke explained that this is the first half of the ARPA funds being distributed by the county. Meetings will be held in the coming weeks to get public feedback of how the funds should be expended.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
61. Mayor's Request 212522 (ID:27418) Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$42,500 grant, with no new match required, from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council to the Council on Aging for taxi transportation for older adults.
- Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings and approve this item.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
62. Mayor's Request 212523 (ID:27416) Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$7,816 grant, with no new match required, from Somerville Cambridge Elder Services to the Council on Aging for the Senior Fit-4-Life Health and Wellness Program.
- Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings and approve this item.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
63. Mayor's Request 212524 (ID:27417) Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$3,000 grant, with no new match required, from Somerville Cambridge Elder Services to the Council on Aging for transportation.
- Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings and approve this item.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
64. Mayor's Request 212525 (ID:27469) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$800 using available funds in the Mobility Ordinary Maintenance Account for Police Details for the Mystic Ave Shared Streets implementation work.
- Councilor Scott moved to waive the readings and approve this item.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

65. Mayor's Request 212526 (ID:27413) Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Eli D. Kim to the position of Police Sergeant.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

66. Officer's Communication 212527 (ID:27422) Assistant City Solicitor submitting proposed Ordinance 2-106, that the City Clerk forward copies of disclosures filed pursuant to G. L. c. 268A, Sections 20(c) and 20(d) to all Councilors, as approved by the Legislative Matters Committee on 9/30/21.

Councilor Davis moved for approval, enrollment and ordainment of this item. The item was approved, enrolled and ordained.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

67. Officer's Communication 212528 (ID:27440) Treasurer/Collector requesting approval to retain Hinckley Allen as bond counsel.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

68. Officer's Communication 212529 (ID:27463) Director of SomerStat requesting an opportunity to provide this Council an update on the reprecincting process.

SomerStat Director Cortni Desir updated the Council about redistricting. The process was delayed due to COVID-19 and a recommendation will be presented to the Council on October 28th. Somerville's population grew by 7% from 2010 to 2020 to over 81,000 and every ward absorbed some of that increase. Ms. Desir gave a presentation of the population by ward and detailed where the boundaries need to be changed to meet state requirements. Councilor Ewen-Campen commented that the precincts aren't ordered on the map. Councilor Niedergang objected to the boundary of Ward 5, as it will shift the School Committee representative from Ward 5 to Ward 6, thereby making her unable to serve after December 31st. He will put forth amendments to rectify this situation at the next Council meeting. Director Desir stated that she was not aware of this problem and re-stated that this presentation is only a draft, adding that the public may comment on the proposal by contacting City Hall. President McLaughlin commented that he is pleased with the changes to Ward 1 and asked if changes to the state districts may impact the city's redistricting. Director Desir noted that the city has reached out to its state delegation to inform them of the changes being proposed in Somerville.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

69. Officer's Communication 212530 (ID:27415) OPSCD Executive Director submitting an update regarding the SomerVision 2040 Plan.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

NEW BUSINESS

70. License/Permit 212531 (ID:27455) Public Event License, Honk Festival, Honk/MAMAS Neighbor Celebration, Lincoln Park Basketball court and Nunziato Park, Oct 9, 1PM-5PM (Interim Approval granted).

Councilor White moved to waive the readings and approve this item.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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| 71. License/Permit 212532 (ID:27456) | Public Event License, Honk Festival, Seven Hills Park, Oct 9, 10AM-9:30PM (Interim Approval granted). | <p>Councilor White moved to waive the readings and approve this item.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 72. License/Permit 212533 (ID:27448) | Public Event License, Gilman Square Block Party, Bradley Street from Pearl St to Radcliffe Rd, Oct 16, 11AM-6:30PM (raindate Oct 17). | <p>Councilor White moved to waive the readings and approve this item.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 73. License/Permit 212534 (ID:27449) | Public Event License, Somerville Community Corp, Light Up Walk, Nunziato Park, Oct 16, 5PM-9:30PM (raindate Oct 17). | <p>Councilor White moved to waive the readings and approve this item.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 74. License/Permit 212535 (ID:27452) | Public Event License, School St Block Party, School St from Summer St to Knapp St, Oct 16, 2PM-6PM (raindate Oct 17). | <p>Councilor White moved to waive the readings and approve this item.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 75. License/Permit 212536 (ID:27453) | Public Event License, Prospect Hill Block Party, Prospect Hill Park and Munroe Street from Bigelow St to Prospect Hill Ave, Oct 17 & Oct 24, 1:30PM-6:30PM. | <p>Councilor White moved to waive the readings and approve this item.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 76. License/Permit 212537 (ID:27450) | Public Event License, Authors in Action, Statue Park, Oct 23, 2:30PM-6:30PM (raindate Oct 30). | <p>Councilor White moved to waive the readings and approve this item.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

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| 77. License/Permit 212538 (ID:27454) | Public Event License, Commission for Women, Candlelight Vigil, Statue Park, Oct 26, 5PM-7PM. | <p>Councilor White moved to waive the readings and approve this item.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 78. License/Permit 212539 (ID:27451) | Public Event License, Lexington Ave Halloween Block Party, Lexington Ave, Oct 31, 5PM-9PM. | <p>Councilor White moved to waive the readings and approve this item.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 79. Public Communication 212540 (ID:27457) | 10 registered voters requesting the adoption of a Zoning Map amendment to change the zoning district of 3 Prescott Street from UR to NR. | <p>Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings and refer this item to the Land Use Committee.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee</p> |
| 80. Public Communication 212541 (ID:27462) | Comar Real Estate Trust proposing a zoning map amendment to re-zone their properties at 299 Broadway and 15 Temple Street from MR5, MR3 and NR Districts to MR6, MR4 and NR Districts. | <p>Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings and refer this item to the Land Use Committee.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee</p> |
| 81. Public Communication 212542 (ID:27458) | Lee Auspitz submitting comments re: biosafety. | <p>Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to waive the readings and refer this item to the Land Use Committee.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee</p> |
| 82. Public Communication 212543 (ID:27460) | 8 residents submitting comments re: Central Hill and the proposed GLX elevator. | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

83. Order 212544 (ID:27482) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Davis, Strezo, Ballantyne That the City Solicitor draft a Home Rule Petition to exempt Somerville from MGL 135 Sec 8, and thus allow the City of Somerville to donate unclaimed bicycles to local non-profit organizations, rather than selling them at auction.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee
84. Order 212545 (ID:27483) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Davis, Mbah That the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development provide a written memo to this Council on State and Federal regulations which regulate biological research safety, and advise on whether any local zoning ordinances are additionally necessary.
- Councilor Ewen-Campen has requested this to determine if there’s anything that needs to be done at the local level.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee
85. Mayor's Request 212546 (ID:27484) Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to provide for legal voting rights in municipal elections for non-citizen residents of the City of Somerville.
- Councilor Davis commented that non-citizen voting was the normal course of action until recently. Councilor Davis moved for approval of this item.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
86. Mayor's Request 212547 (ID:27486) Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition authorizing the City of Somerville to employ automated enforcement of speed limit violations in designated School Zones within the City of Somerville.
- Councilor Davis recommended that this item be referred to the Legislative Matters Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

87. Mayor's Request 212548 (ID:27488) Requesting an amendment to the Somerville High School Construction appropriation to a new amount of \$278,790,633 and increasing the amount of bonds, fund transfers, and other available funds of the city authorized to meet said appropriation.
- Councilor Rossetti stated that she was unaware of this and isn't sure what this dollar amount is for.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
88. Mayor's Request 212549 (ID:27487) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$3,300,000 for Poplar Street Pump Station Pump House & Facilities pre-construction services.
- Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and refer this item to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
89. Mayor's Request 212550 (ID:27481) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$16,400 using available funds in the Human Resources Department Arbitration Services Account for arbitration services.
- Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and refer this item to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
90. Mayor's Request 212551 (ID:27406) Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$2,000 gift with no new match required, from Michael and Laura Lieberman to the Somerville Public Library for the Children's Department.
- Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and approve this item.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
91. Mayor's Request 212552 (ID:27465) Requesting approval of an extension of up to 12 months to the contract between the City of Somerville and Conduent State and Local Solutions Inc.
- This item was discussed in Executive Session. See agenda #53.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

92. Mayor's Communication 212553 (ID:27485) Conveying a memo from the City Solicitor's office regarding Item #211812, notification to the City Council of claims against the City filed at the MA Commission Against Discrimination.
- RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
93. Officer's Communication 212554 (ID:27489) Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management submitting a memo regarding the Central Hill elevator, requesting Items #212267, #212268, and #212269 be placed on file.
- RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

LATE ITEMS

94. Mayor's Request 212474 (ID:27401) Requesting approval of a grant of easement in Inner Belt Road for Fiber Optic Communications Equipment.
- Councilor Scott moved to discharge items #212415 and #212474 from the Finance Committee and approve them this evening. The items were discharged, and Councilor Scott sponsored Brian Postlewaite to speak about item #212474, an easement project on Inner Belt Way. Mr. Postlewaite explained what's involved and assured the Council that the city's interests are being protected. Councilor White commented that the Council has not received a copy of the easement and Mr. Postlewaite stated that copies were sent to members of the Finance Committee and that the work has already started in the private way, i.e., the portion not owned by the city. Councilor White requested that item #212474 be recommitted to the Finance Committee. Item #212415 was approved.
- RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee
95. Mayor's Request 212415 (ID:27266) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$4,050,000 in a bond for sewer improvements.
- See 212415.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
96. Mayor's Request 204905 (ID:17592) Requesting the re-appointment of Frank Wright as City Solicitor.
- RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

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| 97. | Mayor's Request 207403 (ID:20153) | Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Frank Wright as City Solicitor. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 98. | Mayor's Request 209498 (ID:22334) | Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Frank Wright as City Solicitor. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 99. | Mayor's Request 211292 (ID:24168) | Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Frank Wright as City Solicitor. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 100. | Mayor's Request 204907 (ID:17594) | Requesting the re-appointment of Steve Craig as 311 Director. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 101. | Mayor's Request 207405 (ID:20155) | Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Steve Craig as 311 Director. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 102. | Mayor's Request 209500 (ID:22336) | Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Steve Craig as 311 Director. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 103. | Mayor's Request 211293 (ID:24169) | Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Steve Craig as 311 Director. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |

104. Mayor's Request 204918 (ID:17605) Requesting the re-appointment of William Roche as Municipal Hearing Officer.
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| RESULT: | REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION |
| FOLLOWUP: | Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
105. Mayor's Request 207410 (ID:20160) Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of William Roche as Municipal Hearing Officer.
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| RESULT: | REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION |
| FOLLOWUP: | Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
106. Mayor's Request 209504 (ID:22340) Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of William Roche as Municipal Hearing Officer.
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| RESULT: | REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION |
| FOLLOWUP: | Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
107. Mayor's Request 211288 (ID:24163) Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of William Roche as Municipal Hearing Officer.
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| RESULT: | REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION |
| FOLLOWUP: | Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 11:51 PM.

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

October 28, 2021, 7:00 PM
 Meeting by Remote Participation

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OPENING CEREMONIES

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

| Attendee Name | Title | Status | Arrived |
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| Wilfred N. Mbah | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Mary Jo Rossetti | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Kristen Strezo | City Councilor at Large | Present | |
| William A. White Jr. | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Matthew McLaughlin | Ward One City Councilor | Present | |
| Jefferson Thomas ("J.T.") Scott | Ward Two City Councilor | Present | |
| Ben Ewen-Campen | Ward Three City Councilor | Present | |
| Jesse Clingan | Ward Four City Councilor | Present | |
| Mark Niedergang | Ward Five City Councilor | Present | |
| Lance L. Davis | Ward Six City Councilor | Present | |
| Katjana Ballantyne | Ward Seven City Councilor | Present | |

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 212555
 (ID:27532) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 212556
 (ID:27533) Councilor Ballantyne sponsored a moment of silence for Themis "Cookie" Caulfield.
 Councilor Ballantyne sponsored a moment of silence for Robert Rudolph.
 Councilor Ewen-Campen and the entire Council sponsored a moment of silence for Van Hardy.
 Councilor Davis, Ballantyne and Mbah sponsored a moment of silence for Madie Nipcon.
 RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes 212557 (ID:27534) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, October 14, 2021.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

CITATIONS

4. Citation 212558 (ID:27535) By City Councilor Rossetti, McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Mbah, White Jr., and the Mayor Commending Carrie Normand on receiving the MASC All-State School Committee award and eight years of service on the School Committee.

Councilor Rossetti praised Ms. Normand’s service to the city’s schools and noted her humility during her eight years of service on the School Committee. President McLaughlin spoke of Ms. Normand’s ability to deal with school matters during the COVID pandemic. Councilor Ballantyne thanked Ms. Normand for her service, Councilor Mbah spoke about her passion and commitment and Councilor White noted that she took her role seriously. Ms. Normand thanked Councilor Rossetti for inspiring her to run for public office and she asked the Council to support increasing workforce training funds to people with disabilities. She also asked that the city secure city-wide Wi-Fi.

RESULT: APPROVED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

5. Resolution 212559 (ID:27519) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, Mbah, White Jr. That this Council joins many workers, community, faith, environmental justice, racial justice, labor, civil rights, and consumer advocates to urge the Massachusetts Legislature and the residents of Somerville to oppose House Bill 1234.

President McLaughlin spoke on the item saying that workers never benefit from legislation that tries to get around labor laws and Councilor Clingan pointed out that this legislation goes beyond Uber and Lyft.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

6. Order 212560 (ID:27522) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Niedergang That the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development investigate the possibility of seizing by eminent domain, 118 Broadway, aka the East End Grill, for the purposes of building affordable housing.

President McLaughlin noted that these properties have been vacant for years and that there has been no willingness from the owners to move forward on their own projects. His intent is to send a message to developers urging them to do what they said they would do. (Items #212560, #212561, and #212562 were discussed together.)

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

7. Order 212561 (ID:27523) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Niedergang That the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development investigate the possibility of seizing by eminent domain, 182 Broadway, aka Patsy's Pastries, for the purposes of building affordable housing.

President McLaughlin noted that these properties have been vacant for years and that there has been no willingness from the owners to move forward on their own projects. His intent is to send a message to developers urging them to do what they said they would do. (Items #212560, #212561, and #212562 were discussed together.)

