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CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS: *J.T. Scott*, Stephanie Hirsch, Wilfred Mbah, Lance Davis, Ben Ewen-Campen

FINANCE: William White, Mary Jo Rossetti, Ben Ewen-Campen, Matthew McLaughlin, Katjana Ballantyne HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Ben Ewen-Campen, Jesse Clingan, Katjana Ballantyne LAND USE: Lance Davis, William White, Stephanie Hirsch

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS: *Mark Niedergang*, Lance Davis, Mary Jo Rossetti, Matthew McLaughlin, Katjana Ballantyne

LICENSES AND PERMITS: Mary Jo Rossetti, Wilfred Mbah, J.T. Scott

OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY: Wilfred Mbah, J.T. Scott, Jesse Clingan, Mark Niedergang, Katjana Ballantyne

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PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS: William White, J.T. Scott, Lance Davis

SENIOR SERVICES: William White, Mark Niedergang, Mary Jo Rossetti

TRAFFIC AND PARKING: Mark Niedergang, Ben Ewen-Campen, Wilfred Mbah

VETERANS AND PUBLIC SERVICES: Matthew McLaughlin, Stephanie Hirsch, Jesse Clingan

YOUTH SERVICES: Stephanie Hirsch, Jesse Clingan, Katjana Ballantyne

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RODENT ISSUES (SPECIAL): Matthew McLaughlin, Ben Ewen-Campen, Stephanie Hirsch

RULES (SPECIAL): William White, Lance Davis, Mary Jo Rossetti

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RULES MANAGEMENT: Lee Palmer, Laura Pitone, Emily Ackman

HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE: Carrie Normand

SHORE COLLABORATIVE REPRESENTATIVE: Carrie Normand

# City of Somerville, Massachusetts Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen

## **ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES**

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## **OPENING OF THE MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 PM by Ward Five Alderman Mark Niedergang

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

1. Roll Call 204835

Call of the Roll.

**RESULT:** 

(ID:17570)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

## CERTIFICATION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

2. Officer's Election Commissioner submitting the results of the City Election held on Communication November 7, 2017.

204836

(ID:17571)

PLACED ON FILE

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

3. Election 204837 (ID:17572)

Election of a President for 2018: Motion, That Alderman Katjana Ballantyne be elected President of this Board.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

**AYES:** Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

4. Election 204838 (ID:17573)

Election of a Vice President for 2018: Motion, That Alderman Matthew McLaughlin be elected Vice President of this Board.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

#### RECESS FOR THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Board recessed at 5:15 PM, and reconvened at 5:30 PM.

## ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

5. Order By Ald. Davis

204839 That this Board adopts for 2018 the Rules of the Board as approved on

(ID:17574) November 9, 2017.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

6. Order By Ald. White Jr.

204840 That this Board revives all business pending before this Board or its

(ID:17575) Committees at the end of 2017 and recommits the revived items back to this

Board or its proper Committees.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

7. Order By Ald. Hirsch

204841 That this Board directs that the bonds of the City Treasurer be hereby accepted

(ID:17576) and approved.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

8. Order By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That this Board authorizes the City Treasurer to appoint Deputy Tax

(ID:17577) Collectors.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

### COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

### COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

## **NEW BUSINESS**

9. Election 204843 (ID:17578)

Drawing of Seats.

## RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

Seat Assignments:

- 1. Jefferson Thomas ("J.T.") Scott
- 2. Wilfred N. Mbah
- 3. Mary Jo Rossetti
- 4. Jesse Clingan
- 5. William A. White Jr.
- 6. Ben Ewen-Campen
- 7. Lance L. Davis
- 8. Stephanie Hirsch
- 9. Mark Niedergang
- 10. Matthew McLaughlin
- 11. Katjana Ballantyne

## SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

## LATE ITEMS

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was Adjourned at 5:35 PM.

# City of Somerville, Massachusetts Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen

## **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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## **OPENING OF THE MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Ward Seven Alderman Katjana Ballantyne

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

1. Roll Call 204844 (ID:17659) Call of the Roll.

Alderman Rossetti sponsored a moment of silence for Elizabeth Doherty and Lee O'Keefe.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. Minutes 204845 (ID:17660)

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, November 21, 2017.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

#### **CITATIONS**

3. Withdrawn 204846 (ID:17683)

Withdrawn.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

## ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

4. Order By Ald. Mbah, Hirsch

204847 (ID:17582) That the Director of SPCD update this Board on what is being done to preserve minority owned businesses in the city.

Alderman Mbah would like a report on the demographics of the businesses owned in the City.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

5. Resolution By Ald. Mbah

204848 (ID:17583) That the Superintendent of Schools provide this Board with information regarding homelessness among the student population, including the demographics of those affected and what steps are being taken to prevent those at risk from becoming homeless.

Alderman Mbah would like information from the Superintendent of Schools regarding homelessness in the City's schools.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

6. Order By Ald. Rossetti, White Jr., Mbah, Hirsch

204849 (ID:17612) That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services report to this Board, no later than January 18, 2018, all snow removal violations issued to property owners in December and January, and explain how properties are identified for infractions.

Alderman Rossetti would like this tabled until the next meeting.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Board of Aldermen

7. Resolution 204850 (ID:17613)

By Ald. Rossetti, Hirsch, Ballantyne, Clingan, Ewen-Campen, White Jr., Mbah, Niedergang, Davis

That the Administration work with this Board to join the 15 'Age Friendly Communities' in Massachusetts by implementing age-friendly employer initiatives and encouraging our local businesses to do the same.

Alderman Rossetti would like this to be discussed in the Confirmation of Appointments Committee in the hope that Somerville may consider this.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

8. Resolution 204851 (ID:17614)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne

That the Administration update this Board on its efforts to form an Office of Housing Stability, as recommended by the Sustainable Neighborhoods Working Group and mentioned in the Mayor's recent inaugural address.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

9. Order 204852 (ID:17615)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Chief of Police report to this Board, the current approach for enforcing laws relating to cell phone use while driving, and any relevant studies regarding the prevalence of such use in the city.

Alderman Ewen-Campen would like to work with the Administration and enforcement to see what further actions can be done beside ticketing.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

10. Resolution 204853 (ID:17616)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Administration update this Board on plans for adult-use recreational marijuana.

Alderman Ewen-Campen would like to know what the City's plans are for rolling out recreational use of marijuana. Alderman Mbah would like know how this will be impacted by Federal Law. As these discussions are currently being held in different Board Committees, the Resolution was withdrawn.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

11. Order 204854 (ID:17617)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Chief Assessor report to this Board, the number of properties (residential and commercial) that have been bought and sold within a 1-year period, and the extent of improvements that were made during that period, for the past five years.

Alderman Ewen-Campen is interested in obtaining information on properties that have been bought and sold regarding transfer tax, and how much real estate is being bought and sold with no improvements to the property.

RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

12. Resolution 204855 (ID:17618)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Traffic Commission consider supporting the neighborhood petition to make Crocker Street a one-way street for its entire length, and to exempt it from the odd/even snow emergency parking shift each year.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

13. Order 204856 (ID:17619)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Director of Engineering and the Commissioner of Public Works work with this Board to consider possible strategies to address the persistent issue of snow being plowed onto sidewalks during large snow storms.

Alderman Niedergang stated that he had previously filed an order referring to this. The elderly are not able to re-shovel after snow plows come through. There needs to be an investigation on how these people can be helped.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

14. Resolution 204857 (ID:17620)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Administration inform the Ward 3 Aldermen who will bear the financial costs of mitigating the recent flooding and related damage at 125 Lowell Street.

Alderman Ewen-Campen stated that the School of Nursing building at 125 Lowell St. has been purchased by a developer and there was flooding due to a pipe bursting during the storm. Many constituents are concerned about who will pay for the large City response to that problem.

**RESULT:** APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

15. Order 204858 (ID:17621)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Director of Traffic and Parking update the Ward 3 Alderman about any previous traffic studies for traffic calming on School Street.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

16. Order 204859 (ID:17622)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider additional lane-usage signs along Somerville Avenue leading up to its intersection with Washington Street in Union Square.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

17. Order 204860 (ID:17623)

By Ald. Clingan

That the Director of SPCD arrange a meeting with the MBTA and this Board to discuss the elimination of the Route 95 bus stop on Mystic Avenue across from Fremont Street, and how that stop can be restored with proper lighting, markings, etc.

Alderman Clingan would like to arrange a meeting with the Director of SPCD and the MBTA about the elimination of a Route 95 bus stop and how might another stop be placed in a safer location.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

18. Order

By Ald. Clingan

204861 (ID:17624)

(ID:17625)

(ID:17626)

That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the appropriate utility to raise the low hanging wires at the corner of Shore Drive and Putnam Road.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

19. Order 204862

By Ald. Clingan

That the Director of SPCD appear before this Board to discuss the timeline for repaying Broadway, between Central Street and the McGrath Highway.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

20. Resolution 204863

By Ald. Clingan

That the Administration update this Board on the former Winter Hill Star Market and the associated lawsuit, as requested in #201772.

Alderman Clingan would like an update so he has some information to bring back to his constituents.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

21. Resolution 204864 (ID:17631)

By Ald. Hirsch

That the Administration consider a mid-year appropriation for additional traffic coordination or engineering staff to manage the many complex projects underway, communicate with residents and businesses, and carry out any possible immediate traffic calming using real-time data.

**RESULT:** APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

22. Resolution 204865 (ID:17632)

By Ald. Hirsch

That the Administration meet with this Board in Executive Session to provide an update on collective bargaining.

Mr. Snyder responded that the Administration will be happy to provide this information.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE FOLLOWUP: Board of Aldermen

23. Order 204866 (ID:17633) By Ald. Hirsch

That the Director of Personnel provide updated information on employee demographics, including gender, ethnicity and any other tracked categories, with the average wages by demographic group.

Alderman Hirsch would like the Director of Personnel to provide information relating to employee demographics; including gender, ethnicity and their average wages.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

24. Order 204867 (ID:17634)

By Ald. Hirsch

That the Chief Assessor and the Director of Communications provide an update on how this year's tax deferral program can be advertised to each eligible home owner, and how the application process can be streamlined.

Alderman Hirsch stated that while campaigning she did not come across any elderly or fixed income homeowner, who knew how to take advantage of this program. Better communication and advertisement is needed so homeowners have the information needed to take advantage of the tax deferral program.

**RESULT:** APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

25. Order 204868 (ID:17635)

By Ald. Hirsch

That the Director of SPCD provide an update on the progress made on all recommendations included in the December 2015 Sustainable Neighborhood Working Group report.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

26. Order 204869 (ID:17636)

By Ald. Hirsch

That Director of Sustainability and Environment include the School Department's Finance Director in discussions of #204436, to examine procurement criteria for cafeteria food and drink vendors given the amount of waste created by food packaging.

Alderman Hirsch would like to have the City's schools enforce a recycling program.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

27. Resolution 204870 (ID:17637)

By Ald. Hirsch, Ballantyne, Scott

That the Administration report to this Board, by the next Youth Services Committee meeting, on ways to expand open swimming hours at the Kennedy School pool, such as Sundays, Friday/Saturday evenings, school holidays and half-day Wednesdays.

Alderman Hirsch would like to see extended hours for the Kennedy School Pool, i.e., Friday evenings, Saturdays, Sundays.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Youth Services Committee

28. Resolution 204871 (ID:17638)

By Ald. Hirsch, Niedergang

That the Administration report to this Board, by the next Youth Services Committee meeting, on ways to keep the Kennedy School playground open for public use during non-school day daytime hours.

Alderman Hirsch would like to see the Kennedy School Playground open during daylight hours when school is not in session.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Youth Services Committee

29. Resolution 204872 (ID:17639)

By Ald. Hirsch, Rossetti

That the Administration provide an update on the progress of plans outlined in the Somerville Fields Master Plan.

Alderman Hirsch would like to be updated on the Fields Master Plan.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

30. Resolution 204873 (ID:17640)

By Ald. Hirsch

That the Administration, with the School Department, provide data by student income, school and grade, on children being served after school at school-based and non-profit providers, to identify gaps in service and better coordinate and expand such programming.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Youth Services Committee

31. Order 204874 (ID:17641)

By Ald. Hirsch, Niedergang

That the Director of Traffic and Parking publish de-identified parking permit data in the city's open data portal so as to permit community analysis and discussion of issues related to the supply and demand of parking.

Alderman Hirsch would like to see more data published regarding parking permits, so the public can explore creative uses of it.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

32. Order 204875 (ID:17642)

By Ald. Hirsch, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, and the Entire Board That the City Solicitor prepare a Home Rule Petition regarding a Right of First Refusal to allow tenants to have the first option to purchase their homes if they are going to be sold.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

33. Order 204876 (ID:17643)

By Ald. Niedergang, Hirsch, and the Entire Board

That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Traffic and Parking meet with the Committee on Traffic and Parking to discuss policies and procedures to limit residential parking permits for residents of properties that are granted relief from parking requirements by the Zoning Board of Appeals or the Planning Board.

Alderman Niedergang believes that the City's parking policies need to be dramatically revised. He suggests that when developers go before the Zoning Board of Appeals or the Planning Board, and want to build a large amount of residential units with the claim that the development will provide ample parking, the City should ensure that those residents can't obtain permits for street parking.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

34. Order 204877 (ID:17644)

By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board why snow plows cannot go at a slower speed to avoid throwing snow over curbs and onto sidewalks.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

35. Order 204878 (ID:17645)

By Ald. Niedergang, Mbah

That the Commissioner of Public Works deploy a shoveling crew after major snowstorms to shovel out the sidewalks of elderly and disabled residents that get buried by city snowplows, and that the Director of Health and Human Services and the Director of Communications work together to register such residents so they can contact 311 to get their sidewalks re-shoveled after they have been buried by snowplows.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

36. Order 204879 (ID:17646)

By Ald. Niedergang, Mbah

That the Director of Communications coordinate the messaging about when to shovel with the Commissioner of Public Works so that residents are not told to shovel their sidewalks when snow plows are still plowing snow over curbs and burying sidewalks.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

37. Order 204880 (ID:17647)

By Ald. Niedergang, Mbah, and the Entire Board

That the Director of SPCD report to this Board whether he plans to propose to the Traffic Commission that 20 mph speed zones be adopted citywide.

Alderman Niedergang would to see the entire City become a 20 mph safety zone. Alderman Davis stated that he wrote to the Traffic Commission urging them to change the speed limit to 20 mph.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

38. Resolution 204881 (ID:17648)

By Ald. Niedergang

That the Mayor allocate \$25,000 for the remainder of FY18 for this Board to hire its own legal counsel to provide independent legal analysis and advice on legal matters.

Alderman Niedergang feels that the Board should have their own independent legal advice and is requesting that the Mayor allocate funds for it

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

39. Order 204882 (ID:17649)

By Ald. Niedergang, Davis

That the Director of Traffic and Parking add a second crosswalk and install a flashing PEDESTRIAN CROSSING sign on both sides of Summer Street at Cherry Street to enhance safety for children and parents walking to the Kennedy School.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

40. Order 204883 (ID:17650)

By Ald. Niedergang, Davis

That the Director of Traffic and Parking add a second crosswalk on Summer Street at Hancock Street and on Lexington Avenue at Hancock Street.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

41. Order 204884 (ID:17651) By Ald. Scott, and the Entire Board

That this Board explore establishing a community-based independent Community Land Trust that can purchase property in conjunction with nonprofit organizations and private citizens, and make housing permanently affordable.

Alderman Scott would like the Board to explore a community-based independent Community Land Trust to ensure that there is permanent affordable housing.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

42. Order

204885 (ID:17652) By Ald. Scott

That the City Clerk and the Director of SPCD expand abutter notices for Zoning Board of Appeal, Planning Board and Historic Preservation Commission hearings to include tenants of abutting properties in addition to property owners.