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

8. Order 212562 (ID:27524) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Niedergang That the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development investigate the possibility of seizing by eminent domain, the long vacant apartment complex in the Stop and Shop Parking lot for the purposes of building affordable housing.

President McLaughlin noted that these properties have been vacant for years and that there has been no willingness from the owners to move forward on their own projects. His intent is to send a message to developers urging them to do what they said they would do. (Items #212560, #212561, and #212562 were discussed together.)

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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9. Order 212563 (ID:27525) By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works address the non-operational street lights on Virginia Avenue.
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| RESULT: | PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
10. Order 212564 (ID:27526) By City Councilor McLaughlin
That the Director of Health and Human Services present a long-term plan for a public restroom at Chuckie Harris Park.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
11. Order 212565 (ID:27490) By City Councilor Strezo, Davis
That the Director of Mobility perform a traffic assessment starting on Summer Street, from Willow Avenue to Cedar Street.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| FOLLOWUP: | Traffic and Parking Committee |
12. Order 212566 (ID:27491) By City Councilor Strezo
That the Director of Parking replace the ONE WAY sign on Gibbons Street, at Benton Road.
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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| FOLLOWUP: | Traffic and Parking Committee |

13. Order 212567 (ID:27492) By City Councilor Strezo, Davis
That the City Solicitor explore an ordinance that addresses overhead wires that are left dangling and/or wrapped around telephone poles throughout the city.
- Councilor Strezo commented on a series of photos showing wires in various locations and said that she was informed by the DPW that they are cable wires that were left behind by cable companies when disconnecting equipment. She said she would like to have an ordinance to hold those companies responsible. Councilor Davis pointed out that the city already has such an ordinance that permits the city to remove the wires and to bill the cable company for the removal.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee
14. Communication 212568 (ID:27493) By City Councilor Strezo
Reporting on the October meeting of the Children’s Cabinet.
- Councilor Strezo spoke about the need for out of school time, SomerPromise, the urgent need for space, mental health issues and scholarships for low-income families.
- RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
15. Order 212569 (ID:27505) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin
That the Commissioner of Public Works update this Council with details on the sidewalk snow-shoveling pilot which was included in the FY2022 budget.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee
16. Order 212570 (ID:27506) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin, Clingan, Davis, Mbah
That the Administration update this Council on plans to create a "Community Engagement Center" to offer support to residents experiencing homelessness or otherwise in need.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

17. Order 212571 (ID:27507) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott
That the Administration update this Council on the status of the Police Staffing Study which was included in the FY2022 budget and estimated to take 2-4 months.

President McLaughlin was recused from this item and Councilor Rossetti assumed the Chair.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

18. Order 212572 (ID:27521) By City Councilor Davis, White Jr., McLaughlin
That the City Solicitor work with this Council to amend the anti-nepotism ordinance to allow for more flexibility when the circumstances warrant.

Councilor Davis explained that he's unable to advance certain matters dealing with opioids because President McLaughlin was advised to recuse himself from all items dealing with the Police Department. This does more harm to the community than the harm it was trying to prevent. President McLaughlin spoke about conflict-of-interest concerns and how it prevents him from commenting on those matters. Councilor Niedergang stated that this is an unintended consequence and although he believes that the ordinance is crucial, he's amenable to amending it.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

19. Communication 212573 (ID:27527) By City Councilor Niedergang
As Chair of the Traffic and Parking Committee, sharing a petition signed by 144 neighbors, asking that the Directors of Mobility and Engineering replace the HAWK traffic signal at Buckingham and Beacon Streets with a standard Red, Yellow, Green traffic signal.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

20. Communication 212574 (ID:27528) By City Councilor Niedergang
As Chair of the Traffic and Parking Committee, sharing with the Council and the public an article from Streetsblog Mass about pending legislation for safe streets.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

21. Order 212575 (ID:27529) By City Councilor Clingan
That the Commissioner of Public Works explain the delay in opening the Next Wave/Full Circle entrance to the new High School building.

Councilor Clingan commented that this delay has caused some problems. Councilor Rossetti reported that she was informed that the door is open and useable, however there is some construction going on outside in that area.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

22. Order 212576 (ID:27530) By City Councilor Clingan
That the Commissioner of Public Works establish a maximum time frame for a sidewalk panel to be dug up and replaced.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

23. Committee Report 212513 (ID:27436) Report of the Special Committee on Rules, meeting on October 4, 2021.

Councilor White moved to approve the report.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

24. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report
212577
(ID:27508)
- Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on October 19, 2021.

Councilor Rossetti presented the report and made some minor amendments to it. Item #212186 was severed on the request of Councilor Niedergang who said that he was not prepared to vote for the candidate (Ann Fullerton). He noted that, in terms of architectural skills, she is qualified, but went on to say that he's looking for someone who would speak for the under-served. He asked what the candidate had done for the community and Councilor Rossetti noted that she had performed pro bono work for a non-profit school. Ms. Fullerton told the Council that she has been in Somerville for 14 years and is involved in the community and is also involved in the SPED program at the Brown School. Councilor Scott questioned her about larger developments and parking and she gave her thoughts, adding that she understands the city's transportation goals. She spoke about lab space and noted that the Zoning Code doesn't address all of the concerns, e.g., ambient noise. Asked if she would look at the content of neighborhood meetings, she responded that she would and she stated that the concerns of property owners and developers also need to be considered. Councilor Davis commented that the role of Zoning Board is to act in the best interests of the community. Councilor Rossetti moved for approval of Ms. Fullerton's appointment.

President McLaughlin stated that people don't want to go through the confirmation process and don't want to appear before the Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee, adding that he was at his wit's end with the actions of that committee. Councilor Niedergang interjected that the administration has failed to propose qualified candidates for appointment. OSPCD Director George Proakis explained the advertising process for seeking candidates for boards and commissions and said he welcomes any ideas the Council may have in that regard. Councilor Strezo said that there's a disconnect with the community during remote meetings and President McLaughlin retorted that this problem existed long before remote meetings became the norm. Ms. Fullerton's appointment was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

B. Mayor's Request 207413 (ID:20163) Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Jill Lathan as Director of Parks and Recreation.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

C. Mayor's Request 209503 (ID:22339) Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Jill Lathan as Director of Parks and Recreation.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

D. Mayor's Request 210870 (ID:23697) Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Zachary Zasloff to the Condominium Review Board.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

E. Mayor's Request 210913 (ID:23698) Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Patricha Paul to the Condominium Review Board.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

F. Mayor's Request 211287 (ID:24162) Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Jill Lathan as Director of Parks and Recreation.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

G. Mayor's Request 211303 (ID:24189) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Mark Lawhorne as Superintendent of Highways, Lines and Lights.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

H. Mayor's Request 211906 (ID:24820) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Russell Pildes as an Alternate Member of the Planning Board.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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| <p>I. Mayor's Request 211970 (ID:24712)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Christina Morone to the Commission for Women.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezzo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>J. Mayor's Request 212186 (ID:26090)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Ann Fullerton to the Zoning Board of Appeals.</p> | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezzo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>K. Mayor's Request 212187 (ID:26091)</p> | <p>Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Stephanos Axios to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an Alternate Member.</p> | <p>RESULT: NOT APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezzo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

25. FINANCE COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report 212578 (ID:27514)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on October 26, 2021.</p> | <p>The meeting reconvened at 8:47 PM. Councilor Scott summarized the actions of the committee and spoke about the concerns related to the cost and leasing of a fire station at Assembly Square. He also spoke about a timeline for securing a construction manager-at-risk for the Public Safety Building project. Items #212265 (Fire Station) and #212362 (Public Safety Building) were severed at the request of Councilor Rossetti. Councilors Strezzo, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne, Clingan and McLaughlin indicated their support for item #212265. Councilor Scott faulted the administration for submitting only one plan. Councilor White explained his opposition and said that in October of 2020, the city put out an RFP seeking a property owner willing to enter into a lease agreement with the city. Only one owner stepped forward, however, the Council was never consulted nor informed about this until August of 2021. He asked that the purchase of another site be explored and the administration’s response was a set of slides showing the cost of property at Assembly Square. Councilor Rossetti moved for approval of item #212265.</p> <p>President McLaughlin recused himself as the Council discussed item #212362 and Councilor Rossetti assumed the Chair. Councilor Niedergang acknowledged the need for a new public safety building but said he would not vote for the manager-at-risk funding until the public has the opportunity to comment on the matter at a hearing scheduled for November 10. He also has concerns with the design of the building, saying that it’s flawed and short-sighted.</p> |
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A. Committee Report
212578
(ID:27514)

Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on October 26, 2021.

He noted that 48% of the space is a parking garage for 120 vehicles and he asked why this wasn't designed to be built underground. Additionally, he has concerns with the 10-12 story heights of neighboring buildings. Councilor Niedergang stated that the design doesn't seem to fit what a reimagined police force would look like. He noted that the cost of the project has doubled from \$51 million to \$102 million. Councilor Ewen-Campen said that he would not vote for a \$100 million public safety building and recommended that there be more transparency from the administration. Councilor Clingan agreed with the lack of process by the administration and Councilor Davis pointed out that the process was not consistent with those of the past. He also stated that he's not convinced that this is the only option. Councilor Davis sponsored Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management Rich Raiche to address the Council. Mr. Raiche said that all of the councilors' points have been noted, but the process is now at the point of being stalled. The Economic Development Department has brought in a consultant and the full scope of the project won't be ready until December. He explained that the technical expertise needed would be provided by the construction manager, adding that the earliest time to bring that person on board would be February of 2022. He said it's important to preserve the momentum to avoid any delays in getting the project into an acceptable form. Councilor Rossetti commented that the construction manager for the new high school was invaluable to the Building Committee. Councilor Scott said the question is whether he'll support the item in its present form. He feels that input is needed from the incoming administration thus he will not vote for this item tonight. Asked about the planned November 10 public meeting, Mr. Raiche said his preference is to not have the meeting until December 13. Councilor Strezo moved for approval of item #212362.

President McLaughlin assumed the Chair and Councilor Scott moved that the report be accepted.

Councilor Scott moved to discharge item #212549 from the Finance Committee for the purpose of approving it tonight. The item was discharged and approved.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

B. Mayor's Request
212265
(ID:26177)

Requesting approval of a 30-year lease for the new Assembly Square Fire Station.

RESULT: APPROVED. [8 TO 3]

AYES: Rossetti, Strezo, McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

NAYS: Mbah, White Jr., Scott

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| <p>C. Mayor's Request 212325 (ID:27254)</p> | <p>Requesting acceptance of a Preservation Restriction for 277 Broadway.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>D. Mayor's Request 212362 (ID:27271)</p> | <p>Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$725,000 in a bond for Construction Manager at-Risk services for the pre-construction phase of the Public Safety Building .</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [8 TO 2] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis, Ballantyne NAYS: Scott, Niedergang RECUSED: McLaughlin</p> |
| <p>E. Mayor's Request 212413 (ID:27290)</p> | <p>Requesting acceptance of a preservation restriction for 59 Cross Street.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>F. Mayor's Request 212474 (ID:27401)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of a grant of easement in Inner Belt Road for Fiber Optic Communications Equipment.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>G. Mayor's Request 212480 (ID:27365)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of the Land Disposition Agreement for the property at 31 Tufts Street.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| <p>H. Mayor's Request 212516 (ID:27338)</p> | <p>Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$3,604,801 in a bond for street resurfacing, sidewalk improvements and ADA ramps and improvements.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

- I. Mayor's Request 212518 (ID:27423) Requesting approval to appropriate \$1,235,641 from the Sewer Capital Stabilization Fund to the Sewer Enterprise Fund in order to balance the FY 2022 Sewer Enterprise Fund budget.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
- J. Mayor's Request 212519 (ID:27424) Requesting approval to appropriate \$1,023,399 from the Water Capital Stabilization Fund to the Water Enterprise Fund in order to balance the FY 2022 Water Enterprise Fund budget.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
- K. Mayor's Request 212520 (ID:27459) Requesting approval to appropriate \$500,000 from the Street Reconstruction Stabilization Fund for Street & Sidewalk Repairs and ADA Improvements.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
- L. Mayor's Request 212550 (ID:27481) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$16,400 using available funds in the Human Resources Department Arbitration Services Account for arbitration services.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

26. LAND USE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 212579 (ID:27509) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on October 19, 2021.

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- B. Public Communication 212048 (ID:24957) Dean Matarazzo proposing a zoning amendment to rezone his property at 13 Garfield Ave from Fabrication to Urban Residential.

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| RESULT: | ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

C. Mayor's Request 212305 (ID:26178) Requesting approval of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for payments of Certificates of Occupancy.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

D. Mayor's Request 212307 (ID:26180) Requesting approval of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for Sidewalk & Frontage Clarifications.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

27. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 212580 (ID:27511) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on October 21, 2021.

Councilor Davis reviewed the actions taken by the committee. Item #212547 was severed from the report for the purpose of adding a new first sentence to Sec 3 a. That amendment and the amended Committee Report were approved.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

B. Order 209779 (ID:22633) By City Councilor Rossetti That this Council review with the Administration, Cambridge's recent Home Rule Petition to improve the safety of transportation network company vehicles operating there.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

C. Ordinance 211679 (ID:24582) By City Councilor Davis, Scott Amending the Domestic Partnership Ordinance as attached and as further necessary to address issues in the existing version.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED AS AMENDED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- D. Order 212255 (ID:26213) By City Councilor Scott, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Mbah That this Council consider an Automated Speed Enforcement in School Zones Home Rule Petition similar to the one already approved by Salem MA.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- E. Mayor's Request 212547 (ID:27486) Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition authorizing the City of Somerville to employ automated enforcement of speed limit violations in designated School Zones within the City of Somerville.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
AMENDED: Add as the first sentence in Section 3(a): The fine imposed for a violation issued pursuant to this chapter shall be no more than the amount that the fine would be if a citation for the underlying violation had been issued in accordance with section 2 of chapter 90 C of the General Laws.

- F. Order 212581 (ID:27498) By City Councilor Niedergang That the Administration prepare and present to this Council by January 21, 2022, an implementation plan for the Vulnerable Road Users Ordinance.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

28. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 212582 (ID:27515) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on October 27, 2021.

Councilor White moved to amend the report by noting in item #212300 that there are 13 HP parking spaces available, as noted on the revised schema.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- B. Resolution 204527 (ID:17264) By City Councilor Rossetti Requesting that Eversource meet with this city's Administration to discuss creating a city-wide Host Community Agreement.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- C. License/Permit 212221 (ID:26132) New Garage License, Brazil Auto Repair Inc, 621 Somerville Avenue, 2 autos inside, 0 outside for mechanical repairs only, operating Mon-Fri: 8am-6pm, Sat: 8am-2pm, Sun: Closed.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- D. License/Permit 212299 (ID:26225) New Garage License, FRIT, 485 Foley Street, 250 autos inside, 0 outside for storing vehicles only.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- E. License/Permit 212300 (ID:26226) New Garage License, FRIT, 455 Grand Union Boulevard, 611 autos inside, 0 outside for storing vehicles only.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

29. PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 212583 (ID:27513) Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, meeting on October 25, 2021.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- B. Order 209691 (ID:22498) By City Councilor White Jr. That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inform the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works whether the newspaper boxes throughout the city are permitted.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- C. Order 210587 (ID:23471) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Davis, Ballantyne, Clingan, Mbah That the Commissioner of Public Works submit a recycling plan for all buildings that do not receive city solid waste collection services, pursuant to Ordinance 11-40.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- D. Order 210739 (ID:23620) By City Councilor Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Strezo That the Director of Engineering and the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management urge Eversource to fix gas leaks at 721 Somerville Avenue and nearby, as identified by HEET, and appear with Eversource staff at the next meeting of the Council’s Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works to discuss this matter.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- E. Resolution 211449 (ID:24429) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin, Scott, Mbah, Strezo, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis That the Administration create clean, safe, and permanent public restrooms in several outdoor locations, similar to the "Portland Loos" that have been installed in Cambridge.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- F. Order 212225 (ID:26140) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Clingan, White Jr. That Eversource representatives be requested to appear before the next meeting of this Council’s Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works to respond to the gas leak data along Somerville Avenue.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

30. RULES SPECIAL COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 212584 (ID:27512) Report of the Special Committee on Rules, meeting on October 25, 2021.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

31. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 212585 (ID:27510) Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on October 20, 2021.

Councilor Niedergang moved to table the Committee Report to allow time for edits to be made.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: City Council

- B. Resolution 202108 (ID:14794) By City Councilor Davis That the Administration work with the City of Cambridge to improve pedestrian safety at the intersections of Elm Street with Beech Street and Willow Avenue, including consideration of a Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon.
- C. Order 203446 (ID:16159) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Traffic and Parking install additional pedestrian safety measures at the intersection of Holland Street and Cameron Avenue.
- D. Resolution 203479 (ID:16183) By City Councilor Davis That the Administration update the Ward 6 Alderman on plans to improve way-finding for the Community Path through Davis Square.
- E. Order 205831 (ID:18606) By City Councilor Hirsch, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Mbah That the Director of Engineering share with this Board the feasibility of creating a pedestrian crossing on Somerville Avenue, between Belmont and Spring Streets.
- F. Order 206189 (ID:18961) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Hirsch That the Director of SPCD provide recommendations to improve pedestrian safety at the dangerous intersection of Walnut Street, Summit Avenue and Boston Street.
- G. Order 206407 (ID:19195) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Director of SPCD, the City Engineer, and the Commissioner of Public Works establish a written policy for deploying temporary safety and visibility materials for the period between street re-paving and re-painting.
- H. Resolution 207326 (ID:20114) By City Councilor Davis That the Administration advise the Ward 6 Alderman of the notifications provided to city and private contractors about anti-idling regulations, and revise such policies to better ensure compliance.
- I. Order 207486 (ID:20323) By City Councilor Davis That the Director of Engineering and the Director of Traffic and Parking update the Ward 6 Councilor on requests for crosswalks at locations specified within.
- J. Order 207487 (ID:20324) By City Councilor Davis That the Director of Traffic and Parking update the Ward 6 Councilor on requests for crosswalk safety improvements at the locations specified within.
- K. Order 207903 (ID:20707) By City Councilor Scott That the Director of SPCD discuss with this Council the use of "concurrent with leading interval" pedestrian crossing timing at major intersections that see high usage by school and pre-school children, particularly at the intersection of Beacon and Washington Streets, and consider reversion to pedestrian-exclusive crossing timing at several relevant intersections.

- L. Order 208008 (ID:20817) By City Councilor Davis, Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD implement traffic calming and pedestrian and cyclist safety measures on Broadway from Powder House Circle to Teele Square.
- M. Order 208575 (ID:21390) By City Councilor Scott, Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Parking provide a quarterly update regarding implementation of deed-based parking permit restrictions.
- N. Order 208685 (ID:21560) By City Councilor Hirsch, Mbah
That the Director of SPCD explain how decisions are made about Blue Bike rack placement, including how the public gets informed.
- O. Order 208782 (ID:21605) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Davis, Mbah
That the Director of SPCD develop a city-wide signage policy to equitably inform pedestrians, cyclists and vehicle operators during construction, closing of sidewalks, etc.
- P. Order 208901 (ID:21718) By City Councilor Mbah
That the Director of SPCD and the Chief of Police update this Council on what is being done in the wake of the two deaths in two different hit and run incidents on Mystic Avenue.
- Q. Order 209142 (ID:21965) By City Councilor Davis
That the Director of SPCD report to the Ward 6 Councilor on plans to improve cyclist wayfinding through Davis Square.
- R. Order 209148 (ID:21972) By City Councilor Scott, Rossetti, Hirsch, Mbah
That the Commissioner of Public Works immediately replace the HAWK signals on Beacon Street with more suitable and effective RYG pedestrian-activated signals.
- S. Order 209383 (ID:22227) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Director of SPCD update this Council on usage data for the Blue Bike expansion stations of 2019, and plans for expanding the system in future years.
- T. Order 209477 (ID:22364) By City Councilor Hirsch, Niedergang
That the Director of SPCD consider strategies to reduce the volume and impact of package delivery vehicles, such as encouraging smaller or electric vehicles and cargo bike parking, as has been tried in Manhattan and Seattle.
- U. Order 209482 (ID:22369) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott
That the Director of Engineering construct a pedestrian crosswalk across Washington Street in front of the Public Safety Building. (2nd request)
- V. Order 209616 (ID:22465) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Scott
That the Director of Engineering install a crosswalk on Somerville Avenue at Kent Street and Spring Street.
- W. Order 209758 (ID:22615) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD update this Council on creating a Bicycle Master Plan, and requiring that future road work adhere to this plan.

- X. Order 209808 (ID:22737) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ballantyne, Clingan That the Director of SPCD develop a plan to create parking-separated bike lanes on East Broadway.
- Y. Order 210544 (ID:23429) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Chief of Police, the Director of Parking and the Director of SPCD discuss enforcement to eliminate delivery and other vehicles from parking on protected bike lanes throughout the city.
- Z. Order 210624 (ID:23507) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen That the Director of Finance, the Director of Parking and the Director of SPCD discuss scaling parking permit fees with automobile size and efficiency.
- AA. Order 210627 (ID:23510) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD update this Council on the Missatuck/Mystic River bike and pedestrian bridge project.
- AB. Resolution 210893 (ID:23775) By City Councilor Niedergang, Davis, Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, Clingan, Strezo, Mbah, Scott, Rossetti, McLaughlin, White Jr. That the Mayor submit a supplemental budget request to immediately add staff and funding to the Mobility Division for traffic calming, and increase its staff and funding by at least 50% in FY22.
- AC. Order 210895 (ID:23786) By City Councilor Davis, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the Director of Capital Projects revise the College Avenue reconstruction plan to include additional safety measures for pedestrians at both perpendicular and parallel crossings.
- AD. Order 210896 (ID:23787) By City Councilor Davis, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the Director of SPCD update the Ward 6 Councilor on the overdue new equipment necessary to improve signal timing in Davis Square.
- AE. Order 210898 (ID:23789) By City Councilor Davis, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the Director of SPCD update the Ward 6 Councilor on any plans to further improve pedestrian safety at the intersection of Willow Avenue, Elm Street and Beech Street, possibly with a center island and bump outs.
- AF. Order 210932 (ID:23819) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott, Mbah, Strezo, Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD replace the NO BICYCLES ON SIDEWALK decals in the city's business districts and work with the Pedestrian and Transit Advocacy Committee to reduce conflicts between cyclists and pedestrians on sidewalks.
- AG. Order 210965 (ID:23841) By City Councilor Niedergang, Mbah, Strezo, Davis That the Director of SPCD report to this Council in writing by December 4, and discuss with the Traffic and Parking Committee at its next meeting on December 7, what the plan is for replacing flex posts when they are knocked over or displaced.

- AH. Order 210966 (ID:23842) By City Councilor Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the Director of SPCD report to this Council why there are still so few speed bumps in the city, especially since the ones deployed on Powder House Boulevard seem to be making a dangerous area safer for pedestrians.
- AI. Order 210968 (ID:23844) By City Councilor Niedergang, Scott That the Director of SPCD brief the Traffic and Parking Committee on the work that will be done on our streets and Community Path pursuant to the Memorandum of Agreement with the MBTA and MaDOT, which will provide the city with a \$1,400,000 payment.
- AJ. Resolution 210975 (ID:23856) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Niedergang That the Administration and the Commissioner of Public Works discuss the vehicle training process for all DPW employees and contractors whose job requires them to drive city vehicles.
- AK. Order 210985 (ID:23864) By City Councilor Strezo That the Director of Parking discuss with the appropriate committee, implementing income-based parking ticket fines for residents, as well as "day-fine" scales to set ticket penalties according to an individual's daily income.
- AL. Order 210988 (ID:23876) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Strezo That the Directors of Finance, Infrastructure and Asset Management, and SPCD provide a progress report for the Vision Zero Action Plan 2020 as outlined in the attached spreadsheet.
- AM. Order 210989 (ID:23877) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of SPCD advise the Ward 7 Councilor when they will implement the Mobility Plan for West Broadway (from Route 16 to Holland Street), to create a dedicated bus lane.
- AN. Order 210992 (ID:23881) By City Councilor Niedergang That the Mayor and the Chief of Police discuss with this Council why there is so little traffic enforcement conducted by the Police Department, why its Traffic Division has so few officers, and how it plans to address the public safety crisis made obvious with 4 pedestrians killed by motor vehicles in the past 2 years.
- AO. Order 211128 (ID:24009) By City Councilor Strezo That the Commissioner of Public Works discuss installing speed limiters on the city's vehicles to monitor speed and ensure that employees are observing speed limits.
- AP. Order 211135 (ID:24033) By City Councilor Niedergang, Mbah That the Director of SPCD report to this Council on traffic management and calming plans for the streets and neighborhoods around the five Green Line Extension stations expected to open before the end of this year.

- AQ. Order By City Councilor Clingan
211227 That the Commissioner of Public Works install a temporary speed bump on
(ID:24114) Sycamore Street between the main entrance and the schoolyard entrance of the
Winter Hill School.
- AR. Order By City Councilor Ballantyne
211243 That the Director of Mobility and the Director of Infrastructure and Asset
(ID:24157) Management collaborate to write responses to the questions contained within
regarding the Spring Hill separation project.
- AS. Resolution By City Councilor Niedergang, Mbah, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Davis,
211256 Ballantyne, Clingan, White Jr., Strezo
(ID:24150) That the Mayor direct department heads to prioritize the rapid construction of
physical infrastructure to slow traffic, protect our most vulnerable residents,
and bring our streets into compliance with the ADA, to address the killing of
four pedestrians by motor vehicles in the last two years and prevent further
traffic fatalities.
- AT. Public 221 citizens from the Somerville Alliance for Safe Streets submitting a
Communication Declaration and Call to Action re: safe streets.
211307
(ID:24173)
- AU. Resolution By City Councilor McLaughlin
211327 That the Traffic Commission examine using the "psych trick" pedestrian safety
(ID:24221) method, deployed in St. Paul, MN, to encourage drivers to stop for pedestrians
crossing the street.
- AV. Order By City Councilor Ballantyne
211339 That Director of Mobility and the Chief Fire Engineer discuss the potential
(ID:24228) impacts to the Teele Square Firehouse from the proposed Holland Street/Teele
Square infrastructure and repaving work.
- AW. Order By City Councilor Niedergang
211710 That the Directors of SPCD and Communications work with the Police, the
(ID:24621) Bicycle Advisory Committee and the Pedestrian Transit Advisory Committee
to implement a "Stop on the Line Every Time" traffic safety public education
and enforcement campaign.
- AX. Order By City Councilor Niedergang, Ballantyne
211711 That the Director of SPCD work with the Police Department, especially the
(ID:24622) Traffic Division, to train all Officers on Vision Zero.
- AY. Order By City Councilor Niedergang
211712 That the Chief of Police report to this Council on steps taken to train and
(ID:24623) incentivize Detail Officers to enforce traffic laws when they observe motorists
driving unsafely.
- AZ. Resolution By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
211713 That the Administration advise this Council on a plan to improve the
(ID:24624) consistency of staffing attendance for especially dangerous Traffic
Management Plans, including the current Belmont Street traffic detour.

- BA. Order 211814 (ID:24763) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Scott, Ballantyne, Clingan That the Director of Engineering install raised crosswalks rather than standard crosswalks for each at-grade crossing of the Community Path Extension, including Central, Sycamore, and Walnut Streets.
- BB. Order 211815 (ID:24764) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Rossetti, Davis, Ballantyne, Mbah That the Director of SPCD re-convene the High School Parking Working Group and provide an update on what is being done to understand and address parking issues for teachers, staff, and residents.
- BC. Communication 211823 (ID:24772) By City Councilor Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. Sharing with the Council, the Administration and the public a 6-page blogpost from State Representative Mike Connolly.
- BD. Order 212251 (ID:26203) By City Councilor Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Mobility report to this Council whether the video "Safer Trucking in Changing Cities" is being used to train City truck drivers in safe driving techniques.
- BE. Order 212254 (ID:26217) By City Councilor Scott That the Director of Mobility replace the HAWK signal at Buckingham and Beacon Streets with a standard RYG stoplight signal.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 32. Withdrawn 212586 (ID:27520) Withdrawn.

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| RESULT: | WITHDRAWN |
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- 33. Mayor's Request 212587 (ID:27466) Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$295,463 grant with no new match required, from the State 911 Office to the Police Department to fund E911 personnel costs.