Alderman Scott would like abutter notices to be sent to tenants not just landlords.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

43. Order 204886 (ID:17653)

By Ald. Ballantyne

That the City Solicitor and the City Arborist clarify the ordinance requiring tree removal for a new driveway or other construction project.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

44. Order 204887 (ID:17654) By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Director of SPCD provide this Board by end of February with the tree planting schedule, by Ward, for Spring 2018.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

45. Order 204888 (ID:17655)

By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Director of Parks and Recreation and the Director of Finance report to this Board how much money was spent per year on girls' programs and boys' programs during FY16, FY17 and FY18 to date.

**RESULT:** APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

46. Order 204889 (ID:17656)

By Ald. Ballantyne

That the City Arborist trim the tree at 26 Mead Street.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

47. Order 204890 (ID:17658)

By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Director of Traffic and Parking install signs on the eastbound side of Broadway to restrict traffic on Victoria Street, Garrison Avenue and Farragut Avenue.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

48. Order By Ald. Ballantyne

204891 That the Chief of Police cite motorists traveling in the wrong direction on (ID:17657) Clarendon Avenue and Victoria Street from Woodstock Street.

> **APPROVED RESULT:**

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

49. Communication By Ald. Ballantyne

> 204892 In her capacity as President, conveying this Board's Standing and Special

(ID:17686) Committee assignments and Commission appointments for 2018.

> **RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

50. Order By Ald. Niedergang, Davis, Connolly, and the Entire Board 204377

That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and the City Solicitor appear at this Board's November 9, 2017 meeting to discuss why developers have (ID:17109) gotten building permits without meeting pre-conditions specified in zoning decisions, how the City can more effectively monitor projects for compliance with zoning conditions and other requirements, and what fines and penalties can be levied to deter future violations.

> Alderman Niedergang informed the Board that this discussion is scheduled to take place at the next meeting.

**RESULT:** LAID ON THE TABLE Board of Aldermen **FOLLOWUP:** 

51. Order 204736 (ID:17479)

By Ald. White Jr., Lafuente, Sullivan, Connolly, Rossetti, Davis That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inform this Board of the department's practices when residents complain of structural damage to their homes caused by nearby construction activities.

This item is scheduled to be discussed at the next meeting.

LAID ON THE TABLE **RESULT: FOLLOWUP:** Board of Aldermen

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

## COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

52. Mayor's Request 204893 (ID:17685) Requesting the adoption of a zoning amendment to Amend Article 16 to establish that owners or developers of future PUD projects may not seek a waiver of any change to affordable housing requirements.

Also referred to the Planning Board.

Alderman Niedergang questioned the need for this item, and Director of Planning George Proakis responded that this is the Committee's proposed text, presented for consideration by the Law Office.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

53. Mayor's Request 204894 (ID:17579) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$1441.25 using available funds in the Capital Projects and Planning Professional and Technical Services Account for construction administration services at the former School Administration Building.

Alderman White requested to waive the readings of items 53 through 55 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

54. Mayor's Request 204895 (ID:17627) Requesting acceptance of a \$75,000 donation from Tufts University pursuant to its Partnership Agreement with the City.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

55. Mayor's Request 204896 (ID:17581) Requesting acceptance of a \$45,625 grant with no new match required, from the MA Office of Housing and Economic Development to SPCD's Economic Development Division for an Advanced Manufacturing Training program.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

56. Mayor's Request 204897 (ID:17584) Requesting the re-appointment of Stanley Koty as Commissioner of Public Works.

Alderman Scott requested to waive the readings of items 56 through 81 and item 115 and refer them to the Confirmation of Appointments Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

Requesting the re-appointment of Steven MacEachern as Superintendent of 57. Mayor's Request Highways, Lines and Lights. 204898 **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION (ID:17585) **FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee 58. Mayor's Requesting the re-appointment of Walter Whitney as Superintendent of Public Request Buildings & Grounds. 204899 **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION (ID:17586) **FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee 59. Requesting the re-appointment of Ron Bonney as Superintendent of Fleet Mayor's Request Management. 204900 **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION (ID:17587) **FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee 60. Mayor's Requesting the re-appointment of Goran Smiljic as Superintendent of Request Inspectional Services. 204901 REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:** (ID:17588) **FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee Requesting the re-appointment of Robert King as Director of Capital Planning 61. Mayor's Request and Engineering. 204902 REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:** (ID:17589) **FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee 62. Requesting the re-appointment of Rich Raiche as City Engineer. Mayor's Request **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION 204903 **FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters (ID:17590) Committee 63. Mayor's Requesting the re-appointment of John DeLuca as Director of Water & Sewer. Request **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION 204904

Committee

Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

**FOLLOWUP:** 

(ID:17591)

64.	Mayor's	Requesting the re-appointment of Frank Wright as City Solicitor.		
Request 204905 (ID:17592)		RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION  Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters  Committee	
65.	Mayor's	Requesting the re-	appointment of Angela Allen as Purchasing Agent.	
	Request 204906 (ID:17593)	RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION  Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters  Committee	
66.	Mayor's	Requesting the re-	appointment of Steve Craig as 311 Director.	
	Request 204907 (ID:17594)	RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee	
67.	Mayor's	Requesting the re-	appointment of Michael Lapiana as Animal Control Officer.	
Request 204908 (ID:17595)		RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee	
68.	Mayor's	Requesting the re-appointment of Edward Bean as Finance Director.		
Request 204909 (ID:17596)		RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee	
69.	Mayor's	Requesting the re-	appointment of Rose Durham as Clerk of Committees.	
Request 204910 (ID:17597)		RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee	
70.	70. Mayor's Requesting the re-appointment of Charles Sillari as Assistant Clerk of Committees.			
204911 (ID:17598)		RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee	
71.	Mayor's	Requesting the re-	appointment of Peter Forcellese, Sr. as Legislative Clerk.	
	Request 204912 (ID:17599)	RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee	

72. Mayor's Request 204913 (ID:17600) Requesting the re-appointment of Bryan Bishop as Director of Veterans Services.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

73. Mayor's Request 204914 (ID:17601) Requesting the re-appointment of Michael Bertino as Treasurer/Collector of Taxes.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

74. Mayor's Request 204915 (ID:17602) Requesting the re-appointment of Jill Lathan as Director of Parks and Recreation.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

75. Mayor's Request 204916 (ID:17603) Requesting the re-appointment of Suzanne Rinfret as Director of Traffic and Parking.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

76. Mayor's Request 204917 (ID:17604) Requesting the re-appointment of Christopher Hosman as Executive Director of the Women's Commission.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

77. Mayor's Request 204918 (ID:17605) Requesting the re-appointment of William Roche as Municipal Hearing Officer.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

78. Mayor's Request 204919 (ID:17607) Requesting the re-appointment of Nicholas Salerno as Elections Commissioner.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

79. Mayor's Request 204920 (ID:17609) Requesting the re-appointment of Doug Kress as Director of the Board of Health.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

80. Mayor's

Requesting the re-appointment of Candace Cooper as Director of Personnel.

Request 204921 (ID:17610)

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

81. Mayor's

Requesting the appointment of Rachel Taylor as Animal Control Officer.

Request 204922 (ID:17629)

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

## **COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

**FOLLOWUP:** 

82. Officer's Legislative Liaison submitting a communication regarding the establishment of Communication an Appointment Advisory Committee.

204923 (ID:17687)

Alderman White requested to waive the readings of items 82 through 85 and refer them to the appropriate Committees, with item 83 sent to the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

83. Officer's
Communication
204924

Legislative Liaison submitting a communication regarding the implementation of the Ordinance to Safeguard Vulnerable Road Users (aka the Sideguard Ordinance).

(ID:17630)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

84. Officer's Communication

DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 12/14/17.

204925 (ID:17526)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

85. Officer's
Communication
204926

(ID:17580)

Officer's Traffic and Parking Director submitting responses to various Board Orders Communication submitted 11/9/17, 11/21/17 and 12/14/17.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

86. 204927

(ID:17668)

License/Permit Public Event Permit, Co-Incidence Festival music performances, Sidewalks from Union Sq to 321 Washington St, Jan 19-25, 1 hour each day starting between 5 and 10 PM and ending between 6 and 11PM.

> RESULT: **APPROVED**

87. 204928 (ID:17669)

License/Permit Public Event Permit, BA Events Race of Ireland, Davis Sq and area streets, Mar 11, 7AM-2PM.

> Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 87 through 99 and refer them to Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

88. 204929 (ID:17670)

License/Permit Public Event Permit, St. Benedict Good Friday Procession, Area streets from Cutter to Hathorn Sts, Mar 30, 3-7PM.

> **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

89.

204930 (ID:17671)

License/Permit New Drainlayer's License, Brennan Construction.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

90. 204931 (ID:17672)

License/Permit New Extended Operating Hours License, Venus Pizza and Grill, 1295 Broadway, remaining open for in-store, take-out and delivery service until 5AM 7 days/week.

> REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:**

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

91. 204932 (ID:17673)

License/Permit Amending Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Master Used Cars, 121 Prospect St, to increase the number of vehicles outside to 38, and increase Saturday hours to 6PM.

> REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:**

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

92. 204933 (ID:17674)

License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, 28 Motorsports, 486R Columbia

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

93. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Union Gulf Service, 231 204934 Washington St. (ID:17675) **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee 94. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Mystic Auto Sales, 712 Mystic 204935 (ID:17676) **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Real Auto Shop, 463 McGrath 95. 204936 Hwy. (ID:17688) **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee 96. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Webster Auto Sales, 61 Prospect 204937 (ID:17689) **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee 97. License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, NU Cafe and Juice Bar, 195 Washington 204938 St. (ID:17678) **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee 98. Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Ola Gifts Cafe, 112 Broadway. License/Permit 204939 **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION (ID:17679) **FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee 99. License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Maya Sol Mexican Grill, 179 Broadway. 204940 **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION (ID:17680) **FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee License/Permit Renewing Livery License, Mass Cab, 45 Endicott Ave. 100.

**APPROVED** 

204941

(ID:17677)

**RESULT:** 

101. License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, Smoke Valley, 19 Union Sq, 1 sign.

204942 (ID:17681)

Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 101, 116 and 117 and refer them to the Licenses and Permits Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

102. Public PERAC submitting the required FY 2019 retirement system appropriation.

Communication 204943 (ID:17684)

Alderman White requested to waive the reading of item 102 and refer it to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

103. Public 23 residents submitting a petition re: the trees removed on Beacon Street.

Communication 204944 (ID:17611)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

#### SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

104. Order By Ald. Davis, Rossetti

204945 (ID:17661)

That the City Solicitor advise this Board on options to allow primary enforcement of city ordinances by city representatives, including Police and Parking Control Officers.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

105. Order By Ald. Davis

204946 (ID:17662) That the City Clerk revise the wording of the opening prayer to change the words, "all men and women" to "all people".

Alderman Davis would like the words introductory prayer to be revised to say "All People" rather than "All Men and Women."

**RESULT:** APPROVED

106. Order By Ald. Davis

204947 (ID:17663) That the City Clerk and the City Solicitor advise this Board on whether the opening prayer and the salute to the flag are required at the beginning of meetings.

Alderman Davis would like to explore what the requirements are regarding the opening prayer and salute to the flag.

107. Resolution 204948

(ID:17664)

By Ald. Davis, Rossetti

That the Administration explore additional pedestrian safety strategies for crosswalks when the crossing signs have to be removed during winter.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

108. Order 204949 (ID:17665)

By Ald. Davis

That the Commissioner of Public Works advise this Board on the priority policy for clearing snow from sidewalk curb cuts at intersections.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

109. Resolution 204950 (ID:17666) By Ald. Davis

That the Administration advise this Board on the city's ability to clear sidewalks that have not been cleared and charge the property owner for the cost.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

110. Resolution 204951 (ID:17667)

By Ald. Davis

That the Administration advise this Board whether data is kept, or can be kept, on repeat offenders of the snow removal ordinance, and whether penalties can be increased for repeat offenders.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

111. Order 204952 (ID:17696) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works remove all space savers from parking spots on all city streets and that the Director of Communications remind residents of the prohibition on reserving parking spots for personal use.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

112. Mayor's Request 204953 (ID:17628) Requesting the adoption of a New Zoning Ordinance (1/2018 update) to supersede the current Zoning Ordinance as originally adopted on March 23, 1990.

Also referred to the Planning Board.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

113. Mayor's Request 204954 (ID:17693) Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to authorize the City to impose a Real Estate Transfer Fee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

114. Mayor's Request 204955 (ID:17692) Requesting acceptance of a \$400,000 grant that requires a match, from the MA Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs PARC Grant Program to SPCD for renovations to Prospect Hill Park.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

115. Mayor's

Requesting the appointment of Lara Versari to the Human Rights Commission.

Request 204956 (ID:17690)

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

116. License/Permit 204957

(ID:17695)

Amending Outdoor Seating License, Spoke Wine Bar, 89 Holland St, adding 1 outdoor vestibule for winter use.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

117. License/Permit 204958

Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, CM Auto Sales, 39 Webster Ave.

204958 (ID:17700)

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

#### **LATE ITEMS**

118. Resolution 204959

By Ald. Hirsch, White Jr., Mbah, Rossetti, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne,

Clingan, Scott, Ewen-Campen

(ID:17703) Congratulating Alderman Matt McLaughlin on the happy occasion of his

upcoming wedding.

Alderman Ballantyne read a congratulations to Alderman McLaughlin from

the entire Board for his upcoming wedding.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

119. Order 204960 (ID:17702) By Ald. McLaughlin, Rossetti

That the Director of SPCD update this Board on plans to renovate the area under I-93, near the Stop & Shop, for pedestrian access to Assembly Square.

Alderman McLaughlin would like to see renovation done to clean up and beautify this path to access Assembly Square.

RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was Adjourned at 8:40 PM.

# City of Somerville, Massachusetts Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen

## **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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## **OPENING OF THE MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 PM by Ward Seven Alderman Katjana Ballantyne

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

1. Roll Call 204961 (ID:17782) Call of the Roll.

Alderman Rossetti and the entire Board sponsored a moment of silence for Barbara Koty. Alderman Niedergang and Alderman White sponsored a moment of silence for Gerry Fleming.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. Minutes 204962 (ID:17783)

Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting, December 12, 2017, and the Regular Meeting, December 14, 2017.

#### **CITATIONS**

3. Citation 204963 (ID:17781)

By Ald. Rossetti, the Entire Board and the Mayor

Commending Patrick Sullivan III, Chief Fire Engineer and Fire Fighter for  $32\,$ 

years, on the auspicious occasion of his retirement.

Alderman Rossetti presented a Citation commending Chief Patrick Sullivan,

III for his 32 years of Service.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

4. Citation 204964

By Ald. Niedergang, the Entire Board and the Mayor

Commending Lea Ruscio for her tireless leadership as Executive Director of

(ID:17757) the Center for Arts at the Armory.

Alderman Niedergang introduced Robert Smythe, who read a poem, and Joe Lynch, who made a statement, honoring Lea Ruscio for her incredible efforts to make the Armory a thriving cultural destination.

RESULT: APPROVED

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

## ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

5. Order 204965 (ID:17709)

By Ald. Mbah, Ballantyne, Rossetti, White Jr., Hirsch

That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a crosswalk at Woods Avenue

and Route 16.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

6. Resolution 204966

By Ald. Mbah

That the Administration consider including an anaerobic digester at the new

(ID:17710) High School.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

7. Order 204967

By Ald. Mbah

That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with the street repaving

(ID:17711) schedule for 2018.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

8. Order 204968 (ID:17712)

By Ald. Mbah

That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with a list of all city owned parcels, indicating any brownfields, and any plans to remediate those sites and use them for housing.

Alderman Mbah would like a list of city-owned brownfields and their future plans.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

9. Order 204969 (ID:17733)

By Ald. Mbah, McLaughlin

That the Director of SPCD explain why the process of applying for affordable housing hasn't been consolidated into a single, universal, persistent application, lottery, and wait list.

Alderman Mbah feels the affordable housing application process needs to be streamlined. Alderman Niedergang and Alderman McLaughlin agree that this is very important for applicants.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

10. Resolution 204970 (ID:17734)

By Ald. Mbah

That the Administration consider installing solar panels on municipal buildings, and providing incentives for property owners to install their own solar panels.