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| President McLaughlin was recused from this item and Councilor Rossetti assumed the Chair. Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and approve the item this evening. | |
| RESULT: | APPROVED. [10 TO 0] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| RECUSED: | McLaughlin |

34. Mayor's Request 212588 (ID:27467) Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$89,451.75 grant with no new match required, from the State E911 Office to the Police Department for 911 training and the certification of 911 telecommunicators.

President McLaughlin was recused from this item and Councilor Rossetti assumed the Chair. Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and approve the item this evening.
RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin

35. Mayor's Request 212589 (ID:27425) Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$50,000 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for portable radios for first responders.

President McLaughlin was recused from this item and Councilor Rossetti assumed the Chair. Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and approve the item this evening.
RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin

36. Mayor's Request 212590 (ID:27468) Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$24,500 grant with no new match required, from the State 911 Office to the Police Department to fund E911 emergency medical dispatch services.

President McLaughlin was recused from this item and Councilor Rossetti assumed the Chair. Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and approve the item this evening.
RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin

37. Mayor's Request 212591 (ID:27496) Requesting acceptance of a \$6,233.33 grant with no new match required, from the MA Dept of Public Health to the Police Department to purchase and provide training for Naxalone.

President McLaughlin was recused from this item and Councilor Rossetti assumed the Chair. Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and approve the item this evening.
RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
RECUSED: McLaughlin

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| 38. Mayor's Request 212592 (ID:27420) | Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$5,008 using available funds in the Workers' Compensation Legal Services Account. |
| | <p>Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and approve the item this evening.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>RECUSED: McLaughlin</p> |
| 39. Mayor's Request 212593 (ID:27518) | Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$1,310 using available funds in the City Clerk's Professional and Technical Services Account for materials translation services. |
| | <p>Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and approve the item this evening.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [10 TO 0]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>RECUSED: McLaughlin</p> |
| 40. Mayor's Request 212594 (ID:27426) | Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Stephanie Galaitsi to the position of Somerville Women's Commission Member. |
| | <p>Councilor Rossetti moved to waive the reading and approve the item this evening.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 41. Mayor's Communication 212595 (ID:27494) | Submitting the 2021 Surveillance Technology Annual Report. |
| | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee</p> |

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

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| 42. Officer's Communication 212596 (ID:27497) | The Memorialization Committee submitting the naming of the new turf field at the Healey School to honor State Representative and Alderman Joseph "Joe" Mackey. |
| | <p>Councilor Rossetti commented that her first (Board of Aldermen) order was to honor the service of Joe Mackey after his passing, and now - 15 years later - a field is being named for him.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

NEW BUSINESS

- 43. License/Permit 212597 (ID:27537) New Garage License, Toucan Auto Repair Inc, 224 Somerville Avenue, 15 vehicles inside, 4 vehicles outside, for autobody work, spray painting, and charging money to store vehicles.

Councilor White moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Committee on Licenses and Permits.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee
- 44. License/Permit 212598 (ID:27538) New Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Auto Plus LLC, 229 Lowell St, 2 inside, 2 outside.

Councilor White moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Committee on Licenses and Permits.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee
- 45. License/Permit 212599 (ID:27536) Public Event License, Halloween on Heath, Heath St from Moreland Street to Edgar Avenue, Oct 31, 3PM-8PM.

Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item this evening.
RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- 46. Public Communication 212600 (ID:27500) Harvard University conveying its Fall 2021 Accountability Report.

President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and place the item on file.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- 47. Public Communication 212601 (ID:27517) Tufts University conveying its Fall 2021 Accountability Report.

President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and place the item on file.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

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| 48. Public Communication 212602 (ID:27501) | Somerville Chamber of Commerce submitting comments re: Item #212308, a Zoning amendment regarding rooftop mechanicals. |
| | <p>President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and place the item on file.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 49. Public Communication 212603 (ID:27502) | Somerville Chamber of Commerce submitting comments re: Item #211693, a Zoning amendment regarding a Small Business Overlay District. |
| | <p>President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and place the item on file.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 50. Public Communication 212604 (ID:27503) | Somerville Chamber of Commerce submitting comments re: Item #212309, a Zoning amendment regarding a Master Planned Development Overlay District. |
| | <p>President McLaughlin moved to waive the reading and place the item on file.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 51. Public Communication 212605 (ID:27504) | Lee Auspitz submitting comments re: biosafety. |
| | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee</p> |

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

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| 52. Mayor's Request 212606 (ID:27495) | Requesting approval of amendments to Sections 2.1 and 2.4 of the Zoning Ordinance. |
| | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee</p> |
| 53. Public Communication 212607 (ID:27542) | 8 residents submitting comments re: proposed Assembly Square Fire Station. |
| | <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

LATE ITEMS

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| 54. | Mayor's Request 212549 (ID:27487) | Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$3,300,000 for Poplar Street Pump Station Pump House & Facilities pre-construction services. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 55. | Order 212608 (ID:27545) | By City Councilor Clingan That the Mobility Division complete a street by street safety audit of Ward 4 and provide a plan to address all areas identified as dangerous due to excessive major intersections, excessive speeds, and volume. |
| | | <p>Councilor Clingan explained that this would let people know where work stands in the queue.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee</p> |
| 56. | Resolution 212609 (ID:27546) | By City Councilor Clingan, McLaughlin, Strezio, Mbah Calling upon the Mayor and the Board of Health to declare the rodent infestation in this City a public health emergency. |
| | | <p>Councilor Clingan stated that he doesn't know how seriously the administration is taking the rodent problem in the city and he believes that it's time that it was declared an emergency. He believes that the problem should be dealt with more aggressively.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 57. | License/Permit 212610 (ID:27539) | Public Event License, Pleasant Ave Halloween Block Party, Pleasant Ave, Oct 31, 3PM-9PM. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| 58. | License/Permit 212611 (ID:27540) | Public Event License, Springfield Halloween Block Party, Springfield St from Houghton St to Concord Ave and Concord Ave Sq from Newton to Marion St, Oct 31, 4PM-8:30PM. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

59. Officer's Somerville Retirement Board requesting approval to increase the Cost of
Communication Living Adjustment Base for retirees from \$14,000 to \$15,000
212612
(ID:27544)

RESULT: **REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

60. Order By City Councilor Scott
212613 That the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and
(ID:27548) Community Development investigate the possibility of seizing by eminent
domain 10 Oak St for the purposes of building affordable housing.

RESULT: **APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

61. Order By City Councilor Scott
212614 That the Commissioner of DPW address with this Council constituent reports
(ID:27549) of trash barrels being picked up by Recycling trucks.

RESULT: **APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,
Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 12:33 AM.

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OPENING CEREMONIES

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

| Attendee Name | Title | Status | Arrived |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Wilfred N. Mbah | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Mary Jo Rossetti | City Councilor At Large | Absent | |
| Kristen Strezo | City Councilor at Large | Present | |
| William A. White Jr. | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Matthew McLaughlin | Ward One City Councilor | Present | |
| Jefferson Thomas ("J.T.") Scott | Ward Two City Councilor | Present | |
| Ben Ewen-Campen | Ward Three City Councilor | Present | |
| Jesse Clingan | Ward Four City Councilor | Present | |
| Mark Niedergang | Ward Five City Councilor | Present | |
| Lance L. Davis | Ward Six City Councilor | Present | |
| Katjana Ballantyne | Ward Seven City Councilor | Present | |

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 212615
 (ID:27569) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 212616
 (ID:27570) Councilor Scott sponsored a moment of silence for George Yankof.
 Councilor Clingan sponsored a moment of silence for Maura Delelis.
 Councilors Clingan, McLaughlin and White sponsored a moment of
 silence for Tom Vitello.
 RESULT: APPROVED

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Grant of Location 212617 (ID:27563) Submitted by Verizon to install 75 feet of conduit in the intersection of Broadway and Dartmouth Street from an existing manhole 44/318 to an existing Utility Pole 45/13 located at the rear of 350 Broadway.
- President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. Oscar Lainez from Verizon spoke in favor of this item. Mary Keane asked for additional information about the project. Mr. Lainez explained that an additional cable is being added to the pole. Mr. Lainez provided his email address to Ms. Keane for further discussion of the matter. The item was laid on the table for the time being to give Ms. Keane the opportunity to speak with Mr. Lainez. Ms. Keane stated that she still objected to the item. President McLaughlin informed her that he would refer the item to the Licenses and Permits Committee and he asked her to contact Councilor Clingan for information about the next meeting. President McLaughlin closed the public hearing.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

4. Order 212618 (ID:27499) By City Councilor Strezo That the Director of Health and Human Services update this Council on the staffing of the Environmental Health Coordinator position to help combat rat infestations throughout the city.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Rossetti
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. Committee Report 212579 (ID:27509) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on October 19, 2021.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Rossetti
6. Committee Report 212585 (ID:27510) Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on October 20, 2021.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Rossetti

- D. Order 209224 (ID:22056) By City Councilor Davis That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance to address the Black Swallow-wort problem.

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| RESULT: | PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| ABSENT: | Rossetti |

- E. Resolution 209640 (ID:22504) By City Councilor Davis That the Administration work with the Committee on Legislative Matters to consider revisions to the Noise Ordinance.

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| RESULT: | PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| ABSENT: | Rossetti |

- F. Order 211232 (ID:24117) By City Councilor Scott That Ordinance 10-1 regarding the organization of the Police department be amended by removing the specified levels of patrol and superior officers.

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| RESULT: | PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| ABSENT: | Rossetti |

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

9. Mayor's Request 212621 (ID:27543) Requesting approval of the city reprecincting based on the 2020 Federal Census results.

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| Somerset Director Cortni Desir spoke on the item and highlighted some of the key changes made to address some of the concerns of some councilors. Councilor Ewen-Campen noticed a slight shift in boundaries between Wards 2 and 3 and had no problem with the explanation provided by Ms. Desir. Councilor Ewen-Campen moved for approval. | |
| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| ABSENT: | Rossetti |

10. Mayor's Request 212622 (ID:27558) Requesting the appropriation of \$1,481,578 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Parking Meter Receipts Account in order to reduce the FY22 Tax Rate.
- Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
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11. Mayor's Request 212623 (ID:27556) Requesting approval to appropriate \$74,326.85 from the Energy Stabilization Fund for projects to reduce carbon emissions and energy costs of City operations.
- Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
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12. Mayor's Request 212624 (ID:27414) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$1,096,778.31 using available funds in the Buildings Division for outstanding Electricity and Natural Gas charges.
- Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
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13. Mayor's Request 212625 (ID:27412) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$23,379.67 from various DPW Divisions as listed below and attached.
- Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Finance Committee.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
- FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee
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14. Mayor's Request 212626 (ID:27541) Requesting approval of a time-only extension for Symmes Maini and McKee Associates Inc. (SMMA) for design and construction administration services for the City Hall boiler through 6/30/2024.
- Councilor Scott explained the reason for the request and moved for approval.
- RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
- AYES:** Mbah, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
- ABSENT:** Rossetti

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| 15. Mayor's Request 212627 (ID:27550) | Requesting approval of a time-only extension for Stantec Consulting Services for design and construction administration services for the Spring Hill Sewer Separation project through 12/31/2024. |
| | <p>Councilor Scott explained the reason for the request and moved for approval.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> <p>ABSENT: Rossetti</p> |
| 16. Mayor's Request 212628 (ID:27547) | Requesting approval of a 1 Year Extension for the Dagle Electrical Contract |
| | <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| 17. Mayor's Request 212629 (ID:27551) | Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Daniel Costa to the position of Fire Lieutenant. |
| | <p>Councilor Clingan moved to waive the readings and refer these items to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 18. Mayor's Request 212630 (ID:27552) | Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Joseph G. Papetti to the position of Fire Lieutenant. |
| | <p>Councilor Clingan moved to waive the readings and refer these items to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |
| 19. Mayor's Request 212631 (ID:27571) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Cheri Ruane to the position of Full Member of the Urban Design Commission. |
| | <p>Councilor Clingan moved to waive the readings and refer these items to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee</p> |

20. Mayor's Request 212632 (ID:27572) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Timothy Houde to the position of Alternate Member of the Urban Design Commission.

Councilor Clingan moved to waive the readings and refer these items to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

21. Mayor's Request 212633 (ID:27573) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jacques Thomas, Jr. to the position of Licensing Commission member.

Councilor Clingan moved to waive the readings and refer these items to the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

22. Officer's Communication 212634 (ID:27575) Submitting two versions of a Home Rule Petition to establish the right to charge electric vehicles.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

23. Officer's Communication 212635 (ID:27574) Chief Assessor requesting to appear before the City Council for the tax classification hearing on November 23, 2021.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

24. Officer's Communication 212636 (ID:27562) City Solicitor seeking approval to settle an outstanding claim per Section 2-124 of the Code of Ordinances and requesting to appear in Executive Session to discuss the matter.

City Solicitor Wright advised the Council that was appropriate to discuss this matter in Executive Session, therefore, the Council moved into Executive Session at 8:01 PM to discuss approval to settle an outstanding claim per Section 2-124 of the Code of Ordinances. The regular City Council meeting was reconvened at 8:21 PM. President McLaughlin reported that one vote was taken in Executive Session, in addition to the vote to adjourn.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

ABSENT: Rossetti

25. Officer's Communication 212637 (ID:27559) Director of Planning submitting information relative to the proposed Upper Central Street Local Historic District.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Rossetti
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

26. Officer's Communication 212638 (ID:27531) Director of Infrastructure & Asset Management requesting to appear before this Council to provide an update on the Building Master Plan.

Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management Rich Raiche and Melissa Woods, Senior Project Manager gave a presentation and said that much of the city's infrastructure is in need of repair. An inventory of building systems was done in 2016 and in 2020/2021 new positions were created to address corrective and preventative maintenance. There is an extensive backlog of outstanding maintenance resulting in most departments' program spaces not functioning well. In January 2020, a project manager was selected and in October 2020, an architect was selected. Liz Leber, from BMP, reviewed the process used to analyze space needs. She spoke about organizational changes, staff counts, key drivers for growth and other factors that should be considered. Ms. Leber reviewed recommendations for the 1895 Building. Mr. Raiche then addressed building strategies for "gut" renovations, "light touch" renovations, complete building replacements and other buildings that are not worth working on. He reviewed the project schedule including prioritization, financial capacity analysis, appropriation requests, school enrollment study and educational facility planning, community engagement for disposition of buildings, etc.

Councilor Scott asked that the presentation slides be provided to the Council and made available to the public. He also commented on the lack of interaction with councilors for their input and asked what the mechanism would be to get councilors involved. Councilor Niedergang commented that there have been several prior studies, all of which led nowhere, however he's optimistic about this current plan. President McLaughlin inquired about the building at 24 Cross Street and Mr. Raiche explained that due to a number of factors, it's best to determine its future through a community process. Councilor Clingan expressed his desire to have one of the buildings used for a community center.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Rossetti
FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

NEW BUSINESS

27. License/Permit New Drainlayer's License, Riccio Excavation Co.
212639
(ID:27564)

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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| ABSENT: | Rossetti |

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

28. Order By City Councilor McLaughlin, Scott, Ballantyne, Clingan, Niedergang, Strezo, Mbah
212640
(ID:27582) That the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development extend the public comment period for the Assembly Row Master Plan by 90 days to allow more public comment and give the incoming administration time for input.

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| President McLaughlin stated that he thinks that the incoming mayor and council should have the opportunity to weigh in on the matter. | |
| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| ABSENT: | Rossetti |

29. Resolution By City Councilor McLaughlin, Clingan, Mbah, Davis, Niedergang
212641
(ID:27583) That the Mayor's office increase the Appointments Advisory Committee from three to five members and increase communication between said committee and the Chair of Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters to expedite the appointments process.

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| President McLaughlin commented that the process needs to be expedited to avoid the delays being experienced between the submission of the appointment request and the time a candidate appears before the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters. | |
| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| ABSENT: | Rossetti |

30. Mayor's Request 212642 (ID:27581) Requesting approval of an Ordinance amending the Local Historic District Map to create a new Upper Central Street Historic District encompassing properties in the area of Central Street and Broadway.
- Councilor Niedergang stated that he has been working on this item with Councilor Clingan for the past 6 months. He explained that there are 12 properties, one of which is currently under a demolition delay, involved in this district and he commented on the historical value of these properties. Councilor Clingan asked for the Council's support on this item.
- RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee
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31. Mayor's Request 212643 (ID:27576) Requesting the appropriation of \$400,000.00 from the Unreserved Fund Balance Account ("Free Cash") to the Law Department's Damages to Persons and Property Account.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Rossetti
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32. Mayor's Request 212644 (ID:27555) Requesting approval of a time-only extension for Gienapp Architects LLC for on-call architecture and engineering services through 2/28/2023.
- Councilor Scott moved for approval of the item.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Rossetti
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33. Officer's Communication 212645 (ID:27577) Director of Intergovernmental Affairs responding in part to Item #212250 regarding the Ordinance to Safeguard Vulnerable Road Users.
- RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Rossetti
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee
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34. License/Permit 212646 (ID:27584) New Drainlayer's License, Conneely Excavation Inc.
- Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item this evening.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Rossetti

35. License/Permit 212647 (ID:27585) Public Event License, US Army Somerville, in front of 62 Highland Ave, Oct 10, 17, 24, 11AM-3:30PM (raindate Oct 11 & 18).

Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Rossetti

36. Public Communication 212648 (ID:27586) Mayoral candidate William Tauro submitting comments re: investigation of election ballots.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Rossetti

37. Public Communication 212649 (ID:27587) Lee Auspitz submitting comments re: Somerville Biotechnology Ordinance.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Rossetti

LATE ITEMS

38. Ordinance 212650 (ID:27588) By City Councilor Davis That ordinance 2-312 be amended as attached.

Councilor Davis explained the 2 changes he is proposing and moved that they be accepted. The amendments were approved and the item was enrolled and ordained.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: Rossetti

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:07 PM.

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 23, 2021, 7:00 PM
 Meeting by Remote Participation

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OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin.

| Attendee Name | Title | Status | Arrived |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Wilfred N. Mbah | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Mary Jo Rossetti | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Kristen Strezo | City Councilor at Large | Present | |
| William A. White Jr. | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Matthew McLaughlin | Ward One City Councilor | Present | |
| Jefferson Thomas ("J.T.") Scott | Ward Two City Councilor | Present | |
| Ben Ewen-Campen | Ward Three City Councilor | Present | |
| Jesse Clingan | Ward Four City Councilor | Present | |
| Mark Niedergang | Ward Five City Councilor | Present | |
| Lance L. Davis | Ward Six City Councilor | Present | |
| Katjana Ballantyne | Ward Seven City Councilor | Present | |

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 212651
 (ID:27625) **RESULT: APPROVED**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 212652
 (ID:27626) Councilors McLaughlin, White, Clingan, Ballantyne and Mbah sponsored a moment of silence for Sal Ferro.
RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, October 28, 2021.
 212653
 (ID:27627) **RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

CITATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 4. Officer's Communication 212654 (ID:27629) Chief Assessor presenting proposed FY2022 Tax Classifications and requesting: 1) the adoption of a residential factor of 86.0377, the minimum allowable for the City for FY2022; and 2) the acceptance of MGL c59 s5C, approving a residential exemption of 35% of average assessed value for owner occupied properties for FY2022.

Chief Assessor Frank Golden and Finance Director Ed Bean spoke on this item. Mr. Golden presented the recommendation and explained that this would shift \$23.5 million from the residential burden to the commercial side. He also explained that approval of the 35% residential exemption would save homeowners an average of \$3,656 on their tax bills. Mr. Golden compared FY21-FY22 parcel counts, changes, and valuations. Commercial growth value is down 1% and industrial value remained the same. Residential average assessments have increased throughout the city for a total new residential growth valuation of \$358,287,863 and a residential tax levy growth of \$3,650,953. The tax levy is \$18,069,828 higher than a year ago. The FY22 residential levy share is 72.53% vs. 73.80% for FY21.

Mr. Golden reviewed the cost impact of the new high school on various properties. Mr. Bean noted that the new growth was higher than estimated and revenue is coming in at a higher rate than projected. Councilor Ballantyne commented that the average impact of the new high school on properties in Teele Square is going to be about \$800 in FY22.

President McLaughlin opened the public hearing on this item. There being no speakers, the public hearing was closed.

Councilor Scott moved for approval of the item.

Councilor Scott moved to discharge item #212622 from the Finance Committee and approve it tonight. The item was discharged and approved.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

5. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report 212655 (ID:27617) | Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on November 16, 2021. | <p>Councilor Scott presented the Committee Report and spoke about the quality of the candidates.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| B. | Mayor's Request 212526 (ID:27413) | Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Eli D. Kim to the position of Police Sergeant. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| C. | Mayor's Request 212629 (ID:27551) | Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Daniel Costa to the position of Fire Lieutenant. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| D. | Mayor's Request 212630 (ID:27552) | Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Joseph G. Papetti to the position of Fire Lieutenant. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |
| E. | Mayor's Request 212631 (ID:27571) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Cheri Ruane to the position of Full Member of the Urban Design Commission. | <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]</p> <p>AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> |

F. Mayor's Request 212632 (ID:27572) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Timothy Houde to the position of Alternate Member of the Urban Design Commission.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

G. Mayor's Request 212633 (ID:27573) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jacques Thomas, Jr. to the position of Licensing Commission member.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

6. LAND USE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 212656 (ID:27618) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on November 16, 2021.

Councilor Ewen-Campen presented the Committee Report and reviewed the actions taken by the committee on several zoning amendments. He moved to sever item #212606 in order to amend that item by adding language to the cover sheet. Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to lay #212606 on the table and approve the remainder of the Committee Report. The following items were enrolled and ordained: #211693, #212306, #212540 and #212642. Item #212606 was removed from the table. Councilor Ewen-Campen explained the intent of the amendment and item #212606 was approved, as amended and enrolled and ordained.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

B. Order 210782 (ID:23668) By City Councilor Davis, Ballantyne, Clingan That the Director of SPCD present zoning recommendations addressing the size of ground floor commercial spaces produced by development, to ensure that street level development in certain areas maintains multiple smaller-sized commercial spaces to enhance the pedestrian experience.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Mayor's Request 211693 (ID:24483) Veto - Requesting approval of proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinances at Article 8.2 - Small Business Overlay District, and to the Zoning Map.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: City Council

D. Mayor's Request 212306 (ID:26179) Requesting approval of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for Commercial Spaces.

RESULT: **ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

E. Public Communication 212540 (ID:27457) 10 registered voters requesting the adoption of a Zoning Map amendment to change the zoning district of 3 Prescott Street from UR to NR.

RESULT: **ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

F. Mayor's Request 212606 (ID:27495) Requesting approval of amendments to Sections 2.1 and 2.4 of the Zoning Ordinance.

RESULT: **ORDINANCE ORDAINED AS AMENDED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne
AMENDED: Section 2.4.5.b.ii Ground Story Commercial Space shall be effective for any discretionary or administrative permit first noticed for a public hearing on November 23, 2021 or later.

G. Officer's Communication 212637 (ID:27559) Director of Planning submitting information relative to the proposed Upper Central Street Local Historic District.

RESULT: **WORK COMPLETED**

H. Mayor's Request 212642 (ID:27581) Requesting approval of an Ordinance amending the Local Historic District Map to create a new Upper Central Street Historic District encompassing properties in the area of Central Street and Broadway.

RESULT: **ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

7. LAND USE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 212657 (ID:27619) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on November 22, 2021.

Councilor Ewen-Campen presented the Committee Report and spoke about the items discussed. He spoke about the need for additional parking spaces in Boynton Yards in order to make that area commercially desirable and indicated his desire to have a discussion on this item tonight. Councilor Davis spoke about shadow studies for properties on McGrath Highway. Councilor Scott commented on Boynton Yards parking saying he believes that it's necessary to determine what the city's road networks can handle and feels that data should be used to determine how much parking should be allowed. Item #212301 was enrolled and ordained.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne

B. Public Communication 212301 (ID:26188) AP Davis Square Plaza, LP requesting the adoption of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Map to re-zone four parcels in Davis Square Plaza from MR-4 to Civic and CC-4.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne

8. RULES SPECIAL COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 212658 (ID:27620) Report of the Special Committee on Rules, meeting on November 22, 2021.

Councilor White presented the Committee Report and asked that it be accepted along with the order put forth by the Committee (item #27636). Both were approved.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne

B. Resolution 205107 (ID:17866) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Rossetti, Hirsch, and the Entire Board That the Administration work with this Board to implement a Code of Conduct policy and discuss training all staff and Aldermen.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- C. Order 212232 (ID:26193) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Mbah, Davis, Ballantyne, Clingan, Strezo
That this Council adopt a code of conduct and anti-harassment policy.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

- D. Order 212659 (ID:27636) By City Councilor White Jr., Rossetti, Davis
That the City Council approve four amendments to the Rules of the City Council, as written herein and as recommended by the Special Committee on Rules.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis
ABSENT: Ballantyne

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

9. Mayor's Request 212660 (ID:27628) Requesting approval of amendments to Sections 3.1.14.a and 3.2.13.a Contextual Front Setbacks of the Neighborhood Residence and Urban Residence zoning districts of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

10. Mayor's Request 212661 (ID:27615) Requesting approval of the Clarendon Hill District Improvement Financing (DIF) Development Program.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

11. Mayor's Request 212662 (ID:27616) Requesting approval of Clarendon Hill District Improvement Financing (DIF) Development District.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

12. Mayor's Request 212663 (ID:27609) Requesting the renaming of Cedar Street Place as Carole Place.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

13. Mayor's Request 212664 (ID:27621) Requesting an amendment to the Somerville High School Construction appropriation to a new amount of \$283,859,233 and increasing the amount of bonds, fund transfers, and other available funds of the city authorized to meet said appropriation.

Mayor Curtatone spoke on this item saying that new growth is at record highs, DIF programs for Union Square and Boynton Yards have been successful, stabilization funds have increased 18-fold since 2004, general fund equity has increased 497% since 2004. Finance Director Ed Bean spoke about the high school construction project financing and said that the actual cost will exceed the amount appropriated, therefore, at some point, an additional appropriation will be needed. IAM Director Rich Raiche spoke about changes, corrections, clarifications, site conditions, COVID restrictions/conditions, unforeseen direct costs (asbestos) and schedule impact costs, as reasons for the cost over-run. The revised project budget, as of December 2021, is \$283,859,233. This is up from the March 2017 projection of \$255,982,704. Director Bean told the Council that the resource gap is \$29,859,360. He went on to outline a proposed plan to close that gap by utilizing funds from different revolving accounts, stabilization funds and other funding sources. Following this proposal, the city would still need to borrow \$4,132,729 to close the gap.