Alderman Mbah feels that this would be a good way to lead by example. Alderman Rossetti stated that last year the City took this on and had multiple meetings with the community and someone they had partnered with from the state, and there was an incentive program encouraging residents to put solar panels on their roofs. There have been discussions with this Board regarding our zoning code which will be looked at again with the proposed zoning overhaul.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

11. Order 204971 (ID:17735)

By Ald. Clingan

That the Commissioner of Public Works treat the Winter Hill business district between School and Marshall Streets the same as other city squares when it comes to snow removal.

Alderman Clingan has heard a lot of constituents complain that their neighborhood is being neglected and he would like this square to be placed on the priority list for snow removal.

12. Order

By Ald. Clingan

204972 (ID:17736)

That the Director of Traffic and Parking remove the leftover sign stump on Sycamore Street, at the corner of Evergreen Avenue.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

13. Order 204973

By Ald. Clingan

That the Chief of Police enforce the speed limit on Jacques Street, especially towards the corner of Edgar Avenue, during the morning commute.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

14. Order

By Ald. Clingan

204974 (ID:17738)

(ID:17737)

That the Commissioner of Public Works request the USPS to remove or replace the damaged relay mailbox at the corner of Moreland and East Albion Streets.

RESULT: APPROVED

15. Order

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

204975 (ID:17753) That the City Solicitor provide an opinion on whether this Board can require landlords to distribute voter registration forms to all new tenants.

Alderman Ewen-Campen would like know if it would be legal for landlords to distribute voter registration forms to all new tenants. Alderman Niedergang stated that this is actually a law in Seattle.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

16. Order 204976 (ID:17755)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with a detailed description of the MA Workforce Housing Initiative and explain how the city can encourage developers to take advantage of it.

Alderman Ewen-Campen stated that he would like to see more housing for residents who don't qualify for inclusionary units but are having trouble finding market rate units. He would also like to know more about the City's plan and funding that may be available and how Ward Aldermen can encourage developers to take advantage of this.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

17. Order 204977 (ID:17756)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inform this Board of the number of requests each year for electrical inspections for solar panels, and how long they take to be fulfilled.

18. Order

204978 (ID:17760) By Ald. Niedergang, Ewen-Campen

That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a "No Parking Here to Curb" sign on Highland Avenue at the west side of Porter Street, so cars exiting Porter Street can see eastbound traffic on Highland Avenue.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

19. Order

By Ald. Niedergang, Ewen-Campen

204979 (ID:17761)

That the Director of SPCD install a crosswalk on Highland Avenue at Porter Street, where a public alley connects to Hudson Street.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

20. Communication By Ald. Niedergang

204980 (ID:17758) Reporting on the Capital Projects Master Plan Working Group meetings from October 2016 to early January 2017.

Alderman Niedergang reported on the items discussed at the meeting. To date, there have been about half a dozen meetings which involve Department Heads. The scope is to look at all the office space for the city workforce as well as other buildings such as Recreation, Department of Public Works, and the Tufts Administration Building, where we currently rent space at great expense, to try to improve and rationalize the use of that space. So far, no formal report has come out of these meetings, but the Committee is planning on reporting to the Mayor in the early spring. It will then be up to the Mayor what to do with the recommendations.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

21. Communication By Ald. Niedergang, Ewen-Campen

204981 (ID:17759) Reporting on the Affordable Housing Trust Fund for October through

7759) December 2017.

Alderman Niedergang reported on the items discussed at the meeting. There is a written report on the Affordable Housing Trust Fund attached to the agenda which all interested parties should read.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

22. Order 204982

By Ald. McLaughlin, and the Entire Board

(ID:17762)

That the Director of SPCD outline any financial incentives offered in the city's Amazon bid as well as plans for a Community Benefits Agreement in the

possible development.

RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

23. Order 204983 (ID:17763) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Director of Traffic and Parking put NO TURN signs at Perkins Street and Mt. Vernon Street to prevent cars from driving down the wrong way on Mt. Vernon Street.

24. Order 204984 (ID:17764) By Ald. McLaughlin, Clingan, Ballantyne, Scott, Mbah

That the Director of SPCD provide data for all current affordable housing stock in the city, including section 8 vouchers, state and federal affordable housing, and inclusionary housing.

Alderman McLaughlin would like data on how many affordable housing units there actually are in the City.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

25. Order 204985 (ID:17765) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Director of Health and Human Services reintroduce plans to ban nips in liquor stores.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

26. Order 204986 (ID:17766) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Director of Health and Human Services consider expanding the brown bag lunch program for seniors by offering delivery services.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

27. Order 204987 (ID:17767) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Director of SPCD require leases for commercial buildings that get assistance from the storefront improvement program.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

28. Resolution 204988 (ID:17776)

By Ald. McLaughlin, and the Entire Board

Acknowledging this Board's support for the continuance of Temporary Protected Status for Salvadoran residents.

RESULT: APPROVED

29. Resolution 204989

(ID:17768)

By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Administration provide an update on the "DIF for Affordable Housing" plan identified as one of the Mayor's goals for the upcoming year.

**RESULT:** APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

30. Order 204990 (ID:17769)

By Ald. Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, McLaughlin That the Director of SPCD update this Board on the Affordable Housing

Universal Wait List plan and consolidating the process of applying for affordable housing into a single, universal, persistent application, lottery, and wait list.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

31. Order

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204991 (ID:17770)

By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect and fine where necessary the owner(s) of 33-35 Barton Street for vegetation and overgrowth onto the sidewalk.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

32. Order

204992 (ID:17771) By Ald. Ballantyne

That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance to amend to the maximum, from \$50 to \$300, the fine for violations of Ordinance 9-56 "Vegetation and overgrown projection on to sidewalk".

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

33. Order

204993 (ID:17772) By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Chief of Police monitor traffic traveling the wrong way on Clarendon Avenue and Farragut, Victoria, and Waterhouse Streets.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

34. Order

204994 (ID:17773) By Ald. Hirsch, Ewen-Campen, Scott

That the Commissioner of Public Works provide an update on repairs to the pedestrian activated walk signal in front of East Boston Savings Bank on Somerville Avenue.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

35. Order

204995 (ID:17774)

By Ald. Hirsch, Scott

That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Arts Council Director determine the feasibility of creating a mural (or another graffiti deterrent) on the back side of the Argenziano School.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

36. Order

204996 (ID:17775) By Ald. Hirsch, Ballantyne, Clingan

That this Board's Committee on Youth Services organize one or more workshops to ask tweens and young teens about how the city can make sure our community is a great place for them to live.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Youth Services Committee

37. Order

204997 (ID:17777) By Ald. Scott

That the Director of Traffic and Parking add a properly signed and signaled crosswalk at 45 Beacon Street to enhance safety for residents accessing the Whole Foods Market.

38. Order By Ald. Scott

204998 (ID:17778) That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the traffic signal at Buckingham and Beacon Streets, and report to this Board on installing a better

signal there.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

39. Resolution 204999 (ID:17779) By Ald. Scott, Ewen-Campen

Congratulating the elected Board members of the Union Square Neighborhood Council on their formation and acknowledging their role in securing the longterm success of the Union Square redevelopment plan.

Alderman McLaughlin expressed his support for this item and his opposition to referring it to Committee.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

40. Communication By Ald. Rossetti

> 205000 (ID:17746)

Reporting on the High School Building Committee meeting of January 22, 2018.

Alderman Rossetti reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The demolition will begin this June; in May of 2019 the process will begin for the CTE wing. The field work will be at the end of the project, hopefully underway in the spring of 2021. At a recent presentation at the Kiwanis Club, the main concern raised was parking. April 13 will be the completion of the modulars. A lot of alum have been asking if they can tour the building before the demolition so a potential tour is in the works for Saturday, March 24, coinciding with the CTE Open House. There are also people from the community wanting a brick from the demolition as a memorial. The representative from Suffolk didn't feel that this would be a problem but will get back to the committee. The project is continuing under budget and on time. The RFPs for bids went out Wednesday. There will be a prequalification process for the various construction teams that want to be part of this project.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

41. Order 204377 (ID:17109)

By Ald. Niedergang, Davis, Connolly, and the Entire Board That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and the City Solicitor appear at this Board's November 9, 2017 meeting to discuss why developers have gotten building permits without meeting pre-conditions specified in zoning decisions, how the City can more effectively monitor projects for compliance with zoning conditions and other requirements, and what fines and penalties can be levied to deter future violations.

Alderman Niedergang stated that there is no reliable way for a homeowner to get in touch with someone who can send an inspector out at night, on a weekend, or on a holiday, when something is going on in a neighborhood or in a building. Inspectional Services often does not monitor construction work carefully enough and is not quick enough to levy fines on developers who are repeat law breakers. There have also been accusations of a lack of consistency on the part of inspectors in interpreting the Building Code and mistakes are common. Alderman Davis added that too often the burden is placed on constituents. Inspectional Services Director Goran Smiljic responded that he recognizes a gap in communication, especially on weekends. The Mayor's office has set up a meeting between 311, the Police Chief, and him to figure out how this should be handled. When the results of this meeting are available, they will inform the Board of Aldermen. He believes that a process to receive calls on weekends, nights, and holidays has already been put in place. Tim Snyder from the Mayor's Office discussed staffing levels and adding more positions. Alderman White asked Mr. Smiljic to come up with a list of tickets issued so constituents and the Board can see if enforcement has been increasing or decreasing.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

42. Order 204736 (ID:17479)

By Ald. White Jr., Lafuente, Sullivan, Connolly, Rossetti, Davis That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inform this Board of the department's practices when residents complain of structural damage to their homes caused by nearby construction activities.

Alderman White raised a concern about foundational damage through construction and levels of vibration. He questioned if the levels of vibration can be measured. Inspectional Services Director Goran Smiljic responded that developers have policies in place to measure the amount of vibrations.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

43. Order 204849 (ID:17612)

By Ald. Rossetti, White Jr., Mbah, Hirsch

That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services report to this Board, no later than January 18, 2018, all snow removal violations issued to property owners in December and January, and explain how properties are identified for infractions.

Inspectional Services Director Goran Smiljic said that when a snow storm is coming, many different departments get involved, including DPW, Fire, and Police. A range of issues are discussed: really cold temperatures, homes with no heat or no water, etc. He said streets are prioritized for plowing in a 5-step order: 1) Safe routes to school, 2) Main streets, squares and cross town roads, 3) 311 complaints, 4) Inspections that go as deep into the neighborhoods as possible, and 5) Follow-ups in this same order. Issuing tickets for snow removal does not remove the snow; the owner still has the option not to comply. The city then moves to legal enforcement, which can take time to get the desired effect, so it can appear that enforcement isn't happening right away.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

# 44. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205001 (ID:17744) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on January 24, 2018. NOTE: The Board may convene in Executive Session to discuss the candidate assessment questions and individual candidates pursuant to MGL c30A s21(a)(1).

Alderman Scott reported on the items discussed at the meeting. Alderman Scott recommended appointments of the following officers: Michael Kennelly, Michael McCarey, Sean Sylvester and James Slattery. Alderman Rossetti questioned what the candidates' qualifications and ethnicity were. Candace Cooper, Director of Personnel responded with a list of the candidates that were up for these appointments with their demographics. Alderman Rossetti requested to amend the report to include this document, and requested a breakdown of Police managerial positions by gender and ethnicity. Ms. Cooper distributed that information. Alderman White stated that after reviewing the list, it appears that each candidate up for promotion tonight was done so according to their rank and it appears that no one on the list was bypassed. Alderman Rossetti made a motion to include the demographic list to the Committee Report. Alderman Scott introduced the officers and they were sworn in to their new positions.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

B. Mayor's Request 204799 (ID:17530)

Requesting the appointment of Michael Kennelly to the position of Police Lieutenant.

C. Mayor's Request 204803 (ID:17529) Requesting the appointment of James Slattery to the position of Police Sergeant.

RESULT: APPROVED

D. Mayor's Request 204801 (ID:17527) Requesting the appointment of Michael McCarey to the position of Police Sergeant.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

E. Mayor's Request 204802 (ID:17528) Requesting the appointment of Sean Sylvester to the position of Police Sergeant.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

## 45. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205002 (ID:17745) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on January 25, 2018. NOTE: The Board may convene in Executive Session to discuss the candidate assessment questions and individual candidates pursuant to MGL c30A s21(a)(1).

Alderman Scott reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Committee discussed #204800, requesting the appointment of Sgt. Michael Kiely to the position of Police Lieutenant. The Committee voted to discharge this item back to the Board without a recommendation. The Board then referred the item back to the Committee.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

B. Mayor's Request 204800 (ID:17531) Requesting the appointment of Michael Kiely to the position of Police Lieutenant.

This item was discharged by the Committee to the Board without a recommendation. The Board voted to refer the item back to the Committee.

**NOTE**: On Friday, January 26, 2018, Alderman Ballantyne moved reconsideration of this item. It is now placed before the Board of Aldermen's next meeting, as Unfinished Business.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Board of Aldermen

### 46. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205003 (ID:17739) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on January 16, 2018.

Alderman White reported on the items discussed at the meeting, including a request for a \$2 million bond to repair the Buena Vista Garage in Davis Square. Alderman Rossetti requested that the City Solicitor provide his opinion whether we can participate in an upcoming lease renegotiation at the Garage.

B. Order 199247 (ID:11792) By Ald. White Jr.

That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with written responses to certain requests for residential and commercial data since 2010.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Order 199305

(ID:11944)

By Ald. White Jr., Ballantyne

That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with a comprehensive financial plan to develop Union Square, including expenditures to date and future costs, by early September.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. Order 200064 (ID:12722) By Ald. White Jr.

That the Director of SPCD consult with the new management team at North Point and report back to this Board on their plans.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

E. Order 200065 (ID:12723) By Ald. White Jr.

That the City Engineer provide this Board with the storm water policy and a discussion of the 4 to 1 plan.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

F. Order 200066

By Ald. White Jr.

That the City Treasurer provide this Board with Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund balance sheets and a report of water and sewer rates in the 15 largest MA communities.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

G. Order 200592

By Ald. Rossetti

(ID:13187)

(ID:12724)

That the Director of Personnel report to this Board June's employee vacancies and all hires since then.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

H. Resolution 200752 (ID:13389) By Ald. White Jr., Rossetti, Lafuente

That the Administration provide assistance, including financial where appropriate, to resident homeowners whose property is damaged from the roots of trees planted by the City.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

I. Order 200982 (ID:13624)

By Ald. White Jr., Davis

That the Superintendent of the Water and Sewer Enterprise Funds appear before the Finance Committee to discuss the policy of charging homeowners who request that their meter be checked when water bills are questioned.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

J. Public Abutters to Communication renovation.

Abutters to the West Branch Library submitting comments regarding its

201268 (ID:13924)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

K. Officer's Communication

Purchasing Director responding to #201490 re: current Verizon contracts.

Communication 201539 (ID:14155)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

(ID:14155)
L. Resolution 201664

(ID:14335)

(ID:14403)

By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Administration provide a 3 year projection of bond requests, by project name, as of June 2016.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

M. Mayor's Request 201745 Requesting the appropriation of \$200,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund for the Citywide Mobility Plan.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

N. Order 201856 (ID:14518)

By Ald. Heuston, McWatters, and the Entire Board

That the City Solicitor advise this Board on regulating Air BnB rentals through a possible local tax.

### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

O. Order 201868 (ID:14534) By Ald. White Jr., and the Entire Board

That the Director of Water and Sewer appear before this Board at its September 13 regular meeting to discuss the new base water charge, the reasons for its adoption, and why the Board was not informed of it during the budget meetings.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

P. Order 201896 (ID:14573) By Ald. Rossetti

That the Director of Personnel provide an updated report of any and all positions filled and/or vacated since the FY17 budget discussions.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

Q. Order 202008 (ID:14674) By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Director of Finance and the Superintendent of Water and Sewer provide this Board with the total costs associated with emergency water and sewer repairs for FY14, FY15 and FY16 by this Board's September 13 regular meeting.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

R. Order 202026 (ID:14691) By Ald. Connolly, and the Entire Board

That the Water Superintendent report to this Board on the imposition or suspension of water and sewer base charges for customers.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

S. Officer's

Acting Water Superintendent submitting a Water & Sewer Enterprise Funds Communication Financial Analysis and a Water & Sewer Rate Study.