Councilor Niedergang inquired about shifting the risk to Suffolk Construction and Director Raiche explained that Suffolk and their trade partners are accepting the burden over the items they have control over. It's in their best interest to get these items settled to move the project to completion. Councilor Ballantyne asked about the MSBA funding and Chad Crittenden, from PMA, explained how the funds get allocated. Councilor Rossetti inquired about a discrepancy in the amount of the contingency line in the presentation and the amount used by the Building Committee and Mr. Crittenden explained that the figure in tonight's presentation includes soft cost contingencies. Councilor Rossetti stated that the Building Committee was told the cost overrun was approximately \$21 million last week. Sean Burke explained the reason for the difference. President McLaughlin suggested that this item be referred to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

14. Mayor's Request 212665 (ID:27623) Requesting the appropriation of \$148,950 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Communications-Office of Immigrant Affairs Salaries Account to establish several new positions.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

15. Mayor's Request 212666 (ID:27622) Requesting the appropriation of \$52,050 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to various Ordinary Maintenance Accounts in the Communications-Office of Immigrant Affairs Department.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

16. Mayor's Request 212667 (ID:27624) Requesting the appropriation of \$22,988 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to Communications-Office of Immigrant Affairs Salaries for salary adjustments.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

17. Mayor's Request 212668 (ID:27561) Requesting approval to create the Assembly Square Off-Site Infrastructure Stabilization Fund and accept a payment to said Fund of \$687,260 from the Alta Xmbly Development project, for off site infrastructure to support and enhance the surrounding neighborhoods.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

18. Mayor's Request 212669 (ID:27566) Requesting approval to create the Assembly Square Public Realm and Area Improvements Stabilization Fund and accept a payment to said Fund of \$549,808 from the Alta Xmbly Development project, to support and enhance the public realm in the surrounding neighborhoods.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Finance Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

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| 19. | Mayor's Request 212670 (ID:27565) | Requesting approval to create the Assembly Square Transit Area Improvements Stabilization Fund and accept a payment to said Fund of \$103,089 from the Alta Xmbly Development project, for transit area improvements to support and enhance the surrounding neighborhoods. | Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and refer the item to the Finance Committee. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee |
| 20. | Mayor's Request 212671 (ID:27611) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jennifer Civitella Hilario to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |
| 21. | Mayor's Request 212672 (ID:27612) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Henry Edward Hardy to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities. | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee |

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

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| 22. | Officer's Communication 212673 (ID:27516) | Planning Board conveying its recommendations for proposed amendments to the Somerville Zoning Ordinance (items #212048, #212301, #212305, #212306, #212307, and #212309). | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 23. | Officer's Communication 212674 (ID:27613) | Planning Board conveying its recommendations for the following proposed amendments to the Somerville Zoning Ordinance (items #212308 and #212337). | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| 24. | Officer's Communication 212675 (ID:27610) | Commissioner of Public Works submitting a memo in response to items #212569 and #211134 regarding the Snow Shoveling Pilot for FY22. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

25. Officer's Memorialization Committee conveying the naming of the Teen Center at
Communication Somerville High School after Mayor Dorothy Kelly Gay.
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(ID:27604)

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| RESULT: | PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

26. Officer's Memorialization Committee conveying the naming of the Media/Broadcasting
Communication Vocational space at Somerville High School after Barbara Galpin.
212677
(ID:27605)

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| RESULT: | PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

NEW BUSINESS

27. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealer's Class 2 License, Barnes and Walsh, 224
212678
(ID:27589)

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| Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item this evening. | |
| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

28. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 3, Ed's Used Auto Parts, 516
212679
(ID:27590)

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| Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item this evening. | |
| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

29. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Executive Auto Leasing and
212680
(ID:27591)

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| Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item this evening. | |
| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

30. License/Permit 212681 (ID:27592) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Green Automotive, 600 Windsor Pl.
- Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item this evening.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
31. License/Permit 212682 (ID:27593) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Master Used Cars, 121 Prospect St.
- Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item this evening.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
32. License/Permit 212683 (ID:27594) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 3, Nissenbaum Auto Parts, 0 Windsor St.
- Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item this evening.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
33. License/Permit 212684 (ID:27595) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 3, Nissenbaum Auto Parts, 480 Columbia St.
- Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item this evening.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
34. License/Permit 212685 (ID:27596) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Real Auto Shop, 463 McGrath Hwy.
- Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item this evening.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

35. License/Permit 212686 (ID:27597) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Somerville Motors, 182 Washington St.
- Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item this evening.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
36. License/Permit 212687 (ID:27598) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, United Motors, 188 Broadway.
- Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item this evening.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
37. License/Permit 212688 (ID:27599) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Web Motor Sales, 5 Middlesex Ave.
- Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item this evening.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
38. License/Permit 212689 (ID:27600) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Webster Auto Sales, 61 Prospect St.
- Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item this evening.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
39. License/Permit 212690 (ID:27601) Renewing Open Air Vendor License, Next Wave-Full Circle School, 8 Bonair St.
- Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item this evening.
- RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

40. License/Permit 212691 (ID:27603) Renewing Outdoor Goods License, When Pigs Fly, 241 Elm St.

Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

41. License/Permit 212692 (ID:27602) Renewing Outdoor Goods License, 130 Broadway LLC, for Fat Hen and Perfect Dental.

Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

42. Citation 212693 (ID:27639) By City Councilor Clingan, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. Commending Marjorie MacDonald for 43 years as the owner and operator of Margie's Salon.

Councilor Clingan wished Marjorie MacDonald well on her retirement after 43 years in business.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

43. Order 212694 (ID:27630) By City Councilor Strezo That the Executive Director of OSPCD and the Director of Economic Development discuss the city's maintenance plan for tenants and occupants of the Arts at the Armory.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

44. Communication By City Councilor Niedergang
212695
(ID:27631) Reporting on discussions and decisions of the Traffic Commission from July through November 2021.

Councilor Niedergang spoke about some of the past actions of the Traffic Commission and its importance to the city. He listed the members of the Commission and explained the types of decisions it has authority over. Councilor Niedergang noted some of the recent actions of the Commission, e.g., the changes made to parking on College Avenue, which is scheduled to be appealed. He also spoke about parking for the teachers and staff of Somerville High School.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

45. Resolution By City Councilor Davis, Strezo
212696
(ID:27638) That the Traffic Commission install traffic calming on the streets surrounding the Brown School, in particular on Willow Avenue, between Morrison and Kidder Avenues, including consideration of a "Your Speed Is" radar sign.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

46. Mayor's Request
212697
(ID:27641) Submitting proposed amendments to modernize the City's Biotechnology Ordinance.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

47. Mayor's Request
212698
(ID:27567) Requesting approval to create the Encore Artist and Cultural Support Stabilization Fund and accept a payment to the Fund of \$100,000 from Encore mitigations payments to support the Arts and Cultural activities and communities.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

48. Mayor's Request
212699
(ID:27614) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$63,474.53 using available funds in the DPW Department from various Admin, Fleet, Buildings, Sanitation, and Highway accounts.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

49. Officer's Communication 212700 (ID:27632) City Clerk requesting confirmation of the appointment of Bernabe Rodriguez to the position of Assistant City Clerk.

Councilor Rossetti 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

50. Officer's Communication 212701 (ID:27640) Planning Board conveying its recommendations for proposed amendments to the Somerville Zoning Ordinance (items #212540, #212606, and #212541).

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezzo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

51. Officer's Communication 212702 (ID:27635) City Clerk conveying the non-binding votes of the 2022 City Council Caucus.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezzo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

52. License/Permit 212703 (ID:27642) New Drainlayer's License, NECM Corp.

Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item this evening.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezzo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

LATE ITEMS

53. Mayor's Request 212622 (ID:27558) Requesting the appropriation of \$1,481,578 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Parking Meter Receipts Account in order to reduce the FY22 Tax Rate.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezzo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

54. Order 212704 (ID:27644) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Strezzo, McLaughlin That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the granite monument at Veterans Memorial Cemetery on Broadway.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezzo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

55. Order By City Councilor Scott
212705 That the Commissioner of Public Works re-stripe the mid-block crosswalk on
(ID:27645) Perry Street connecting to Lincoln Park, and consider adding signage to call
attention to the crosswalk for motorists.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

56. Order By City Councilor Strezo
212706 That the Traffic Commission install a speed board on Willow Avenue, between
(ID:27646) Morrison Avenue and Broadway.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:50 PM.

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

December 9, 2021, 7:00 PM
 City Council Chamber and Remote Participation

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OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin.

| Attendee Name | Title | Status | Arrived |
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| Wilfred N. Mbah | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Mary Jo Rossetti | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Kristen Strezo | City Councilor at Large | Present | |
| William A. White Jr. | City Councilor At Large | Present | |
| Matthew McLaughlin | Ward One City Councilor | Present | |
| Jefferson Thomas ("J.T.") Scott | Ward Two City Councilor | Present | |
| Ben Ewen-Campen | Ward Three City Councilor | Present | |
| Jesse Clingan | Ward Four City Councilor | Present | |
| Mark Niedergang | Ward Five City Councilor | Present | |
| Lance L. Davis | Ward Six City Councilor | Present | |
| Katjana Ballantyne | Ward Seven City Councilor | Present | |

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
 212707
 (ID:27701) **RESULT: APPROVED**

2. Remembrances Remembrances.
 212708
 (ID:27702) Councilor Ewen-Campen sponsored a moment of silence for Jalel Brown-Cross.
 Councilors Clingan, White and McLaughlin sponsored a moment of silence for Michael Terrio.
 Councilors Ballantyne, White and Rossetti sponsored a moment of silence for Carol DoCouto.

 RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, November 9, 2021.
 212709
 (ID:27703) **RESULT: APPROVED**

CITATIONS

4. Citation 212710 (ID:27715) By City Councilor McLaughlin Commending Paul Nonni on the occasion of his retirement from the Inspectional Services Department after 36 years of distinguished service.

RESULT: APPROVED

5. Citation 212711 (ID:27709) Commending outgoing Councilor Katjana Ballantyne for her outstanding service to the people of Somerville as Ward 7 City Councilor from 2014 to 2021.

Councilor Ballantyne thanked the voters of Ward 7 for allowing her to represent them and she also thanked her colleagues on the Council. Members of the Council spoke individually about Councilor Ballantyne and thanked her for her service.

RESULT: APPROVED

6. Citation 212712 (ID:27710) Commending outgoing Councilor Wilfred N. Mbah for his outstanding service to the people of Somerville as City Councilor at Large from 2018 to 2021.

Councilor Mbah thanked everyone for the opportunities afforded him and for the privilege of being able to serve the residents of Somerville. Members of the Council spoke individually about Councilor Mbah and thanked him for his service.

RESULT: APPROVED

7. Citation 212713 (ID:27711) Commending outgoing Councilor Mark Niedergang for his outstanding service to the people of Somerville as Ward 5 City Councilor from 2014 to 2021.

Councilor Niedergang thanked the voters of Ward 5, his constituents, the Mayor and his staff, and his colleagues on the Council. Members of the Council spoke individually about Councilor Niedergang and thanked him for his service.

RESULT: APPROVED

8. Citation 212714 (ID:27712) Commending outgoing Councilor Mary Jo Rossetti for her outstanding service to the people of Somerville as City Councilor at Large from 2014 to 2021.

Councilor Rossetti reflected on her years as an elected official, first as a School Committee person and currently as a Councilor at Large. She spoke about traveling around the country to learn about and advocate for initiatives that would benefit all schools in the country. She shared some memorabilia collected over the years and thanked each councilor, individually, for their service and highlighted many of the accomplishments of the current Council. Councilor Rossetti thanked her family for the sacrifices they made over the years and lastly she thanked the clerks for their assistance. Members of the Council spoke individually about Councilor Rossetti and thanked her for her service.

RESULT: APPROVED

9. Citation 212715 (ID:27713) Commending outgoing Councilor William A. White, Jr. for his outstanding service to the people of Somerville as City Councilor at Large from 1998 to 2021.

Councilor White recounted the first time he was in City Hall, some 50 years ago, and spoke about growing up in Somerville and how the city helped to shape him. He spoke about the changes seen over the years in housing, transportation and real estate speculation/development. He spoke about the bias against Italian and Irish people in the early 1900's, and the political makeup of the city. Councilor White thanked the residents who voted for him, allowing him to serve the city. He also thanked his colleagues on the Council and the clerks. Members of the Council spoke individually about Councilor White and thanked him for his service.

RESULT: APPROVED

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| 10. | Citation 212716 (ID:27714) | Commending outgoing Mayor Joseph Curtatone for his outstanding service to the people of Somerville as Mayor from 2004 to 2021. |
| | | <p>Mayor Curtatone spoke about his time growing up in the city and his decision to run for public office.</p> <p>He commented that the progress made by the city was the result of government working together for the betterment of its citizens.</p> <p>He spoke about each councilor, individually, thanking them for their dedication and passion.</p> <p>Members of the Council spoke individually about Mayor Curtatone and thanked him for his leadership and service.</p> |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 11. | Citation 212717 (ID:27707) | Commending Councilor Matthew McLaughlin for his distinguished service as President of this Council in 2021. |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 12. | Citation 212718 (ID:27708) | Commending Councilor Mary Jo Rossetti for her distinguished service as Vice President of this Board in 2021. |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED |

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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| 13. | Grant of Location 212719 (ID:27678) | Submitted by Comcast to install a total of 295 feet of conduit in Poplar and Joy Streets. |
| | | <p>President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. Mr. David Flewelling from Comcast spoke in favor of this item. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.</p> |
| | | RESULT: APPROVED |
| 14. | Grant of Location 212720 (ID:27679) | Submitted by Verizon to install 192 feet of conduit in Somerville Avenue from manhole 42 to a handhole near 343 Somerville Avenue. |
| | | <p>President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. Mr. Oscar Lainez from Verizon spoke in favor of this item. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing. Councilor Scott asked where the traffic management plan is for this project. Mr. Lainez said that he would contact his office for the information.</p> |
| | | RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION |
| | | FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee |

15. Grant of Location 212721 (ID:27680) Submitted by Level 3 to install a total of 510 feet of conduit starting from manhole 0515-3800 located at the intersection of Poplar and Chestnut Streets, continuing to a proposed vault at 28 Chestnut Street.

President McLaughlin opened the public hearing. Mr. Bill Conway from Level 3 spoke in favor of this item. There being no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing. Councilor Scott asked for a copy of the traffic management plan. The item was approved on the condition that a traffic management plan be submitted by December 18, 2021.

RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

CONDITION: Applicant must submit a traffic management plan by 12/18/21.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

16. Mayor's Request 211693 (ID:24483) Veto - Requesting approval of proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinances at Article 8.2 - Small Business Overlay District, and to the Zoning Map.

The Council voted to sustain the veto.

RESULT: NOT APPROVED. [0 TO 10]

NAYS: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

ABSENT: White Jr.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

17. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 212722 (ID:27657) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on December 1, 2021.

Councilor Scott presented the Committee Report and reviewed the recommendations of the committee.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Officer's Communication 206099 (ID:18830) City Solicitor submitting an Ordinance to replace Ordinance 5-32 regarding Fire Department salaries.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- C. Ordinance 207740 (ID:20660) By City Councilor White Jr., Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Hirsch, Mbah Proposing an amendment to Ordinance 2-124 to permit the City Solicitor to settle legal actions of up to \$5,000 against the City.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

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| D. | Mayor's Request 209826 (ID:22722) | Requesting the appropriation of \$486,805 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for heavy equipment/vehicles for the Parks and Recreation Department to manage the city's athletic fields and facilities. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE |
| E. | Mayor's Request 212448 (ID:27374) | Requesting an opportunity for the ARPA Director and the Metropolitan Area Planning Council to provide this Council with an overview of ARPA. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| F. | Officer's Communication 212451 (ID:27364) | Fire Chief responding to Item 211748, providing data on calls and responses to the Assembly Square neighborhood. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| G. | Mayor's Request 212517 (ID:27476) | Requesting approval to appropriate and transfer \$8,796,290 from the Facility Construction and Renovation Stabilization Fund to the Somerville High School Construction Fund. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE |
| H. | Mayor's Request 212548 (ID:27488) | Requesting an amendment to the Somerville High School Construction appropriation to a new amount of \$278,790,633 and increasing the amount of bonds, fund transfers, and other available funds of the city authorized to meet said appropriation. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE |
| I. | Officer's Communication 212612 (ID:27544) | Somerville Retirement Board requesting approval to increase the Cost of Living Adjustment Base for retirees from \$14,000 to \$15,000 | RESULT: APPROVED |
| J. | Mayor's Request 212623 (ID:27556) | Requesting approval to appropriate \$74,326.85 from the Energy Stabilization Fund for projects to reduce carbon emissions and energy costs of City operations. | RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| K. | Officer's Communication 212635 (ID:27574) | Chief Assessor requesting to appear before the City Council for the tax classification hearing on November 23, 2021. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE |

- L. Mayor's Request 212664 (ID:27621) Requesting an amendment to the Somerville High School Construction appropriation to a new amount of \$283,859,233 and increasing the amount of bonds, fund transfers, and other available funds of the city authorized to meet said appropriation.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- M. Mayor's Request 212665 (ID:27623) Requesting the appropriation of \$148,950 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Communications-Office of Immigrant Affairs Salaries Account to establish several new positions.