202080 (ID:14767)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

T. Officer's

Acting Water Superintendent responding to #202008 re: emergency water and Communication sewer repairs in FY14-FY16.

202135 (ID:14807)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

U. Officer's Communication vacancies. 202156

Acting Director of Personnel responding to #201896 re: status of City

(ID:14827)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

V. Order By Ald. Rossetti

202157 (ID:14837) That the Water Superintendent provide this Board with a report of the number of commercial customers that are being charged the residential rate, prior to this Board's next meeting on October 13, 2016.

WORK COMPLETED **RESULT:** 

W. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

> 202158 (ID:14838)

That the Water Superintendent inform this Board about the State Law regarding 4 to 1 infiltration in-flow for water and sewer charges for large developments, and that the water and sewer fees for Assembly Row, Maxwell Green, and other large scale developments be provided as well.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

X. Order By Ald. Ballantyne, Heuston

> 202164 (ID:14839)

That the Director of Finance review with this Board a residential and commercial real estate tax bill, clearly identifying all additional fees that taxpayers are paying (e.g. CPA charge).

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

Y. Officer's Assistant City Solicitor responding to #201856 re: possible regulation of Communication AirBnB rentals through a local tax.

202224

(ID:14808)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED Z. Order 202165 (ID:14840) By Ald. Ballantyne, Heuston

That the Director of Finance discuss review with this Board a water/sewer bill for all rate payers (tiered), clearly identifying all additional fees that rate payers are paying (e.g. base monthly charge).

# RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AA. Mayor's Request 202282 (ID:14943) Requesting approval of an appropriation of \$47,500 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to retain an economic planning/real estate consultant to assist in developing a District Improvement Financing application.

# RESULT: WITHDRAWN

AB. Officer's Communication 202290

Officer's City Assessor conveying the Green Line Extension Assessment Study Communication completed by RKG Associates.

202290 (ID:14945)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AC. Officer's Communication 202491

Officer's Director of Capital Projects responding to #200065 and #202158 re: the city's Communication Inflow and Infiltration policy.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

(ID:15170)

AD.

By Ald. Niedergang

Resolution 202500 (ID:15187)

That the Administration report to this Board on outreach efforts to seniors who are home owners, to help them take advantage of property tax exemptions and deferral opportunities.

#### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AE. Mayor's Conveying Communication documents.

Conveying the FY2017-FY2026 Capital Projects List and accompanying documents

202553 (ID:15212)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AF. Resolution 202618

By Ald. McLaughlin, and the Entire Board

(ID:15350)

That the Administration update this Board on the proposed Community Advisory Committee for Capital Improvement Projects and explain how it will interact with this Board.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AG. Order 202785 (ID:15491)

By Ald. Niedergang

That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider purchasing 70 temporary speed bumps to be deployed beginning in April, or as soon as possible, on residential streets that have requested traffic calming measures.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AH. Order

202786 (ID:15492) By Ald. Niedergang, Heuston

That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider purchasing 21 flashing speed monitoring sign boards to deploy on streets where residents are concerned about speeding.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

Order AI.

202875 (ID:15584) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Water and Sewer Superintendent report to this Board whether homeowners could install a separate water meter for outdoor water lines, which would not incur sewer fees.

WORK COMPLETED **RESULT:** 

AJ. Mayor's Request

202884 (ID:15469) Requesting approval to appropriate \$360,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the Assembly Square Master Plan.

**RESULT:** WITHDRAWN

AK. Officer's

202900 (ID:15587)

Finance Director submitting a mid-year report of the City's budget Communication performance for FY17.

> **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

AL. Order

> 202902 (ID:15590)

By Ald. Heuston

That the Chief Assessor inform this Board about whether a review is conducted each fiscal year to verify that residential exemptions are accurate, whether an audit is conducted before an exemption is granted, and whether there is data about the percentage of properties where residency cannot be verified.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

AM. Order

202927 (ID:15638) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on the Administration's intention to budget in FY18 for workforce development and job training programs.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AN. Officer's

> Communication 202962 (ID:15612)

Traffic and Parking Director responding to items approved 2/14/17.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

AO. Officer's

Communication 203105 (ID:15763)

Chief Assessor responding to #202902 re: residential exemption verifications.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED AP. Order 203250 (ID:15951) By Ald. White Jr., and the Entire Board

That the Chief Assessor and SPCD Counsel appear before this Board to explain the transaction between Federal Realty Investment Trust and Partners Health Care for Partners' building at Assembly Square, and advise whether there are any legal avenues for the City to collect property tax payments from Federal Realty for that parcel.

# RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AQ. Order 203288 (ID:15998) By Ald. White Jr.

That the Director of Finance provide this Board with the total amount of meals tax received in each of the last five fiscal years and, to the extent possible, those receipts broken out by business district.

# RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AR. Mayor's Presenting Somervill to meet those needs.

Presenting Somerville's water and sewer infrastructure needs and the strategies to meet those needs

203293 (ID:15981)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AS. Resolution 203394

By Ald. Sullivan

(ID:16142)

That the Administration explore reducing residential street cleaning from four days a month to two.

#### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AT. Resolution 203513 (ID:16225) By Ald. Davis, Niedergang, and the Entire Board

Opposing the Keystone XL Pipeline, and restricting engagement with the financial institutions supporting the pipeline.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AU. Mayor's Request 203571 (ID:16276) Requesting the acceptance of a gift of \$10,000 from Wynn for the Memorial on the Mystic Fireworks celebration on May 29, 2017.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

AV. Mayor's Request 203572 (ID:16277) Requesting the acceptance of a gift of \$5,000 from Federal Realty Investment Trust for the Memorial on the Mystic Fireworks celebration on May 29, 2017.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

AW. Order 203733 (ID:16515) By Ald. White Jr., and the Entire Board

That this Board deems it necessary to include in the FY18 budget an appropriation of \$18,000 from the General Fund to the Dilboy Field Enterprise Fund to provide the use of Dilboy Field to Somerville non-profit youth football and soccer organizations without charge, and so requests that the Mayor make that appropriation.

# **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

AX. Order

203923 (ID:16637) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Chief Assessor inform this Board about state laws regarding housing trustees and residential tax exemptions.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

AY. Mayor's

Conveying the GLX Memorandum of Agreement and the Drainage Facilities Communication Interconnection Agreement.

204185 (ID:16895)

WORK COMPLETED **RESULT:** 

AZ. Mayor's Request 204280 (ID:16965)

Requesting approval to create the 0 Elmwood Stabilization Fund Account and accept a payment to the Fund of \$25,000 from 27 Eaton Street LLC for streetscape improvements.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

**AYES:** Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

BA. Mayor's Request 204328 (ID:17052) Requesting to brief this Board on the Union Square District Improvement Financing strategy.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

BB. Mayor's Request 204558 (ID:17202) Requesting approval to create the 290 Highland Ave Stabilization Fund, and accept a payment to the Fund of \$10,000 from 290 Highland Ave LLC for Ward 5 Improvements.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, AYES:

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

BC. Order 204625 (ID:17324)

By Ald. Rossetti

That the Director of Finance provide this Board with quarterly reports for all stabilization funds.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

BD. Resolution 204626 (ID:17325) By Ald. Rossetti

That representatives from US2 appear before the Finance Committee to explain what they're committing to build in Union Square, when it will be built, and what it will be worth.

WORK COMPLETED **RESULT:** 

BE. Mayor's Request 204640 (ID:17335) Requesting the appropriation of \$200,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to implement the Winter Hill Neighborhood Plan.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

BF. Mayor's Request 204756 (ID:17445) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,500,000 in a bond for Sewer Rehabilitation and Replacement, as part of the Capital Improvement Program.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

**AYES:** Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

BG. Mayor's Request 204757 (ID:17446) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$9,500 in Planning and Zoning, from the Professional Services Account to the Personal Services Salaries Account, for a temporary hire due to a medical leave.

RESULT: APPROVED

BH. Mayor's Request 204758 (ID:17439) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$7,747.68 using available funds in the Sewer Department.

RESULT: APPROVED

BI. Mayor's Request 204759 (ID:17443) Requesting acceptance of a \$30,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Environmental Protection to the Office of Sustainability & Environment for school recycling equipment and implementation assistance.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

BJ. Mayor's Request 204760 (ID:17465) Requesting acceptance of an \$8,700 grant with no new match required, from Somerville Cambridge Elder Services to the Council on Aging, for transportation.

RESULT: APPROVED

BK. Mayor's Request 204761 (ID:17467) Requesting acceptance of a \$7,816 grant with no new match required, from Somerville Cambridge Elder Services to the Council on Aging, for health and wellness programs.

RESULT: APPROVED

BL. Mayor's Request 204762 (ID:17466) Requesting the acceptance of a 27-foot Boston Whaler and corresponding trailer, given to the Police Department by the Boston Police Department, with no match required.

BM. Resolution 204857

(ID:17620)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Administration inform the Ward 3 Aldermen who will bear the financial costs of mitigating the recent flooding and related damage at 125 Lowell Street.

# RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

BN. Mayor's Request 204894 (ID:17579) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$1441.25 using available funds in the Capital Projects and Planning Professional and Technical Services Account for construction administration services at the former School Administration Building.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

BO. Mayor's Request 204895 (ID:17627) Requesting acceptance of a \$75,000 donation from Tufts University pursuant to its Partnership Agreement with the City.

# RESULT: APPROVED

BP. Mayor's Request 204896 (ID:17581) Requesting acceptance of a \$45,625 grant with no new match required, from the MA Office of Housing and Economic Development to SPCD's Economic Development Division for an Advanced Manufacturing Training program.

#### **RESULT:** APPROVED

BQ. Mayor's Request 204955 (ID:17692) Requesting acceptance of a \$400,000 grant that requires a match, from the MA Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs PARC Grant Program to SPCD for renovations to Prospect Hill Park.

#### **RESULT:** APPROVED

BR. Order 205004 (ID:17792) By Ald. Rossetti

That the City Solicitor provide an opinion this Board's participation in the Buena Vista garage lease re-negotiation in 2020.

**RESULT:** APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

#### 47. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205005 (ID:17741) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on January 18, 2018.

Alderman Niedergang reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Committee discussed a revision of the Demolition Review Ordinance, to create a demolition delay of 24 months (instead of 9) for certain projects subject to the Historical Preservation Commission. The Committee also an amendment to the Tree Preservation Ordinance, about trees on city property. As of now, the Ordinance does not have any protections for trees on city property; the amendment is designed to fix that situation. The third item was a Home Rule Petition to authorize the City to impose a real estate transfer fee. The Committee also discussed the draft Community Benefits Ordinance regarding the Union Square Neighborhood Council and whether the City should recognize the Union Square Neighborhood Council.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

# 48. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205006 (ID:17740) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on January 17, 2018.

Alderman Rossetti reported on the items discussed at the meeting. Used Car Dealer License Class II renewals were considered, and approved for 60 days only. The Committee will confer with SPCD and the City Solicitor with respect to businesses in the Union Square District where there is potential for acquistion or disposition of the parcels. The Committee also moved that the City Clerk confer with the City Solicitor about considering infractions (tickets issued) when any business is applying for renewal of its license.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

B. License/Permi 200616 (ID:13242)

License/Permit Amending Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Alewife Automotive, 395 200616 Alewife Brook Pkwy, increasing to 5 cars outside.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

C. License/Permi 204203 (ID:16910)

License/Permit Public Event Permit, Dreamland Silent Disco, Statue Park, Oct 5,19, Nov 204203 2,16,30, Dec 14, 7-11:45PM.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

D. License/Permit 204509

Public Event Permit, Boston Meditation table, Statue Park, Nov 10, 17, 24 and Dec 3, 12:30-7PM.

(ID:17241)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

E. License/Permit 204928 (ID:17669)

License/Permit Public Event Permit, BA Events Race of Ireland, Davis Sq and area streets, Mar 11, 7AM-2PM.

F. 204929

License/Permit Public Event Permit, St. Benedict Good Friday Procession, Area streets from Cutter to Hathorn Sts, Mar 30, 3-7PM.

(ID:17670)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

G. 204930

License/Permit New Drainlayer's License, Brennan Construction.

(ID:17671)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

H. License/Permit 204933 (ID:17674)

Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, 28 Motorsports, 486R Columbia

**RESULT:** 

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

**CONDITIONS**: License valid for 60 days only.

Any conditions relative to Union Sq redevelopment

activities are removed.

I. License/Permit 204934 (ID:17675)

Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Union Gulf Service, 231 Washington St.

**RESULT:** 

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

**CONDITIONS**: License valid for 60 days only.

Any conditions relative to Union Sq redevelopment

activities are removed.

J. License/Permit 204935

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

Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Real Auto Shop, 463 McGrath

(ID:17676)

**RESULT:** APPROVED

K. License/Permit 204936

Hwy.

(ID:17688)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

L. License/Permit 204937

Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Webster Auto Sales, 61 Prospect St.

(ID:17689)

**RESULT:** APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

**CONDITIONS**: License valid for 60 days only.

Any conditions relative to Union Sq redevelopment

activities are removed.

M. License/Permit 204938

Renewing Outdoor Seating License, NU Cafe and Juice Bar, 195 Washington

(ID:17678)

N. License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Ola Gifts Cafe, 112 Broadway. 204939 **RESULT: APPROVED** (ID:17679) O. License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Maya Sol Mexican Grill, 179 Broadway. 204940 **RESULT: APPROVED** (ID:17680) P. License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, Smoke Valley, 19 Union Sq, 1 sign. 204942 **RESULT:** APPROVED AS AMENDED (ID:17681) AMENDED: Sign may not be more than 2 feet high and 6 feet wide. Q. License/Permit Amending Outdoor Seating License, Spoke Wine Bar, 89 Holland St, adding 1 204957 outdoor vestibule for winter use. (ID:17695) **RESULT:** APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS **CONDITION:** Licensee must report on the experience with the vestibule for the Board's review. R. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, CM Auto Sales, 39 Webster Ave. 204958 **RESULT:** APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS (ID:17700) **CONDITIONS**: License valid for 60 days only. Any conditions relative to Union Sq redevelopment activities are removed. S. Order By Ald. Rossetti, Mbah, Scott That the City Clerk confer with the City Solicitor on a policy to review prior 205007 (ID:17794) infractions for any business applying to renew a license.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

### 49. PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205008 (ID:17742) Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, meeting on January 23, 2018.

Alderman White reported on the items discussed at the meeting. He spoke about Eversource's communications with and responsiveness to residents concerning gas meter replacement and street construction utility work. Constituents have complained about not being notified of such construction and some have been threatened with their service being cut off. Mr. Bill Zamparelli, Eversource Representative, was extensively challenged, and he didn't respond to a communication because he didn't like the language used, though the Committee felt that this was not a valid reason. Alderman White made a motion to amend the Committee Report for the City Engineer to not issue any street opening permits for gas work by Eversource, excluding emergency work, until an adequate description of the work to be performed is prepared by Eversource and the City Engineer and distributed to neighbors, prior to the issuance of any such permits. Another item discussed was how to keep community members informed on a regular basis about the high school project, particularly parking. Transportation Director Brad Rawson stated that the Administration is working on a plan and that a working group will be formed. The Committee discussed residents' concerns about tree removal on Beacon Street, and Alderman Davis moved that the City Solicitor investigate and report back. That motion carried. Alderman Rossetti mentioned that there is a meeting on March 19 at the high school regarding parking. She also reported that she has been pursuing getting Eversource and the city to establish a city-wide compact as it relates to all city-wide developments.

RESULT: APPROVED

B. Order 202330 (ID:15036) By Ald. Niedergang

That the City Engineer install the curb cut at the Warwick Street elbow, by the Community Path Extension ramp, that was promised many years ago as part of the Maxwell's Green development.

#### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Order 202331 (ID:15037) By Ald. Niedergang

That the City Engineer install curb cuts and sidewalk ramps at the two curbs by Maxwell's Green at the intersection of Clyde and Warwick Streets.

# RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. Order 203507 (ID:16214) By Ald. McLaughlin, Ballantyne

That the Commissioner of Public Works provide shaded areas for public pools including Foss Park and Dilboy.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

E. Order

204551 (ID:17286) By Ald. Niedergang, Ballantyne

That the Director of Capital Projects or the Director of Communications share with this Board the plan for keeping community members informed on a regular basis about the High School building project.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

F. Order

By Ald. Niedergang

204732 (ID:17475) That the Commissioner of Public Works patch the uneven roadway on Cedar Street around the Community Path as it presents a safety hazard for bicyclists.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

G. Order 205009 (ID:17797) By Ald. White Jr.

That the City Engineer not issue any street opening permits for gas work by Eversource, excluding emergency work, until an adequate description of the work to be performed is prepared by Eversource in coordination with the

Director of Engineering, prior to the issuance of any such permits.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

H. Order 205010 (ID:17798) By Ald. Davis

That the City Solicitor advise this Board about whether the way in which the Beacon Street trees were taken down was compliant with state law and the city's Tree Ordinance.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

#### COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

50. Mayor's Request 205011 (ID:17699) Requesting acceptance of a 36 month lease of the West Somerville Police Substation and office space at 1112-1114 Broadway.

Alderman White requested to waive the readings of items 50 through 75 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

51. Mayor's Request 205012 (ID:17608) Requesting approval to appropriate \$71,383.60 from the USQ Revitalization Stabilization Fund for legal services.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

52. Mayor's Request 205013 (ID:17707) Requesting the appropriation of \$29,890.97 from Free Cash to the EPA Brownfield Revolving Loan Account for payment #1 of the Conway Rink Repayment.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

53. Mayor's Request 205014 (ID:17732) Requesting approval of a mid-year staffing request to fund construction oversight, management and associated issues.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

54. Mayor's Request 205015 (ID:17718) Requesting the appropriation of \$20,750 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash') to the Engineering Division Salaries Account to fund a Construction Liaison and Compliance Manager.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

55. Mayor's Request 205016 (ID:17719) Requesting the appropriation of \$24,500 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Engineering Division Salaries Account to fund a Construction Project Manager.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

56. Mayor's Request 205017 (ID:17720) Requesting the appropriation of \$20,750 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash') to the Communications Department Salaries Account to fund a Construction Information Officer.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

57. Mayor's Request 205018 (ID:17721) Requesting the appropriation of \$10,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Communications Department Professional and Technical Services Account to fund construction translation services.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

58. Mayor's Request 205019 (ID:17722) Requesting the appropriation of \$23,250 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to SPCD's Transportation & Infrastructure Division Salaries Account to fund a GLX Project Liaison.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

59. Mayor's Request 205020 (ID:17723) Requesting the appropriation of \$25,750 from Unreserved Fund Balance to the Capital Projects Department Salaries Account to fund a Project Manager.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

60. Mayor's Request 205021 (ID:17724) Requesting the appropriation of \$23,250 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to SPCD's Transportation & Infrastructure Division Salaries Account to fund a Streetscape and Public Space Planner.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

61. Mayor's Request 205022 (ID:17725) Requesting the appropriation of \$25,750 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Engineering Department Salaries Account to fund a Project Manager.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

62. Mayor's Request 205023 (ID:17726) Requesting the appropriation of \$24,500 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Engineering Department Salaries Account to fund a Junior Project Manager.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

63. Mayor's Request 205024 (ID:17727) Requesting the appropriation of \$25,750 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to SPCD's Transportation & Infrastructure Division Salaries Account to fund a Senior Urban Forestry & Landscape Planner.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

64. Mayor's Request 205025 (ID:17728) Requesting the appropriation of \$25,250 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to SPCD's Transportation & Infrastructure Division Salaries Account to fund a Transportation Planner.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

65. Mayor's Request 205026 (ID:17729) Requesting the appropriation of \$25,750 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Inspectional Services Department Salaries Account to fund a Senior Zoning Review Planner.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

66. Mayor's Request 205027 (ID:17730) Requesting the appropriation of \$27,000 from Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings to the Water Enterprise Fund Salaries Account to fund a Director of Finance & Administration.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

67. Mayor's Request 205028 (ID:17731) Requesting the appropriation of \$32,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Capital Projects Department Salaries Account to fund a Capital Projects Assistant Director.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

68. Mayor's Request 205029 (ID:17752) Requesting the approval of funding to establish an Office of Housing Stability in SPCD.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

69. Mayor's Request 205030 (ID:17747) Requesting the appropriation of \$29,500 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the SPCD Office of Housing Stability Salaries Account to fund a Director of Housing Stability.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

70. Mayor's Request 205031 (ID:17748) Requesting the appropriation of \$24,500 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the SPCD Office of Housing Stability Salaries Account to fund a Deputy Director of Housing Stability/Program Development.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

71. Mayor's Request 205032 (ID:17749) Requesting the appropriation of \$19,500 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the SPCD Office of Housing Stability Salaries Account to fund a Housing Counselor/Case Manager.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

72. Mayor's Request 205033 (ID:17750) Requesting the appropriation of \$19,500 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the SPCD Office of Housing Stability Salaries Account to fund a Housing Counselor/Case Manager.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

73. Mayor's Request 205034 (ID:17751) Requesting the appropriation of \$17,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the SPCD Office of Housing Stability Salaries Account to fund a Housing Intake Specialist.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

74. Mayor's Request 205035 (ID:17706) Requesting acceptance of a \$40,431.04 grant with no new match required, from National Grid to the SPCD Housing Division for energy efficiency programs.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

75. Mayor's Request 205036 (ID:17708) Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$38,000 from the MA Office of Public Safety for Police Department staffing.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

76. Mayor's Request 205037 (ID:17713) Requesting acceptance of a \$6,707 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Fire Services to the Fire Department for the Student Awareness of Fire Education program.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

77. Mayor's Request 205038 (ID:17714) Requesting acceptance of a \$3,009 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Fire services to the Fire Department for the Senior SAFE program.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

78. Mayor's Request 205039 (ID:17704) Requesting the appointment of Charles Conway to the position of Fire Fighter.

Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the readings of items 78 through 81 and refer them to the Confirmation of Appointments Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

79. Mayor's Request 205040 (ID:17705) Requesting the appointment of Lysander Amado to the position of Fire Fighter.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

80. Mayor's Request 205041

Requesting the re-appointment of Zachary Zasloff to the Condominium Review Board.

**RESULT:** (ID:17697)

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

81. Mayor's Request 205042 (ID:17698) Requesting the re-appointment of Daniel Maltzman to the Condominium Review Board.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

#### COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

82. Officer's 205043 (ID:17717)

Assistant City Solicitor responding to #204586 with a draft ordinance Communication amending the Ordinances at Chapter 11 Article VII re: stormwater management and infiltration and inflow mitigation.

> Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 82 and refer it to the Legislative Matters Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

83. Officer's 205044

(ID:17694)

SomerStat Analyst responding to a Legislative Matters Committee query Communication related to #203839 re: an update on Rodent Action Team meetings.

Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 83 and place on file with a copy to Legislative Matters. There being no opposition, the

motion was approved.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

84. Officer's

SPCD Director of Finance and Administration conveying the start of a new Communication HUD 5-year planning process.

205045 (ID:17716)

Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 84 and place it on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

# **NEW BUSINESS**

85. License/Permit 205046 (ID:17784)

Public Event Permit, Unity Somerville Palm Sunday Donkey Walk, College Ave from Powderhouse Park to Davis Sq, Mar 25, 8:45-9:30AM.

Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 85 through 88 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

86. 205047

License/Permit Public Event Permit, Unity Somerville Easter Sunrise Service, Powderhouse Park, Apr 1, 6:15-7:15AM.

(ID:17785)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

87. License/Permit 205048

Public Event Permit, Union Sq Farmers Market, Union Sq Plaza, Saturdays May 12-Nov 17, 7AM-2PM.

(ID:17786)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

88. 205049

License/Permit Public Event Permit, MOM's 5K Run and Walk, Davis Sq and city streets, May 13, 7AM-2PM.

(ID:17787)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

89. 205050

License/Permit Sign/Awning Permit, When Pigs Fly, 241 Elm St, 1 sign.

(ID:17682)

Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 89 and 90 and refer them to Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

90. License/Permit

Sign/Awning Permit, Himalayan Kitchen, 40 Bow St, 2 awnings.

205051 (ID:17788)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

91. License/Permit 205052

Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Executive Auto Leasing and Sales, 30 Medford St.

(ID:17789)

Alderman Rossetti moved for a sixty day license renewal approval.

**RESULT:** 

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

**CONDITION:** Approved for 60 days only.

92. License/Permit 205053 (ID:17790)

Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Somerville Motors, 182 Washington St.

Alderman Rossetti moved for a sixty day license renewal approval.

**RESULT:** APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

**CONDITIONS**: License valid for 60 days only.

Any conditions relative to Union Sq redevelopment

activities are removed.

93. **Public** Communication 205054 (ID:17791)

22 registered voters proposing an amendment to Zoning Ordinance 6.4 to establish new open space requirements for certain buildings in the Assembly Sq Mixed Use District.

Also referred to the Planning Board.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

#### SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

94. Order

By Ald. Ballantyne

205055 (ID:17795) That, to assist in considering the proposed zoning overhaul, the Directors of Finance, SomerStat, SPCD and Planning provide this Board with current reports on 1) SomerVision progress, 2) Capital Improvement Plan, 3) Projected

revenues from the proposed zoning, and 4) Debt.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

95. Order

By Ald. Rossetti

205056 (ID:17799) That the City Solicitor provide an opinion with respect to the Open Meeting Law on a committee chairperson's authority to allow public discussion when the committee meeting is attended by greater than a quorum of the full Board.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Rules Special Committee

96. Officer's

ISD Director responding to #204849 re: snow removal violations.

Communication 205057 (ID:17796)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

97. Officer's
Communication
205058

(ID:17793)

Officer's Director of Transportation and Infrastructure requesting to update the Board on Communication the Green Line Extension Working Group.

Transportation Director Brad Rawson updated the Board on the GLX. The State's new contractor has begun working. They are estimating 1,065 days to build 4.5 miles of light rail and seven rail stations. It should be completed by the third quarter of 2021. In February, there will be property surveys and utility explorations. In March, tree clearing will take place. In April, larger scale excavation activities will occur in the corridor. The MBTA will be notifying area residents of activity through mailings, social media, the city website, etc. Alderman White requested a calendar of activities for Aldermen.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

#### LATE ITEMS

98. License/Permit 204685

Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Broadway Motor Cars, 161 Broadway.

(ID:17400)

Discharged from the Committee on Licenses and Permits. This license will be approved for sixty days only.

RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

**CONDITION**: Approved for 60 days only.

99. Resolution By Ald. Davis, Rossetti, Mbah, Niedergang, White Jr.

205059 That the Administration present the information described herein about the (ID:17800) Brown School's physical plant and planned and completed renovations, to this

Board, to the School Committee, and to the Brown School community.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

100. Order By Ald. Ewen-Campen

205060 That the Director of SPCD contact the Green Line Extension team to restore

(ID:17801) pedestrian access on the east side of School Street, next to the High School.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

101. Order By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a sign at the mouth of Warren

(ID:17802) Avenue, instructing truck drivers to avoid that street, as they cannot proceed.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

102. Public Philip Parsons submitting comments re: #17779, a Resolution recognizing the

Communication Union Sq Neighborhood Council.

205062 (ID:17804) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

103. Public Union Sq Main Streets submitting comments re: #17779, a Resolution

Communication recognizing the Union Sq Neighborhood Council.

205063
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

(ID:17805) **RESULT.** TEACED ON FILE **FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:55 PM.

# City of Somerville, Massachusetts Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen

# **SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

January 30, 2018, 7:00 PM Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue \*\*\*\*\*\*\*

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# **OPENING OF THE MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 PM by Ward Seven Alderman Katjana Ballantyne

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

1. Roll Call 205064 (ID:17809) Call of the Roll.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

# **CITATIONS**

# **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

# ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

2. Order By Ald. Ballantyne

205065 That this Board reconsiders the referral of #204800 to the Committee on (ID:17810)

Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, and instead returns the

item to the Board.

Alderman White challenged the propriety of this Order because under Roberts Rules of Order, a motion for reconsideration must be made at the meeting at which the motion carried, and under the Board's Rule 37, reconsideration only applies to the passage of final items, not procedural motions. Alderman White moved that the motion be withdrawn, and the motion carried on a voice vote.

WITHDRAWN **RESULT:** 

3. Motion By Ald. Scott, to Suspend the Rules to discharge an item from the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

**MOVER:** Jefferson Thomas ("J.T.") Scott, Ward Two Alderman

**AYES:** Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan,

Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

**ABSENT:** Matthew McLaughlin

4. Motion By Ald. Scott, to discharge #204800, requesting the promotion of Sgt. Kiely to Lieutenant, from the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.

RESULT: APPROVED

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

5. Mayor's Request 204800 (ID:17531) Requesting the appointment of Michael Kiely to the position of Police Lieutenant.

Ald. Niedergang moved that the Board reject the appointment of Michael Kiely to the position of Lieutenant in the Police Department. He said that after hours of discussion in the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, he had learned more than enough about Sgt. Kiely's record to not support him for promotion. Ald. White stated that this would be a novel action of this Board, with no reasons yet presented. He said that this promotion is governed by the state's Civil Service Commission, and requested the City Solicitor's opinion of what's necessary if the Board votes to deny the promotion. Ald. Rossetti sponsored City Solicitor Frank Wright to speak. The City Solicitor said there appears to be no precedent for the Board's action. He opined that it is not necessary to give a reason, but it certainly is prudent, and he suggested that members who were inclined to support Ald. Niedergang's motion consider stating their reasons. Ald. Scott reported that the Civil Service Commission, in Cambridge v the Civil Service Commission, gave the appointing authority considerable deference with respect to appointments, especially with police officers, although this Board is not the appointing authority. Ald. Hirsch asked about financial exposure in this case, and Police Chief David Fallon said that the position could be filled out-of-grade or with overtime until it was permanently filled. The City Solicitor added that back wages could be ordered if the Civil Service Commission ruled that the promotion should be granted. Ald. Rossetti asked if the expression of reasons in executive session would be sufficient, and the City Solicitor said that would be prudent. Ald. White sponsored Michael Akerson, Sgt. Kiely's attorney, to speak. Attorney Akerson noted that many of the Board members were not present for the entirety of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters' executive sessions. He said that Sgt. Kiely did not have the opportunity to fully introduce himself. He said that since Sgt. Kiely was promoted to Sergeant in 2014, there have been no black marks on his record. He said there have been inquiries, but investigations by the Police Department, Personnel Department, and Law Office have cleared him in each instance. He pointed out that four members of this Board voted in favor of his appointment as Sergeant, and that nothing has changed since then.

Ald. Rossetti moved that the Board convene in Executive Session to further discuss this item pursuant to MGL c30A s21(a)(1). The City Solicitor stated that this was a proper reason to move to executive session, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion, with Ald. McLaughlin absent. The Board moved to Executive Session to discuss this matter at 8:00 PM, and reconvened at 9:15 PM. No votes were taken in Executive Session except for the vote to adjourn.

Returning to open session, Ald. Niedergang amended his motion, moving that the Board not confirm the promotion of Sgt. Kiely to Lieutenant. The motion carried 8-1, with Ald. White opposed and Ald. McLaughlin and Hirsch absent.

**RESULT:** NOT APPROVED. [1 TO 8]

**AYES:** White Jr.

NAYS: Mbah, Rossetti, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan,

Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

**ABSENT:** Hirsch, McLaughlin

# REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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**NEW BUSINESS** 

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:20 PM.