RESULT: APPROVED

- N. Mayor's Request 212666 (ID:27622) Requesting the appropriation of \$52,050 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to various Ordinary Maintenance Accounts in the Communications-Office of Immigrant Affairs Department.

RESULT: APPROVED

- O. Mayor's Request 212667 (ID:27624) Requesting the appropriation of \$22,988 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to Communications-Office of Immigrant Affairs Salaries for salary adjustments.

RESULT: APPROVED

18. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 212723 (ID:27660) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on December 7, 2021.

Councilor Scott presented the Committee Report and reviewed the recommendations of the committee. He spoke in detail about requests to pay prior year invoices in the DPW and noted that those items were discharged without a recommendation. Councilor Scott noted that after further investigation, no malfeasance was found, and the invoices were deemed to be authentic, although they spanned a period longer than the prior fiscal year. Councilor Rossetti asked incoming Mayor Ballantyne to look closely at the DPW numbers for the past several years. Items #212624, #212628 and #212699 were approved. Councilor Scott later moved for reconsideration of Item #212699, noting that Item #212766 was intended to replace it. The item was reconsidered and the earlier vote for approval was reversed.

RESULT: APPROVED

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| <p>B. Order 212400 (ID:27330)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo That the Director of Finance and the Treasurer create a separate revenue account for deposit of all funds received from handicapped parking violations, and allocate said funds to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities, as authorized under MGL.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>C. Mayor's Request 212624 (ID:27414)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$1,096,778.31 using available funds in the Buildings Division for outstanding Electricity and Natural Gas charges.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| <p>D. Mayor's Request 212625 (ID:27412)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$23,379.67 from various DPW Divisions as listed below and attached.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| <p>E. Mayor's Request 212628 (ID:27547)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of a 1 Year Extension for the Dagle Electrical Contract</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> | |
| <p>F. Mayor's Request 212661 (ID:27615)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of the Clarendon Hill District Improvement Financing (DIF) Development Program.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>G. Mayor's Request 212662 (ID:27616)</p> | <p>Requesting approval of Clarendon Hill District Improvement Financing (DIF) Development District.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne</p> | |
| <p>H. Mayor's Request 212699 (ID:27614)</p> | <p>Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$63,474.53 using available funds in the DPW Department from various Admin, Fleet, Buildings, Sanitation, and Highway accounts.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: NOT APPROVED. [0 TO 10] NAYS: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne ABSENT: White Jr.</p> | |

19. LAND USE COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report 212724 (ID:27656) | Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on November 30, 2021. |
| | | Councilor Ewen-Campen presented the Committee Report and explained the amendments that were recommended for approval by the committee. Additional details may be found in the committee report. Items #202309 and #212541 were enrolled and ordained. RESULT: APPROVED |
| B. | Mayor's Request 212309 (ID:26182) | Requesting approval of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for MPD + Boynton Sub Area. |
| | | RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne ABSENT: White Jr. |
| C. | Public Communication 212541 (ID:27462) | Comar Real Estate Trust proposing a zoning map amendment to re-zone their properties at 299 Broadway and 15 Temple Street from MR5, MR3 and NR Districts to MR6, MR4 and NR Districts. |
| | | RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |

20. LAND USE COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report 212725 (ID:27659) | Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on December 6, 2021. |
| | | Councilors Ewen-Campen and Davis presented the Committee Report. Amendments pertaining to rooftop mechanicals were recommended for approval, as was an amendment pertaining to parking maximums. Councilor Scott, speaking on the report, said that he was not convinced about the formula used to calculate parking maximums. OSPCD Executive Director George Proakis explained the reasoning for selecting the formula used. Items #212308 and #212471 were enrolled and ordained. Councilor Ewen-Campen moved to sever item #212337 from the committee report. Item #212337 was enrolled and ordained. RESULT: APPROVED |
| B. | Order 211349 (ID:24241) | By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Committee on Land Use consider regulating the height of rooftop mechanicals on commercial buildings that abut Neighborhood Residence and Urban Residence districts. |
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| C. Mayor's Request 211612 (ID:24485) | Requesting approval of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to regulate rooftop mechanical systems and mechanical penthouses. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE |
| D. Mayor's Request 212308 (ID:26181) | Requesting approval of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for Rooftop Mechanicals. | RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| E. Public Communication 212337 (ID:27284) | 18 registered voters requesting the adoption of a Zoning Map amendment to change the zoning district of 51 McGrath Highway (MBL 115-B-1 and 115-B-4) from HR to MR5 and 35 McGrath Highway (MBL 115-B-5, 115-B-11, and 115-B-12) from MR5 to MR4. | RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [10 TO 0] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne RECUSED: Ewen-Campen |
| F. Ordinance 212471 (ID:27402) | By City Councilor Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang That the Zoning Ordinances be amended by striking all language from section 8.3.1.10.c to prevent parking maximums in Master Planned Development areas being exceeded by Special Permit. | RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [10 TO 1] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezio, White Jr., McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne NAYS: Scott |

21. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

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| A. Committee Report 212726 (ID:27658) | Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on December 2, 2021. | Councilor Davis presented the Committee Report and noted that the Police and Fire reserve lists have not yet been exhausted. Councilor Scott asked for the names of the individuals still on the reserve lists. RESULT: APPROVED |
| B. Officer's Communication 211417 (ID:24290) | City Solicitor responding to #211232 with an amendment to Ordinances 10-1 and 10-1.1, to eliminate specified levels of patrol and superior officers in the Police Department. | RESULT: PLACED ON FILE |

- C. Order 212544 (ID:27482) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Davis, Strezio, Ballantyne That the City Solicitor draft a Home Rule Petition to exempt Somerville from MGL 135 Sec 8, and thus allow the City of Somerville to donate unclaimed bicycles to local non-profit organizations, rather than selling them at auction.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

- D. Order 212572 (ID:27521) By City Councilor Davis, White Jr., McLaughlin That the City Solicitor work with this Council to amend the anti-nepotism ordinance to allow for more flexibility when the circumstances warrant.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

22. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 212727 (ID:27661) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on December 8, 2021.

Councilor White presented the Committee Report and summarized the actions taken by the committee.

RESULT: APPROVED

- B. Grant of Location 212026 (ID:24932) Submitted by Verizon to install a Utility Pole 70S near the intersection of Houghton and Prospect Sts.

RESULT: NOT APPROVED

- C. License/Permit 212597 (ID:27537) New Garage License, Toucan Auto Repair Inc, 224 Somerville Avenue, 15 vehicles inside, 4 vehicles outside, for autobody work, spray painting, and charging money to store vehicles.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

- D. License/Permit 212598 (ID:27538) New Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Auto Plus LLC, 229 Lowell St, 2 inside, 2 outside.

RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

CONDITION: Restriction against placing signage on vehicles parked outside.

23. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- A. Committee Report 212728 (ID:27655) Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on November 29, 2021.

Councilor Davis presented the Committee Report.

RESULT: APPROVED

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| <p>B. Order 206427 (ID:19220)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Hirsch, Mbah That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services report on whether or not an increased amount of construction can lead to more lead exposure, and what measures ISD uses to ensure contractors limit the release of lead into the soil or air.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>C. Resolution 206585 (ID:19382)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Hirsch That the Administration share a more comprehensive set of goals related to air quality based on CAFEH study results, when or if available.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>D. Resolution 206856 (ID:19656)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Hirsch That the Administration consider a public information effort to inform the community about code violations that impact public safety, such as improper lead paint removal.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>E. Order 207040 (ID:19821)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Hirsch, Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, and the Entire Board That the Chief of Police and the Chief Fire Engineer, and related staff, discuss how each department receives and handles a 911 call, including the dispatch of State Police, E911, Fire Alarm, and Cataldo Ambulance, and including the handling of asthmatic-related emergencies.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>F. Communication 207042 (ID:19825)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Hirsch, Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, and the Entire Board Expressing the intent to work towards helping improve systems involving emergency response, care and education related to asthma.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>G. Order 207449 (ID:20246)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Traffic and Parking waive parking dumpster fees for property owners who are de-paving their driveways.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>H. Order 208261 (ID:21095)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Clingan, McLaughlin That the Director of Health and Human Services highlight any funding for drug treatment during the budget process.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |

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| I. Order 208360 (ID:21199) | By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr. That the Chief of Police, the Director of Health and Human Services, the Director of Parks and Recreation and other relevant groups appear before the Public Health and Public Safety Committee to discuss strategies to prevent youth violence and gun possession. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| J. Order 208362 (ID:21201) | By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ballantyne, Clingan That the Director of Water and Sewer and the Director of Sustainability and the Environment create a water preservation program to encourage water preservation among residents and limit water bills. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| K. Order 208691 (ID:21566) | By City Councilor McLaughlin, Clingan, Ballantyne, Hirsch That members of the recently established Safe Injection Site Task Force appear before this Council’s Committee on Public Health and Public Safety to discuss their findings in a public forum. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| L. Order 208692 (ID:21567) | By City Councilor McLaughlin, Clingan, Ballantyne, Hirsch That the Director of Health and Human Services provide the City Council with a copy of the Safe Injection Site Task Force recommendations. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| M. Resolution 208910 (ID:21727) | By City Councilor Davis That the Administration report to this Council on implementation of the Vulnerable Road Users Ordinance including, without limitation, application to FW Russell Disposal. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| N. Order 208922 (ID:21745) | By City Councilor Mbah, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Niedergang That the City Solicitor and Chief of Police report to this Council on how civil asset forfeiture funds have been received and spent over the past 5 years, and how they can be directed to the General Fund. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |
| O. Officer's Communication 209097 (ID:21943) | Assistant City Solicitor responding to #208922 re: civil asset forfeiture funds. |
| RESULT: WORK COMPLETED | |

P. Order 209144 (ID:21968) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of SPCD consider installing ADA/bicycle accessible ramps at the opposite ends of Edward Leathers Park to enhance the Neighborways bike path.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

Q. Order 209539 (ID:22386) By City Councilor Niedergang, Ballantyne, Davis, Clingan That the City Solicitor inform this Council of the minimum condition that would allow the Supervisor of Inspectional Services or the Commissioner of Public Works to clear a sidewalk that is in violation of the snow shoveling ordinance, and charge or lien the property owner for the cost.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

R. Order 210170 (ID:23025) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Strezo, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. That the Director of Communications and the Director of Economic Development publicize that one of the best ways to support small businesses offering take-out service is to call them directly to place an order, and pick it up instead of using third party delivery services, to help save them unwanted costs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

S. Resolution 210239 (ID:23138) By City Councilor Clingan, McLaughlin, Davis, Niedergang, Scott That the Mayor work with the Director of the Somerville Housing Authority to abolish the Housing Authority Police Department and reallocate the funds for social services for Housing Authority residents.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

T. Resolution 210240 (ID:23139) By City Councilor Clingan, McLaughlin, Ballantyne, Scott, Strezo, Davis That the Director of the Somerville Housing Authority (SHA) develop a formal process for SHA residents to report SHA Police misconduct, in lieu of an outright abolition.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

U. Order 210241 (ID:23148) By City Councilor Clingan, Rossetti, Mbah, Ballantyne, Strezo That the Chief of Police expand the Community Outreach, Help and Recovery program.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

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| V. | Order 210246 (ID:23132) | By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Scott, Strezo, Mbah, Ballantyne, Niedergang, Rossetti That the Director of Health and Human Services work with City Council to create and fund an unarmed agency that responds to mental health emergencies, addiction and substance-abuse emergencies, and other non-violent crises. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| W. | Resolution 210428 (ID:23299) | By City Councilor Ballantyne, McLaughlin, Davis, Scott That the Administration advise this Council as soon as possible, what oversight it will implement with Tufts University, following Tufts' decision to invite all undergraduate students back to campus for the fall 2020 semester. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| X. | Public Communication 210432 (ID:23324) | 19 residents requesting a Public Hearing on Tufts University's plans to re-open its campus in the fall. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| Y. | Order 210687 (ID:23552) | By City Councilor Davis, Strezo, Ballantyne, Scott That the Director of Health and Human Services advise this Council what services are available to our neighbors experiencing homelessness, mental illness, and addiction, and where additional funding could improve those services or enable new services. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| Z. | Resolution 210741 (ID:23623) | By City Councilor Mbah, Ballantyne, Clingan, Niedergang, Ewen-Campen That the Administration appear before this Council to give a report on the Public School building reopening plans. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED AMENDED: Insert "Public School" to specify which building re-opening plans are requested. |
| AA. | Resolution 210743 (ID:23625) | By City Councilor Scott, Ewen-Campen, Davis, Mbah Proposing a process to create the Somerville Community Safety Coalition. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| AB. | Officer's Communication 210874 (ID:23682) | Director of Health and Human Services responding to #210687 re: current and potential services available to neighbors experiencing homelessness, mental illness, and addiction. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |

AC. Order 211175 (ID:24068) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Chiefs of Police and Fire discuss with this Council, by the end of February 2021, the staffing requirements for their respective departments, as there are suggestions that staff counts should be changed.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AD. Resolution 211320 (ID:24222) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Davis, Strezo, Mbah, Rossetti That the Administration, with the Director of Health and Human Services, share a re-opening plan for schools and businesses which defines goals, risks and contingencies.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AE. Order 211325 (ID:24219) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ballantyne, Davis That the Director of Health and Human Services prioritize homelessness outreach workers for upcoming COVID-19 grant funding to better address the increased demand for homeless services.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AF. Order 211326 (ID:24220) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Ballantyne, Davis That the Director of Health and Human Services develop a plan for a warming center or engagement center to address increased homelessness in the community due to COVID-19.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AG. Order 211353 (ID:24257) By City Councilor Mbah That the Director of Health and Human Services create a vaccination site, once more vaccines become available, given the number of vulnerable populations.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AH. Order 211371 (ID:24278) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Health and Human Services use the attached tool to help small businesses and schools adapt to the evolving science around Covid-19 by sharing current data, identifying risks, and defining contingencies.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AI. Order 211428 (ID:24327) By City Councilor McLaughlin, Clingan That the Chief of Police appear before this Council’s Committee on Public Health and Public Safety to discuss the policy on drug possession arrests for the past 5 years.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AJ. Order 211599 (ID:24500) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin, Ballantyne, Scott, Mbah That the Chief of Police update this Council on Somerville's Restorative Justice program, including a description of what sorts of cases are referred for restorative justice and how those decisions are made.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AK. Order 211708 (ID:24612) By City Councilor Davis, Strezo That the Director of Health and Human Services update the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, in writing and in person, on what steps have been taken and are planned to provide services to our neighbors experiencing homelessness, mental illness, and addiction.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AL. Order 211715 (ID:24626) By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Directors of SPCD and Health and Human Services discuss options for the Somerville Homeless Coalition and other community based organizations who need public spaces for engagement centers to meet unsheltered people in a safe and private environment.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AM. Order 211716 (ID:24627) By City Councilor Ballantyne, Strezo, Scott That the Directors of Health and Human Services and Infrastructure and Asset Management advise this Council whether gender neutral bathrooms are available in all public K-8 schools, as requested by middle schoolers.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AN. Resolution 211801 (ID:24706) By City Councilor Davis That the Mayor and the Director of Health and Human Services update the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety on the Covid-19 public health emergency and the city's response (following on #209798).