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1. Roll Call 205066 (ID:17875) Call of the Roll.

Alderman Clingan sponsored a moment of silence for Albert J. White, III.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. Minutes 205067 (ID:17876)

Approval of the Minutes of the Organizational Meeting, January 1, 2018, and the Regular Meeting, January 11, 2018.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

#### **CITATIONS**

3. Citation 205068 (ID:17877)

By Ald. White Jr., Rossetti, the Entire Board and the Mayor Commending Michael Cabral on the auspicious occasion of his retirement after 31 years of dedicated service, including serving as Acting Chief, in the Police Department.

Aldermen Rossetti and White congratulated Mr. Cabral on his retirement and years of service, and he thanked the Board for all its support.

4. Citation 205069 (ID:17878)

By Ald. Rossetti, the Entire Board and the Mayor

Commending Martha Costa on the auspicious occasion of her retirement after 31 years of dedicated service in the Police Department.

Aldermen Rossetti and White congratulated Ms. Costa on her retirement and years of service, and she thanked the Board for the citation.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

5. Citation 205070 (ID:17879)

By Ald. Ballantyne, the Entire Board and the Mayor Commending the East Somerville Community School Marimba Club for their musical passion and performance.

Students from the East Somerville Community School performed for the Board on their instruments.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

# ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

6. Order 205071 (ID:17827)

By Ald. White Jr., Clingan, Mbah, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Niedergang, Davis, McLaughlin, Ballantyne

That the City Solicitor prepare a Home Rule Petition to change the name of the Board of Aldermen to City Council.

Alderman White requested that the City Solicitor prepare a Home Rule Petition to change the name of the Board of Aldermen to City Council. Alderman Rossetti stated that she wanted to be sure it needed a Home Rule Petition to move forward. Alderman White said he thought the item should go to Committee and feels its a very simple Home Rule Petition to approve, as it is just a change in name, and it shouldn't affect any existing Home Rule Petitions already at the State. Alderman Hirsch would like a public forum on this. She's concerned that there may be more sudden change in the city than long-time residents want. President Ballantyne suggested that the language be amended to say "That the City Solicitor draft a Home Rule Petition." She stated the word Alderman does not necessarily reflect our Board; being a woman, she knows this all too well and would like to see this effort tie into a gender equity lens in all of the Board's policies. Alderman McLaughlin supported the change and feels that "Alderman" is a dated term.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

7. Order 205072 (ID:17835)

By Ald. White Jr.

That the Chief of Police provide this Board with the number of incidents of the circulation of racist, anti-Semitic or hate-speech literature in 2016 and 2017.

Alderman White would like to learn about recent incidents involving racist and anti-semitic hate literature.

RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

8. Order 205073 (ID:17828)

By Ald. Mbah, Hirsch

That the Chief of Police provide this Board with an update on surveillance cameras in the city.

Alderman Mbah would like to know what information is gained from surveillance cameras in the City and the strategies in place to prevent crime before it happens.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

9. Order 205074 (ID:17829) By Ald. Mbah, Hirsch

That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with its capital plan for all open space in the city.

Alderman Mbah wanted to have a comprehensive plan for open space in the City. President Ballantyne responded that this information is available on the City's website.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

10. Order 205075 (ID:17830)

By Ald. Mbah, Niedergang

That the Director of Water and Sewer report to this Board on whether our municipal tap water is safe to drink.

Alderman Mbah would like information on the levels of lead in the municipal tap water.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

11. Resolution 205076 (ID:17831)

By Ald. Mbah, Niedergang, Hirsch

That the Administration appropriate funds to contract a community organization to provide free or low-cost legal services on immigration and naturalization issues to immigrants living in Somerville.

Alderman Mbah would like the Administration to provide funds for legal services to low income immigrant residents. Alderman Niedergang proposed an amendment to specify that the legal services not just be general legal services but be on immigration and naturalization issues. With no objection, the amendment was approved.

**RESULT:** APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

12. Order 205077 (ID:17836) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Director of SPCD update this Board on Cambridge's plan to eliminate the left turn onto Massachusetts Avenue from the Porter Square shopping center, which is likely to add traffic to White Street, a small street that is inadequate for such traffic.

Alderman Niedergang said that Cambridge may be reconsidering this action.

RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

13. Order

By Ald. Niedergang

205078 (ID:17837)

That the Commissioner of Public Works assess the sidewalk at 11 Rogers Avenue for danger of collapse and repair the sinkhole there.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

14. Order

By Ald. Niedergang

205079 (ID:17838) That the Director of Traffic and Parking enforce the no parking restriction by the hydrant at 33 Hudson Street.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

15. Order

By Ald. Niedergang

205080 (ID:17839)

That the Director of Traffic and Parking stripe the entire street space by the curb at the hydrant at 33 Hudson Street to deter parking there.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

16. Order 205081 (ID:17840)

By Ald. Niedergang, Ewen-Campen

That the Director of Personnel explain to this Board in writing why the City does not give part-time employees who work less than 20 hours a week earned sick time.

Alderman Niedergang explained that in 2015 the State passed a law that all employees in private business and State government receive earned sick time. Municipalities were not so mandated, and Somerville has chosen not to opt in. He would like to have further discussion on this.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

17. Order 205082 (ID:17841)

By Ald. Niedergang

That the Director of Traffic and Parking install bright yellow YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS signs at the crosswalk by the Kennedy School on Elm Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

18. Order 205083 (ID:17842) By Ald. Scott, and the Entire Board

That this Board's Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters develop a comprehensive procedure manual regarding review processes for all categories of appointments and re-appointments.

Alderman Scott stated that as a new Alderman, he would like to have a procedure manual developed for Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, developing standards and making it easier for Aldermen in the future.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

19. Order 205084

By Ald. Scott

205084 That the Director of Traffic and Parking increase parking enforcement on Columbia Street.

Alderman Scott reported that the elimination of parking along Webster Ave. led to some negative effects and he would like to see a surge of enforcement on Columbia Street.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

20. Order 205085 (ID:17844) By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Director of Traffic and Parking explain to this Board when and where the "48 Hour Parking Rule" is enforced, and why it is necessary.

Alderman Ewen-Campen would like further discussion on the "48 Hour Parking Rule".

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

21. Resolution 205086 (ID:17845)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Administration clarify for this Board the role of Stantec Corp. as a contractor tasked with building the proposed storm water storage tank at Nunziato Field, and as a consulting firm for US2, the Union Square Master Developer.

Alderman Ewen-Campen would like the Board to clarify the role of this contractor.

**RESULT:** APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

22. Order 205087 (ID:17846)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Commissioner of Public Works install public trash and recycling receptacles on the sidewalk outside the Bloc Cafe on Bow Street.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

23. Order 205088 (ID:17847) By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Director of Traffic and Parking enforce the No Parking zone at the corner of Belmont Street and Spring Hill Terrace.

RESULT: APPROVED

24. Order 205089 (ID:17848) By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Director of Communications modify the city's online meeting calendar portal so the agenda hyper-links are more intuitive to new users.

25. Resolution 205090

(ID:17849)

By Ald. Clingan

That the Administration provide this Board with an update on the timeline for the creation of the Office of Housing Stability.

Alderman Clingan would like an update on the creation of the Office of Housing Stability.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

26. Resolution 205091 (ID:17850)

By Ald. Clingan

That the Administration provide this Board with an opinion on whether or not to draft a home rule petition raising the owner occupied residential tax exemption from 35% to 40%.

Alderman Clingan understands that this has been discussed before but feels it needs to be looked at again. Alderman Niedergang said that a memo from City staff frowned on this move, but he agrees it needs to be looked at again. Alderman White explained that the residential exemption benefits homeowners who reside here and shifts the burden to absentee landlords.

**RESULT:** APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

27. Order 205092 (ID:17851) By Ald. Clingan

That the Traffic Commission consider creating a process for residents to comment on parking changes that affect their streets.

Alderman Clingan would like residents to have a say in parking changes that affect their streets.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

28. Order 205093 (ID:17852) By Ald. Clingan, Hirsch

That the Director of Health and Human Services report to this Board on the city's current efforts to address the opiate crisis in terms of treatment, recovery, support and prevention.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

29. Order 205094 (ID:17853) By Ald. Clingan

That the Director of Engineering re-pave Thurston Street, from Broadway to Medford Street.t.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

30. Order 205095 (ID:17854)

By Ald. Clingan

That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the two leaning signs on Medford Street at the Winter Hill Community School.

31. Order 205096 (ID:17855)

By Ald. Hirsch

That the Director of Recreation appear before this Board's Committee on Youth Services to provide information on the membership and function of the Recreation Commission.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Youth Services Committee

32. Order 205097 (ID:17856)

By Ald. Hirsch, Mbah

That this Board's Committee on Housing and Community Development discuss a 'Housing Hackathon'.

President Ballantyne asked Alderman Hirsch for clarification, and Alderman Hirsch responded that she would like to share information with the other Aldermen. The Board then amended the order to more clearly express that.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

33. Resolution 205098 (ID:17857)

By Ald. Hirsch, Niedergang

That the Administration update this Board on opportunities for expanded advertisement of the city's tax deferral program, and other tools that may help seniors and homeowners on fixed incomes to achieve financial stability.

President Ballantyne recommended that Alderman Hirsch amend this order to say, "That the Administration to update the Board on the opportunities for expanded advertisement...", and the Board approved the amendment.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

34. Order 205099 (ID:17858)

By Ald. Hirsch

That the Director of Libraries share his vision for neighborhood access to branch libraries and/or library services.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

35. Resolution 205100 (ID:17859)

By Ald. Hirsch

That the Administration appear before this Board to discuss a possible Transit and Pedestrian Advisory Group.

Alderman Hirsch clarified this Order with an amendment to more clearly express her intent.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

36. Order 205101 (ID:17860)

By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Chief of Police monitor traffic speed on Cameron Avenue and take appropriate actions.

Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the readings of items 36 through 40 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

37. Order 205102 (ID:17861)

By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Chief of Police advise this Board on whether trucks are prohibited from Cameron Avenue, and if so, enforce that restriction.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

38. Order 205103 (ID:17862)

By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Director of SPCD advise this Board of the mitigation requirements for construction of the Elmwood Street/Cameron Avenue housing project.

RESULT: APPROVED

39. Order 205104 (ID:17863)

By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the potholes on Cameron Avenue.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

40. Order 205105 (ID:17864) By Ald. Ballantyne, Hirsch, Davis

That the Director of Sustainability and Environment confirm that all municipal buildings, excluding schools, have recycling programs.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

41. Resolution 205106 (ID:17865)

By Ald. Ballantyne, Rossetti, Hirsch, and the Entire Board

That the Administration work with this Board to review and update the city's sexual harassment policy for all city staff.

With respect to #205106 through 205108, President Ballantyne is trying to take comprehensive look at the policies pertaining to sexual harassment. Alderman Davis said it is an excellent idea to take a look of policies are currently in place and implement a code of conduct where absent.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

42. Resolution 205107 (ID:17866)

By Ald. 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:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

43. Resolution 205108 (ID:17867)

By Ald. Ballantyne, Rossetti, Hirsch, and the Entire Board That the Administration work with this Board to review current sexual harassment policies for all union members and civil service employees, and develop such policies when absent.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

44. Resolution 205109 (ID:17868)

By Ald. Ballantyne, Rossetti, Hirsch

That the Administration and Director of Parks and Recreation develop a financial policy for programming for persons under 18 years of age that ensures gender equity when using public funds.

Alderman Ballantyne noted that when it comes to dealing with financial equity for youth sports, data indicates that 65% of the youth in Park and Recreation programs are boys under 18, and 35% are girls, but that funds spent on those programs are not spent proportionally.

**RESULT:** APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

45. Order 205110 (ID:17869)

By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Director of SPCD ensure that all school and city park designs for child use contain a gender equity lens in the design stage, so all children are served.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

46. Resolution 204865 (ID:17632)

By Ald. Hirsch

That the Administration meet with this Board in Executive Session to provide an update on collective bargaining.

The Board recessed to Executive Session at 10:00 PM. The Board reconvened from Executive Session at 11:45 PM. No votes were taken in Executive Session.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

## 47. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205111 (ID:17822) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on February 6, 2018.

Alderman White reported on the items discussed at the meeting, including a \$2 million bond to repair and improve the Buena Vista Garage which was approved. The Committee also discussed a request for 18 new positions, mid-fiscal year. This has never been done before. Alderman Niedergang stated that the Committee did a great job in vetting these positions and he was in favor of most of them, as they are desperately needed.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

B. Mayor's Request 204497 (ID:17078) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,000,000 in a bond to repair and improve the Buena Vista Garage.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [10 TO 1]

**AYES:** Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-

Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

NAYS: Rossetti

C. Mayor's Request 205012 (ID:17608) Requesting approval to appropriate \$71,383.60 from the USQ Revitalization Stabilization Fund for legal services.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

**AYES:** Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Ewen-

Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

**ABSENT:** Scott

## 48. LAND USE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205112 (ID:17819) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole in Joint Session with the Planning Board on January 30, 2018.

Alderman Davis reported on the items discussed at the meeting. There were two Public Hearings on zoning amendments. The first was for a study period, to prevent any facilities that provided adult-use recreational cannabis through the end of 2018, to give the City and the Board time to digest the rules provided by the State Cannabis Commission. The second was for a change that addresses planned use development projects. Current zoning allows an entity that is granted a permit under the planned use development provisions to seek a waiver from any future zoning changes. The proposal would explicitly prevent any exemptions from future affordable housing requirements.

## 49. LAND USE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205113 (ID:17820) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on January 31, 2018.

Alderman Davis reported on the item discussed at the meeting, which was the proposed zoning overhaul. All of the materials that were presented to the Committee are available to the public at www.somervillezoning.com. The zoning itself is a 600-page document. The primary topics addressed were the atlas concept, incorporating a series of maps, as well as the structure of the ordinance, the writing style, the permitting process and the editing process. This is the second draft overhaul presented to the Board. The first was in 2015, and it was not adopted. Since that time, there has been extensive additional public outreach, including a series of Land Use Committee meetings a year ago to address specific topics, and this is the result.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

## 50. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205114 (ID:17821) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on February 1, 2018.

Alderman Niedergang reported on the items discussed at the meeting. First was a new demolition review ordinance, to make it more difficult for developers to demolish old structures. Second was a Home Rule Petition authorizing a real estate transfer fee. This item must be acted on sometime in April, for it to be considered by the Legislature. While the Home Rule Petition is short, there are a number of items still to be settled, such as the exact rate, whether there should be measures against speculation, whether the buyer or the seller should pay, and a number of other issues. The third item was the community benefits ordinance, which has been discussed for over eight months. The election of a Union Square Neighborhood Council raised questions about the City's recognition of the Council. The Committee considered a Resolution acknowledging the Council (#204999), and approved 3 amendments to the language.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

B. Officer's Communication 203097 (ID:15776)

Assistant City Solicitor submitting the US2-City Development Covenant.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

C. Public Union Union Communication Covenant.

Union United submitting comments re: the Union Square Development Covenant.

203192 (ID:15872)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. Resolution 204999

By Ald. Scott, Ewen-Campen

204999 (ID:17779) Congratulating the elected Board members of the Union Square Neighborhood Council on their formation and acknowledging that they are prepared to negotiate a CBA for Union Square.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

E. Resolution 205115

(ID:17925)

By Ald. Davis

That the Administration work with US2 to amend the Development Covenant to allow this Board to recognize a Neighborhood Council to negotiate a CBA and discuss the amendment with this Board prior to execution.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

## 51. RULES SPECIAL COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205116 (ID:17823) Report of the Special Committee on Rules, meeting on February 7, 2018.

Alderman White reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The main item before the Committee was #204618, that the Board record all its meetings by video or audio for the public record. The Committee recommended approval. The Committee also asked for clarification on a Committee Chairperson's authority to allow public discussion when the Committee meeting is attended by greater than the quorum of the Board. The City Solicitor will review the Board's rule on this subject, Rule 30, and report back.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

B. Order 204618 (ID:17370) By Ald. McLaughlin, and the Entire Board

That this Board record all of its committee meetings by video or audio for the public record.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Order 205056 (ID:17799) By Ald. Rossetti

That the City Solicitor provide an opinion with respect to the Open Meeting Law on a committee chairperson's authority to allow public discussion when the committee meeting is attended by greater than a quorum of the full Board.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. Order 205117 (ID:17926) By Ald. White Jr., Davis, Rossetti

That a rule be added to the Rules of this Board to require that video recordings be made of all Board and Committee meetings whenever possible, and audio recordings otherwise, and that these recordings be made available for public review on this Board's web portal.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

## COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

52. Mayor's Request 205118 (ID:17825) Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to preserve affordable housing through a tenant's right to purchase.

Alderman Niedergang requested to waive the reading of item 52 refer it to the Legislative Matters Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

53. Mayor's Request 205119 (ID:17824) Requesting approval to establish a Consolidated Gift Account to accept donations for commemorative benches.

Alderman White requested to waive the readings of items 53 through 57 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

54. Mayor's Request 205120 (ID:17803) Requesting approval to enter into a tax agreement with Sunwealth for a solar energy system at 444 Somerville Avenue.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

55. Mayor's Request 205121 (ID:17817) Requesting that this Board declare a portion of the Somerville Recreation Building at 19 Walnut Street available for disposition by lease.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

56. Mayor's Request 205122 (ID:17815) Requesting approval of the services of the law firm Motley Rice LLC to act on the city's behalf regarding the marketing, prescribing, distribution, or sale of opioids.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

57. Mayor's Request 205123 (ID:17806) Requesting acceptance of a \$50,000 grant with no new match required, from UASI to the Police Department for purchasing maritime equipment.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

58. Mayor's Request 205124 (ID:17813) Requesting the re-appointment of Rachel Borgatti to the Conservation Commission.

Alderman Scott requested to waive the readings of items 58 and 59 and refer them to the Confirmation of Appointments Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

59. Mayor's Request 205125 (ID:17814) Requesting the re-appointment of Owen Wartella to the Conservation Commission.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

### COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

60. Officer's City Clerk requesting approval of his Public Official's Bond.

Request 205126 (ID:17880)

RESULT: APPROVED

61. Officer's Director Communication program.

Director of SPCD responding to #203981 re: a memorial bench donation program.

205127 (ID:17832)

Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 61 and place on file with a copy to Housing and Community Development. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

62. Officer's Director of SI Communication Plan process.

Director of SPCD conveying an overview and summary of the 5-Year HUD Plan process.

205128 (ID:17818)

Alderman Ewen-Campen requested to waive the reading of item 62 and refer it to the Housing and Community Development Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

63. Officer's
Communication
205129

(ID:17811)

Officer's Director of Inspectional Services submitting all noncriminal tickets issued by Communication ISD from 2015 to the present.

Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 63 and 64 and place them on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

64. Officer's Direct Communication pools.

Director of Parks and Recreation responding to #203507 re: shaded areas at pools.

205130 (ID:17816)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

65. Officer's
Communication
205131

(ID:17808)

Officer's Director of Traffic and Parking responding to items approved at the January Communication 25, 2018 meeting.

Alderman Niedergang requested to waive the reading of item 65 and refer it to the Traffic and Parking Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

66. Officer's
Communication
205132

(ID:17807)

Officer's Director of Traffic and Parking responding to items approved at the January Communication 11, 2018 meeting.

Alderman Niedergang requested to waive the reading of item 66 and refer it to the Traffic and Parking Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

## **NEW BUSINESS**

67. License/Permit New Outdoor Seating License, When Pigs Fly, 241 Elm St, 1 A-Frame sign.

205133 (ID:17894)

**RESULT:** APPROVED

68. License/Permit New Extended Operating Hours License, Dunkin Donuts, 504 Broadway, 205134 opening 24/7.

(ID:17895)

Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 68 through 75 and refer them to the License and Permits Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

69. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Somerville Motors, 182 205135 Washington St.

(ID:17902)

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

70. License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Broadway Motor Cars, 161 205136 Broadway.

(ID:17901)

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

71. 205137 (ID:17900)

License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, 28 Motorsports, 486R Columbia

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

72. License/Permit 205138 (ID:17899)

Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, CM Auto Sales, 39 Webster Ave.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

73. License/Permit 205139

(ID:17898)

Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Union Gulf Service, 231 Washington St.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

74. License/Permit 205140 (ID:17897)

Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Webster Auto Sales, 61 Prospect

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

75. License/Permit 205141 (ID:17896)

Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Executive Auto Leasing and

Sales, 30 Medford St.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

76. **Public** 

Union Square Main Streets submitting comments re: #204999, a Resolution Communication recognizing the Union Sq Neighborhood Council.

205142 (ID:17881)

Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the readings of items 76 through 83 and place them on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

77. **Public** 

Rob Buchanan submitting comments re: #204999, a Resolution recognizing Communication the Union Sq Neighborhood Council.

205143 (ID:17882)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

78. Public 205144

Philip Parsons submitting comments re: #204999, a Resolution recognizing the Communication Union Sq Neighborhood Council.

(ID:17883)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE 79. Public

Lhadon Tethong and Dhondup Phunkhang submitting comments re: #204999, Communication a Resolution recognizing the Union Sq Neighborhood Council.

205145 (ID:17884)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

80. Public Not used.

Communication 205146 (ID:17886)

81. Public

Andy Greenspon submitting comments re: #204999, a Resolution recognizing Communication the Union Sq Neighborhood Council.

205147 (ID:17887)

PLACED ON FILE **RESULT:** 

82. Public

Katie Gradowski submitting comments re: #204999, a Resolution recognizing Communication the Union Sq Neighborhood Council.

205148 (ID:17888)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

83. Public

Joe Beckmann submitting comments re: #204999, a Resolution recognizing the Communication Union Sq Neighborhood Council.

205149 (ID:17889)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

84. Public 205150 (ID:17890)

Green and Open Somerville submitting comments re: a Somerville Green Communication Standard in the proposed zoning overhaul.

> Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 84 and place on file with a copy to the Land Use Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE **FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

85. Public Communication Ordinance.

Alan Bingham submitting comments re: the draft Demolition Review

205151 (ID:17891)

Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 85 and place it on file with a copy to the Legislative Matters Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

86. **Public** 

Somerville YIMBY submitting comments re: the Clarendon Hill Communication Redevelopment Project.

205152 (ID:17892)

Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 86 and place it on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

### SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

87. Order 205153 (ID:17928)

By Ald. Niedergang, Clingan

That the Director of Communications include a 10-minute community announcement period at the start of every ResiStat meeting so community members can share information about meetings and events, so other attendees become aware of things going on in their ward and the city.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

88. Order 205154 (ID:17903)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the appropriate utility to address the low-hanging wires at the intersection of Porter Street and Gould Avenue.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

89. Mayor's Request 205155 (ID:17874) Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition relative to Retirement Board divestment from fossil fuel companies.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

90. Mayor's Request 205156 (ID:17905) Requesting a transfer of \$16,250 from the Salary Contingency Account to the Health & Human Services Personal Services Salaries Account to fund an Environmental Health Liaison.

Alderman White requested to waive the readings of items 90 through 109 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

91. Mayor's Request 205157 (ID:17906) Requesting the appropriation of \$16,250 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash') to the Engineering Division Salaries Account to fund a Construction Liaison and Compliance Manager.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

92. Mayor's Request 205158 (ID:17907) Requesting the appropriation of \$20,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Engineering Division Salaries Account to fund a Construction Project Manager.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

93. Mayor's Request 205159 (ID:17908) Requesting the appropriation of \$16,250 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash') to the Communications Department Salaries Account to fund a Construction Information Officer.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

94. Mayor's Request 205160 (ID:17909) Requesting the appropriation of \$18,750 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to SPCD's Transportation & Infrastructure Division Salaries Account to fund a GLX Project Liaison.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

95. Mayor's Request 205161 (ID:17910) Requesting the appropriation of \$21,250 from Unreserved Fund Balance to the Capital Projects Department Salaries Account to fund a Project Manager.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

96. Mayor's Request 205162 (ID:17911) Requesting the appropriation of \$18,750 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to SPCD's Transportation & Infrastructure Division Salaries Account to fund a Streetscape and Public Space Planner.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

97. Mayor's Request 205163 (ID:17912) Requesting the appropriation of \$21,250 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Engineering Department Salaries Account to fund a Project Manager.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

98. Mayor's Request 205164 (ID:17913) Requesting the appropriation of \$20,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Engineering Department Salaries Account to fund a Junior Project Manager.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

99. Mayor's Request 205165 (ID:17914) Requesting the appropriation of \$21,250 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to SPCD's Transportation & Infrastructure Division Salaries Account to fund a Senior Urban Forestry & Landscape Planner.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

100. Mayor's Request 205166 (ID:17915) Requesting the appropriation of \$18,750 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to SPCD's Transportation & Infrastructure Division Salaries Account to fund a Transportation Planner.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

101. Mayor's Request 205167 (ID:17916) Requesting the appropriation of \$21,250 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Inspectional Services Department Salaries Account to fund a Senior Zoning Review Planner.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

102. Mayor's Request 205168 (ID:17917) Requesting the appropriation of \$27,500 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Capital Projects Department Salaries Account to fund a Capital Projects Assistant Director.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

103. Mayor's Request 205169 (ID:17918) Requesting the appropriation of \$7,200 from Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings to the Water Enterprise Fund Salaries Account to fund a Director of Finance & Administration.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

104. Mayor's Request 205170 (ID:17919) Requesting the appropriation of \$15,300 from Sewer Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings to the Sewer Enterprise Fund Salaries Account to fund a Director of Finance & Administration.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

105. Mayor's Request 205171 (ID:17920) Requesting the appropriation of \$32,692 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the SPCD Office of Housing Stability Salaries Account to fund a Director of Housing Stability.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

106. Mayor's Request 205172 (ID:17921) Requesting the appropriation of \$20,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the SPCD Office of Housing Stability Salaries Account to fund a Deputy Director of Housing Stability/Program Development.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

107. Mayor's Request 205173 (ID:17922) Requesting the appropriation of \$15,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the SPCD Office of Housing Stability Salaries Account to fund a Housing Counselor/Case Manager.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

108. Mayor's Request 205174 (ID:17923) Requesting the appropriation of \$15,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the SPCD Office of Housing Stability Salaries Account to fund a Housing Counselor/Case Manager.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

109. Mayor's Request 205175 (ID:17924) Requesting the appropriation of \$12,500 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the SPCD Office of Housing Stability Salaries Account to fund a Housing Intake Specialist.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

110. Officer's Communication 205176 (ID:17885)

Assistant City Solicitor responding to #205056 re: open meeting law questions.

Alderman White requested to waive the reading of item 110 and place it on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

### LATE ITEMS

111. Communication By Ald. Rossetti

205177 (ID:17929) Conveying the January, 2018, report of the High School Building Committee.

Alderman Rossetti recommended reading the attached report of the Committee.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was Adjourned at 11:45 PM.

# City of Somerville, Massachusetts Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen

## **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

February 22, 2018, 7:00 PM Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue

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## **OPENING OF THE MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Ward Seven Alderman Katjana Ballantyne

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

1. Roll Call 205178 (ID:17975) Call of the Roll.

Alderman Clingan sponsored a moment of silence for Chris Nadeau.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. Minutes 205179 (ID:17976)

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, January 25, 2018.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**CITATIONS** 

**PUBLIC HEARINGS** 

## ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

3. Resolution 205180 (ID:17956)

By Ald. Mbah, Davis, Ballantyne

That the Administration report to this Board on what is being done to prevent gun violence in our schools, including any active shooter training provided to teachers.

Alderman Mbah stated that as a result of the shooting in Florida, he would like to know what is being done to prevent such violence in our schools.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

4. Resolution 205181 (ID:17958)

By Ald. Mbah

That the Administration consider hiring additional school nurses as soon as possible.

Alderman Mbah has heard from teachers that there are not enough health care providers in school to take care of the students.

RESULT: APPROVED

5. Order 205182 (ID:17957)

By Ald. Mbah, McLaughlin

That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance to stop Globe Direct from leaving its weekly circulars at residents' homes.

Alderman Mbah has heard from many constituents that they would like Globe Direct to stop delivery to their homes.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

6. Resolution 205183 (ID:17954)

By Ald. Rossetti, McLaughlin, Ballantyne

That the Administration reassess the city's agreement with Globe Direct regarding stopping deliveries upon request.

Alderman McLaughlin stated that this request has been submitted before and Globe Direct responded satisfactorily by putting Globe Direct circulars in mailboxes. But there was a change in management and the new owners feel they don't have to do this, as it's a Freedom of Speech issue. Alderman White stated that this issue has been around for many years as there are First Amendment rights involved.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

7. Order 205184 (ID:17953)

By Ald. Rossetti, Ballantyne

That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider adding painted street lane arrows and signage at the intersection of Holland Street and Broadway to improve safety.

8. Communication By Ald. Rossetti

205185 (ID:17955) Reporting on the High School Building Committee meeting of February 15, 2018.

Alderman Rossetti reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Committee reported that the two outside consultants determined that we are close enough to the 90% cost estimate gap so the Committee won't have to look at the project line by line: we are on time and on target. A Request for Qualifications was sent out a few weeks back and 109 contractors have expressed interest in various areas of the construction project. A Committee has been formed to review their responses. There will be a Community Meeting held in the spring.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

9. Order 205186

(ID:17959)

By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the potholes on the south side of Highland Avenue between Somerville Hospital and Benton Road, and at 188 Lowell Street.

## **RESULT:** APPROVED

10. Order 205187 (ID:17960) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Director of Traffic and Parking re-stripe the crosswalk on Lowell Street at Princeton Street near the bridge.

## **RESULT:** APPROVED

11. Order 205188 (ID:17961)

By Ald. Niedergang, Ewen-Campen

That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on the feasibility of installing a crosswalk on Highland Avenue in front of the Armory.

#### **RESULT:** APPROVED

12. Order 205189 (ID:17962)

By Ald. Niedergang

That 7 environmental items currently in the Legislative Matters Committee be discharged and assigned to another committee.

These seven items were discharged from the Committee on Legislative Matters and referred to the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

13. Order 205190 (ID:17963) By Ald. Niedergang

That 2 financial items currently in the Legislative Matters Committee be discharged and assigned to another committee.

These two items were discharged from the Committee on Legislative Matters and referred to the Committee on Finance.

14. Resolution 205191 (ID:17964)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board

That the Administration inform this Board on the annual number of eviction cases heard in Somerville District Court, the proportion for which the tenant has no legal representation, and the estimated cost of ensuring that all Somerville tenants have such representation.

Alderman Ewen-Campen would like to see the data available pertaining to eviction cases and how many defendants had legal representation.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

15. Order 205192 (ID:17965)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Director of SPCD work with the Ward 3 Alderman and the Union Square Master Developer to clarify the plan and timeline for the "out-parcels" in later-phase development blocks, so businesses can plan accordingly.

Alderman Ewen-Campen stated that he was approached by a property owner in Union Square who is retiring and would like to sell one of his properties. It is very hard to reach a deal with any potential buyer because the Union Square redevelopment timeline is very unclear. He would like meet with US2 and SPCD to clarify that timeline.

Ald. Scott recused.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

16. Order 205193 (ID:17966)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen, Davis

That the Director of Traffic and Parking explain whether it is possible to program alternative LED patterns for blinking STOP signs and other traffic signs.

Alderman Ewen-Campen is curious if any other pattern of blinking lights can be programmed into the STOP signs. Alderman Davis said he submitted a similar Order last year and was told that there could be no adjustments, but it is a year later and technology may have improved.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

17. Order 205194 (ID:17967)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Director of SPCD consider making the audible pedestrian signals in Union Square push-button activated, and inform this Board on the relative advantages and drawbacks of doing so.

18. Order 205195 (ID:17968)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Director of SPCD work with the Ward 3 Alderman to devise traffic calming strategies on Bow Street, from Warren Avenue to Walnut Street.