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AO. Order 211929 (ID:24862) By City Councilor Clingan, Strezo That the Chief of Police request an update from the Housing Authority on the 2020-discussed reforms such as marked vehicles, uniformed officers, body cameras, and updated policies and procedures for officer accountability and discipline.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AP. Officer's Communication 212035 (ID:24917) Director of Health and Humans Services responding to #208261 re: funding for drug treatment.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

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| <p>AQ. Officer's Communication 212190 (ID:25022)</p> | <p>Acting Chief of Police responding to #211929 re: Housing Authority Police reforms.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>AR. Order 212235 (ID:26208)</p> | <p>By City Councilor McLaughlin, Davis, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Niedergang, Mbah That the Director of Health and Human Services identify a location for a harm reduction site to provide alternative methods of addressing substance abuse while plans for a safe consumption site are prepared.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>AS. Resolution 212241 (ID:26204)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Mbah, Scott, Ewen-Campen Requesting the establishment of a restitution program for current and former residents who have been harmed by the war on drugs.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</p> | |
| <p>AT. Order 212303 (ID:26233)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Health and Human Services provide metric-based transparent information for small businesses and schools as we learn to live with COVID and follow emerging science.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>AU. Order 212304 (ID:26234)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Ballantyne That the Director of Health and Human Services discuss with this Council, what COVID/Delta variant safety measures and mandates are being proposed, including mandating vaccinations.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |
| <p>AV. Order 212618 (ID:27499)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Strezo That the Director of Health and Human Services update this Council on the staffing of the Environmental Health Coordinator position to help combat rat infestations throughout the city.</p> |
| <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> | |

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 24. Mayor's Request 212729 (ID:27666)

Requesting approval of the City reprecincting based on the 2020 Federal Census results, after split precinct mitigation.

Intergovernmental Affairs Director Lauren Racaniello and City Planner Charlotte Leis said that the maps were sent to the state for approval. The maps were approved, however because of House redistricting, several precincts were split. Working with the Secretary of State’s Office, a revised map was created to mitigate splitting precincts to the extent possible.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

- 25. Mayor's Request 212730 (ID:27688)

Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to authorize the continued employment of Acting Somerville Police Chief Charles Femino.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

- 26. Mayor's Request 212731 (ID:27663)

Requesting the reduction of the FY22 Veterans Enterprise Budget by \$277,972 to balance the budget.

Councilor Scott stated that the Administration requested approval of this item tonight, but he has had questions on this for several years and he asked that the item be referred to the Finance Committee. Finance Director Ed Bean said that this reduction is needed to set the city’s tax rate. Councilor Scott believes that an appropriation could be made to have a balanced budget, however Mr. Bean said that would increase the tax levy and require a special meeting, all of which would delay the mailing out of tax bills. Councilor Ewen-Campen supports approving the item tonight. Councilor Davis also had questions about the city’s involvement with the rink, specifically that the city would not be renewing management of the large rink, yet money was put into the rink’s enterprise budget. Councilor Ewen-Campen moved for approval of the item. Councilor Davis agrees, since it appears that the money was budgeted prior to the city opting to not renew the management contract.

RESULT: APPROVED

- 27. Mayor's Request 212732 (ID:27634)

Requesting approval to appropriate \$591,442 from the Medical Marijuana Stabilization Fund for implementing related priorities.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

28. Mayor's Request 212733 (ID:27681) Requesting the appropriation of \$150,000 from the Salary & Wage Stabilization Fund to the Police Department - Personal Services - Other Lump Sum Benefits Account in order to settle pending litigation.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

29. Mayor's Request 212734 (ID:27684) Requesting the appropriation of \$220,016 from the Salary Contingency Account to the Police Department Personal Services Accounts to fund a collective bargaining agreement between the City of Somerville and the Somerville Police Superior Officers Association.

President McLaughlin was recused from this item and Councilor Rossetti assumed the Chair. Councilor Scott explained the request and moved for approval.
RESULT: APPROVED

30. Mayor's Request 212735 (ID:27682) Requesting the appropriation of \$66,666.67 from the Unreserved Fund Balance Account ("Free Cash") to the Law Department's Judgments & Settlements Account in order to fund attorneys fees in pending litigation.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

31. Mayor's Request 212736 (ID:27637) Requesting approval to appropriate \$7,700 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Information Technology, Internet Maintenance Account for Internet Pipe Denial of Service Mitigation Services.

Councilor Scott moved for approval.
RESULT: APPROVED

32. Mayor's Request 212737 (ID:27690) Requesting acceptance of, and approval to expend, a \$2,923.38 grant with no new match required, from Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) to the Fire Department for overtime reimbursement for Structural Collapse training.

Councilor Scott moved for approval.
RESULT: APPROVED

33. Mayor's Request 212738 (ID:27606) Requesting approval of a time-only extension for PMA LLC for OPM services for the Somerville High School construction project through 12/31/2023.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED

34. Mayor's Request 212739 (ID:27607) Requesting approval of a time-only extension for Symmes Maini and McKee Associates (SMMA) for designer services during construction for the Somerville High School project through 12/31/2023.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED

35. Mayor's Request 212740 (ID:27608) Requesting approval of a time-only extension for Suffolk Construction Company Inc. for construction management services for the Somerville High School project through 12/31/2023.

Councilor Scott moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED

36. Mayor's Communication 212741 (ID:27689) Conveying a memo from the Democracy Collaborative regarding the Accelerating Reinvestment in our Community (ARC) Project.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

37. Mayor's Communication 212742 (ID:27643) Submitting the updated 2021 Surveillance Technology Annual Report.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

38. Officer's Communication 212743 (ID:27665) Assistant City Solicitor responding to Item #212567 regarding overhead wires.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

NEW BUSINESS

39. Public Communication 212744 (ID:27683) Broadway Somerville Apartments, LLC requesting the adoption of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Map to change the zoning district of 383 Broadway from UR to MR5.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

40. License/Permit 212745 (ID:27697) Public Event License, Dancing in the Dark, Munroe St from Prospect Hill Ave to Greenville St, December 21, 3:30PM-6:30PM.

Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item.
RESULT: APPROVED

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| 41. License/Permit 212746 (ID:27698) | Public Event License, Mid Winter Chili Cookoff, Bond St from Broadway to Heath St, Jan 22, 10AM-4PM (raindate Jan 29). | Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item. RESULT: APPROVED |
| 42. License/Permit 212747 (ID:27699) | Public Event License, Recognizing COVID-19 deaths, Symphony Park, Dec 11, 11AM-3PM (raindate Dec 18). | Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item. RESULT: APPROVED |
| 43. License/Permit 212748 (ID:27696) | New Drainlayer's License, Mendez Masonry & Construction Inc. | Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item. RESULT: APPROVED |
| 44. License/Permit 212749 (ID:27667) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, James Kiley Co, 15 Linwood St. | Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item. RESULT: APPROVED |
| 45. License/Permit 212750 (ID:27668) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, 28 Motorsports, 486R Columbia St. | Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item. RESULT: APPROVED |
| 46. License/Permit 212751 (ID:27669) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Union Gulf Service, 231 Washington St. | Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item. RESULT: APPROVED |
| 47. License/Permit 212752 (ID:27671) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Tech Auto Body, 9 Union Sq. | Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item. RESULT: APPROVED |
| 48. License/Permit 212753 (ID:27672) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, DM Auto Body, 48 Joy St. | Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item. RESULT: APPROVED |
| 49. License/Permit 212754 (ID:27673) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Broadway Brake, 45 Broadway. | Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item. RESULT: APPROVED |

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| 50. License/Permit 212755 (ID:27674) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Hillside Service Center, 45 Mystic Ave. | Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item. RESULT: APPROVED |
| 51. License/Permit 212756 (ID:27675) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 3, Joseph Talewsky and Son, 512 Columbia St. | Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item. RESULT: APPROVED |
| 52. License/Permit 212757 (ID:27677) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 1, Smart Center Boston, 257 McGrath Hwy. | Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item. RESULT: APPROVED |
| 53. License/Permit 212758 (ID:27692) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Broadway Auto Sales, 525 Broadway. | Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item. RESULT: APPROVED |
| 54. License/Permit 212759 (ID:27693) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Teele Sq Auto, 1284 Broadway. | Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item. RESULT: APPROVED |
| 55. License/Permit 212760 (ID:27694) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Broadway Sunoco, 258 Broadway. | Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item. RESULT: APPROVED |
| 56. License/Permit 212761 (ID:27670) | Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 1, Herb Chambers Mercedes Benz of Boston Commercial Vans, 161 Linwood St. | Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item. RESULT: APPROVED |
| 57. License/Permit 212762 (ID:27691) | Renewing Automatic Amusement Devices License, Lucky Strike, 325 Revolution Dr. | Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item. RESULT: APPROVED |

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

58. Resolution 212763 (ID:27717) By City Councilor Strezo, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr. In support of workers of Diesel Cafe, Bloc Cafe, and Forge Baking Company (as DBF United) and their goal to unionize.

Councilor Strezo spoke about the Resolution and sponsored Mitchell Fallon to speak. Mr. Fallon addressed the Council and spoke about the efforts to unionize the 3 businesses named in the resolution.

RESULT: APPROVED

59. Mayor's Request 212764 (ID:27649) Requesting the appropriation of \$1,491,908.58 from the CPA Fund Community Housing Reserve to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee.

Councilor Scott stated that the administration intended for this item to be discussed in the next calendar year. Intergovernmental Affairs Director Lauren Racaniello explained that there will be another item submitted that should run with this item next year.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

60. Mayor's Request 212765 (ID:27718) Requesting approval to appropriate \$100,000 for Workforce Development Services and \$70,000 for Small Business Technical Assistance Services from the Union Square Community Benefits Stabilization fund.

Councilor Ewen-Campen spoke on the item and Councilor Scott moved for approval.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, Strezo, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
ABSENT: White Jr.

61. Mayor's Request 212766 (ID:27720) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$28,448.53 using available funds in the DPW Department from various Admin, Fleet, Buildings, Sanitation, and Highway accounts.

RESULT: APPROVED

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| 62. Mayor's Request 212767 (ID:27685) | Requesting approval for the Communications Department to pay prior year invoices for FY2021 including two invoices totaling \$440.00 to Catholic Charities: Community Interpreters for language interpretation services, and one invoice for \$82.50 to Interpersonal Frequency for website development & maintenance and technical support, out of the Communications Professional and Technical Services Account. |
| RESULT: APPROVED | |
| 63. Mayor's Request 212768 (ID:27716) | Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$157.10 using available funds in the Constituent Services Printing and Stationary Account to Kyocera for one month of printing services for the department. |
| RESULT: APPROVED | |
| 64. Mayor's Request 212769 (ID:27686) | Requesting approval for SomerViva: Office of Immigrant Affairs to pay a prior year invoice for FY2021 totaling \$134.58 to Catholic Charities: Community Interpreters for language interpretation services using available funds in the SOIA Professional and Technical Services Account. |
| RESULT: APPROVED | |
| 65. Officer's Communication 212770 (ID:27722) | Planning Board conveying its recommendations for a proposed amendment to the Somerville Zoning Ordinance (item #212471). |
| RESULT: PLACED ON FILE | |
| 66. License/Permit 212771 (ID:27724) | Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Valente Enterprise, 154 Glen St. Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item. |
| RESULT: APPROVED | |
| 67. License/Permit 212772 (ID:27725) | Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, William Doucette Auto Sales, 325 Alewife Brook Pkwy. Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item. |
| RESULT: APPROVED | |
| 68. License/Permit 212773 (ID:27719) | Sign and Awning Permit, Pilatesrx LLC, 315 Broadway, for 2 blades signs and 1 flat sign. Councilor White moved to waive the reading and approve the item. |
| RESULT: APPROVED | |
| 69. Public Communication 212774 (ID:27721) | Kate Wheeler and David Guss submitting comments re: trees around the Public Safety Building. |
| RESULT: PLACED ON FILE | |

70. Public Trustees and petitioners of 80 Webster Condominium Association submitting
Communication comments re: Item # 212309, amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for MPD +
212775 Boynton Sub Area.
(ID:27723)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

LATE ITEMS

71. Order By City Councilor Davis
212776 That the administration provide a complete accounting of all finances related to
(ID:27726) Veterans Rink and Founders Rink, a detailed explanation of the contract
history and status of both rinks, and an explanation of why Council approval
was not sought for the apparent new contract for management of Founders
rink.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 12:12 AM.