Alderman Ewen-Campen stated that traffic is down everywhere at Union Square except for one intersection at block 11 and something needs to done about it to devise a traffic calming strategy.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

19. Order 205196 (ID:17969)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the appropriate utility to remove the double poles at the intersection of Central and Summer Streets, where they are blocking a pedestrian walk signal.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

20. Order 205197 (ID:17970) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Director of Traffic and Parking Place a NO PARKING sign between 161 and 165 Broadway, between the bus stop and the metered spot, to increase vehicle visibility.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

21. Order 205198 (ID:17971) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Director of Veterans Services appear before this Board's Committee on Veterans and Public Services to discuss a Global War on Terror memorial and a Women's Service memorial.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Veterans and Public Services Committee

22. Order 205199 (ID:17972) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services, the Director of Health and Human Services, and the Director of any other department involved in rodent control efforts, appear before this Board's Special Committee on Rodent Issues each month to highlight rodent control efforts.

Alderman McLaughlin will be having monthly meetings with updates on rodent control citywide.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Rodent Issues Special Committee

23. Resolution 205200 (ID:17973)

By Ald. Hirsch

That the Administration consider making a mid-year appropriation for an Out-of-School-Time Coordinator, to begin planning out-of-school-time programming, including this coming summer vacation.

24. Resolution 205201 (ID:17974)

By Ald. Scott, Davis, Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board That the Administration work with US2 to amend the Development Covenant to allow this Board to recognize a Neighborhood Council to negotiate a CBA and discuss the amendment with this Board prior to execution.

Alderman Scott and Alderman Davis are requesting an amendment to the Development Covenant to recognize a Neighborhood Council.

RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

## 25. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205202 (ID:17951) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on February 20, 2018.

Alderman Scott reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Committee is in the process of putting together a guide to appointment and re-appointment procedures since this Committee has new members. The Committee also asked the Administration to provide information it reviewed for appointees, so the Committee knows what information was gathered.

RESULT: APPROVED

B. Order 205203 (ID:17995) By Ald. Davis

That the City Solicitor advise this Board's Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters of any legal requirements and/or standards that may exist for appointments and re-appointments.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

C. Resolution 205204 (ID:17996) By Ald. Davis

That the Administration provide this Board's Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters with all documentation considered for each appointee's appointment, and any updated information since the time of any appointment to a "reserve list".

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

## 26. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205205 (ID:17950) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on February 20, 2018.

Alderman White reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Committee approved entering into a tax agreement with Sun Wealth for a solar system at 440 Somerville Avenue. The Committee also approved a Home Rule Petition so the Retirement Board could divest from fossil fuel companies. The Retirement Board had voted to divest from fossil fuel companies but the State had said they did not have the ability to do that. In addition, the Committee approved a bond for design services for the West Branch Library renovation project, and some grants. The Committee discussed the lease of a portion of a city building. First the Board would have to declare it surplus and approve a request for proposals. Then the Board would have to approve the disposition.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

B. Mayor's Request 202153 (ID:14826) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$94,000 in a bond for additional design services for the West Branch Library Renovation Project.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

**AYES:** Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-

Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

**ABSENT:** Hirsch

C. Mayor's Request 204518 (ID:17247) Requesting a transfer of \$32,500 from the Salary Contingency Account to the Health & Human Services Personal Services Salaries Account to fund an Environmental Health Liaison.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

D. Mayor's Request 205011 (ID:17699) Requesting acceptance of a 36 month lease of the West Somerville Police Substation and office space at 1112-1114 Broadway.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

E. Mayor's Request 205013 (ID:17707) Requesting the appropriation of \$29,890.97 from Free Cash to the EPA Brownfield Revolving Loan Account for payment #1 of the Conway Rink Repayment.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

F. Mayor's Request 205015 (ID:17718) Requesting the appropriation of \$20,750 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash') to the Engineering Division Salaries Account to fund a Construction Liaison and Compliance Manager.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

G. Mayor's Request 205016 (ID:17719) Requesting the appropriation of \$24,500 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Engineering Division Salaries Account to fund a Construction Project Manager.

## RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

H. Mayor's Request 205017 (ID:17720) Requesting the appropriation of \$20,750 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash') to the Communications Department Salaries Account to fund a Construction Information Officer.

#### **RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

I. Mayor's Request 205019 (ID:17722) Requesting the appropriation of \$23,250 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to SPCD's Transportation & Infrastructure Division Salaries Account to fund a GLX Project Liaison.

## RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

J. Mayor's Request 205020 (ID:17723) Requesting the appropriation of \$25,750 from Unreserved Fund Balance to the Capital Projects Department Salaries Account to fund a Project Manager.

## RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

K. Mayor's Request 205021 (ID:17724) Requesting the appropriation of \$23,250 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to SPCD's Transportation & Infrastructure Division Salaries Account to fund a Streetscape and Public Space Planner.

### RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

L. Mayor's Request 205022 (ID:17725) Requesting the appropriation of \$25,750 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Engineering Department Salaries Account to fund a Project Manager.

## RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

M. Mayor's Request 205023 (ID:17726) Requesting the appropriation of \$24,500 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Engineering Department Salaries Account to fund a Junior Project Manager.

## RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

N. Mayor's Request 205024 (ID:17727) Requesting the appropriation of \$25,750 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to SPCD's Transportation & Infrastructure Division Salaries Account to fund a Senior Urban Forestry & Landscape Planner.

### RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

O. Mayor's Request 205025 (ID:17728) Requesting the appropriation of \$25,250 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to SPCD's Transportation & Infrastructure Division Salaries Account to fund a Transportation Planner.

#### **RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

P. Mayor's Request 205026 (ID:17729) Requesting the appropriation of \$25,750 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Inspectional Services Department Salaries Account to fund a Senior Zoning Review Planner.

#### **RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

Q. Mayor's Request 205027 (ID:17730)

Requesting the appropriation of \$27,000 from Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings to the Water Enterprise Fund Salaries Account to fund a Director of Finance & Administration.

#### **RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

R. Mayor's Request 205028 (ID:17731)

Requesting the appropriation of \$32,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Capital Projects Department Salaries Account to fund a Capital Projects Assistant Director.

#### **RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

S. Mayor's Request 205030 (ID:17747)

Requesting the appropriation of \$29,500 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the SPCD Office of Housing Stability Salaries Account to fund a Director of Housing Stability.

#### **RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

T. Mayor's Request 205031 (ID:17748)

Requesting the appropriation of \$24,500 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the SPCD Office of Housing Stability Salaries Account to fund a Deputy Director of Housing Stability/Program Development.

#### **RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

Mayor's Request 205032 (ID:17749)

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Requesting the appropriation of \$19,500 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the SPCD Office of Housing Stability Salaries Account to fund a Housing Counselor/Case Manager.

#### **RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

V. Mayor's Request 205033 (ID:17750) Requesting the appropriation of \$19,500 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the SPCD Office of Housing Stability Salaries Account to fund a Housing Counselor/Case Manager.

#### **RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

W. Mayor's Request 205034 (ID:17751) Requesting the appropriation of \$17,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the SPCD Office of Housing Stability Salaries Account to fund a Housing Intake Specialist.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

X. Mayor's Request 205119 (ID:17824) Requesting approval to establish a Consolidated Gift Account to accept donations for commemorative benches.

RESULT: APPROVED

Y. Mayor's Request 205120 (ID:17803) Requesting approval to enter into a tax agreement with Sunwealth for a solar energy system at 444 Somerville Avenue.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

Z. Mayor's Request 205123 (ID:17806) Requesting acceptance of a \$50,000 grant with no new match required, from UASI to the Police Department for purchasing maritime equipment.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

AA. Mayor's Request 205155 (ID:17874) Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition relative to Retirement Board divestment from fossil fuel companies.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-

Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

**ABSENT:** Hirsch

AB. Order 205206 (ID:17997) By Ald. Rossetti

That the Manager of Grants Development investigate grant opportunities available to the city's proposed Office of Housing Stability.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

## 27. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205207 (ID:17948) Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on February 14, 2018.

Alderman Ewen-Campen reported on the items discussed at the meeting. First, there was an amendment adopted to the 11/29/17 minutes, related to #203222. The goal of this first meeting was to review the different items in Committee. First was a procedure to donate memorial trees and benches. The Committee also discussed a Citizen's Advisory Group, and an Office of Housing Stability, as a front line for people facing eviction, landlords having issues, and data-based policy recommendations. The Committee discussed forming Community Land Trusts, and setting up a universal wait list for affordable housing, as there are now many different such lists.

B. Order

ler By Ald. Ballantyne

202308 (ID:14983) That the Director SPCD request a redesign and upgrade to the asphalt playground, tot lot and "cave" courtyard at the West Somerville Neighborhood School.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Resolution 204321

By Ald. Heuston

(ID:17045)

That the Administration create a Pedestrian Safety Committee. (2nd request)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. Order

By Ald. Clingan

204862 (ID:17625) That the Director of SPCD appear before this Board to discuss the timeline for repaying Broadway, between Central Street and the McGrath Highway.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

E. Order

By Ald. Hirsch

204868 (ID:17635) That the Director of SPCD provide an update on the progress made on all recommendations included in the December 2015 Sustainable Neighborhood Working Group report.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

F. Order

By Ald. Mbah, McLaughlin

204969 (ID:17733) That the Director of SPCD explain why the process of applying for affordable housing hasn't been consolidated into a single, universal, persistent application,

lottery, and wait list.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

G. Officer's Director of Si Communication Plan process.

Director of SPCD conveying an overview and summary of the 5-Year HUD

205128

(ID:17818)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

## 28. LAND USE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205208 (ID:17947) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on February 13, 2018.

Alderman Davis reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The meeting was an introduction to the new proposed Zoning overhaul. The meeting and slide presentation by Planning Director George Proakis was videotaped and is available on www.somervillezoning.com. The three main topics discussed were a policy overview of SomerVision and the Neighborhood Plans, and how they tie in; a comparison between the 2015 draft and the current draft; and a discussion of the 125 new acres of open space. There will be a Public Hearing on the overhaul on March 13.

#### LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE 29.

A. Committee Report 205209 (ID:17949)

Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on February 15, 2018.

Alderman Niedergang reported on the items discussed at the meeting. He discussed the request for a Home Rule Petition authorizing the City to propose a real estate transfer fee. There will be Public Hearing on this on March 15 or 29. The Committee looked at possible exemptions from the transfer fee. Members discussed increasing the proposed 1% fee to 2%, as an anti-speculation effort. The Committee talked about whether the transfer fee would be a burden on buyers, and where the revenue should go. The Committee reviewed State Rep. Mike Connolly's House Bill #4196, which would enable transfer fees. The Committee also discussed a Home Rule Petition to preserve affordable housing through a tenant's Right to Purchase, also known as Right of First Refusal, which could enable a tenant to purchase the apartment where they live when that property is put up for sale. The seller would be required to submit a formal notice to tenants and the City that a sale was pending as soon as there was an offer to purchase it. Single family houses and owner/family member-occupied two family houses would be exempt. The Committee then approved an Order that the City Solicitor prepare a Home Rule Petition to change the name of the Board of Aldermen to City Council, and will discuss it when there's an actual draft of the Home Rule Petition. Finally, the Committee approved creating a Somerville Municipal Job Creation and Retention Trust Fund.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

B. Order 202023 (ID:14686) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on the Administration's plans for the Somerville Municipal Job Creation and Retention Trust Fund and jobs linkage fee for new commercial development.

#### **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

C. Mayor's Request 204516 (ID:17248) Requesting approval of an Ordinance for the Somerville Municipal Job Creation and Retention Trust Fund.

This item was replaced by #205251, which was Ordained.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

D. Officer's

Director of Economic Development submitting recommendations from the Communication Mayor's Advisory Committee on Jobs Linkage.

204663 (ID:17376)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

E. Order 205071 (ID:17827)

By Ald. White Jr., Clingan, Mbah, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Niedergang, Davis, McLaughlin, Ballantyne

That the City Solicitor prepare a Home Rule Petition to change the name of the Board of Aldermen to City Council.

## 30. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205210 (ID:17952) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on February 21, 2018.

Alderman Rossetti reported on the items discussed at the meeting. First, an application to extend operating hours of Dumpling Kitchen at 217 Highland Avenue was approved for a 6-month trial. Next was extending the operating hours of Venus Pizza and Grill at 1295 Broadway, for service until 5 am, 7 days a week. This was not approved. Dunkin Donuts, 504 Broadway, had applied to be open 24 hours, 7 days a week, and has in fact been open 24 hours, 7 days a week for years, but an; issue was noted on his original paperwork. This request/correction was approved by the Committee. Parise's, which has operated for many years at 97 Washington Street, was granted a Billiards and Bowling license to add a pool table. An amendment to the Used Car Dealer License Class 2 for Master Used Cars at 121 Prospect Street, to increase the number of vehicles in the lot to 38 vehicles and to stay open Saturdays to 6 pm was discussed at length, with neighbors speaking against the amendment. As a result, the applicant withdrew his request. The Committee discussed with the City Clerk and Assistant City Solicitor a policy to review prior infractions for any businesses applying to renew a license, and will await a report from the Law Office. Next was the renewal of a Used Car Dealer License Class 2 for Broadway Motor Cars, 161 Broadway. Alderman McLaughlin explained to Attorney DiGiralamo, representing the applicant, that the applicant's license had been previously amended to reduce the number of vehicles allowed in front of the building. He now wants the ability to park 4 vehicles in front of the building be removed from the license. The Committee decided to renew the license but reserve the right to consider imposing conditions on the license within 60 days, based on reports from Traffic and Parking, ISD, and Planning. The Committee renewed several Used Car Dealer Licenses without a condition stating that they are now located in the Union Square Urban Renewal District area, with no guarantee of a renewable license in the future. Instead, a motion was made that SPCD, the City Solicitor and the City Clerk first confirm that that language will not infringe upon a licensee's ability to conduct their business.

Alderman Mbah made a motion to sever the report to separately discuss the application for extended operating hours for Venus Pizza and Grill. Alderman Rossetti said the application was denied by a 2-1 vote. Alderman Mbah said he feels that Venus Pizza and Grill should have been offered a compromise if the Committee didn't feel they could extend the hours to 5:00 am, such as granting a license to 2:00 am with conditions. Alderman Ballantyne stated that she was that Ward Alderman for 4+ years and that there have been chronic problem with that establishment. The Health Department has been called frequently to make inspections due to violations. Numerous phone calls to the owners have been needed to make something happen. The neighbors are disappointed with the type of neighbor they have with this business. Alderman Niedergang, having been present at for the neighbors' testimony at the Committee meeting, agreed with Aldermen Ballantyne and Rossetti. Alderman Mbah then thanked the Aldermen for their information and Venus' application was denied with a10-0 vote

B. 204774

License/Permit New Billiards and Bowling License, Parise's Cafe, 97 Washington St, 1 pool table.

(ID:17506)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

C. License/Permit 204806 (ID:17538)

New Extended Operating Hours License, Dumpling Kitchen, 217 Highland Ave, Opening for take-out and delivery service only, Sun-Thu to 2AM and Fri-Sat to 2:30AM.

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS **RESULT:** 

**CONDITION:** Approved for 6 months only.

D. 204931 (ID:17672)

License/Permit New Extended Operating Hours License, Venus Pizza and Grill, 1295 Broadway, remaining open for in-store, take-out and delivery service until 5AM 7 days/week.

> The Board voted to approve the Committee's recommendation to NOT APPROVE this application.

NOT APPROVED. [0 TO 10] **RESULT:** 

NAYS: Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-

Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

**ABSENT:** Hirsch

E. License/Permit 204932 (ID:17673)

Amending Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Master Used Cars, 121 Prospect St, to increase the number of vehicles outside to 38, and increase Saturday hours to 6PM.

**RESULT:** WITHDRAWN

F. License/Permit 205134

New Extended Operating Hours License, Dunkin Donuts, 504 Broadway, opening 24/7.

(ID:17895)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

G. License/Permit 205135

Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Somerville Motors, 182 Washington St.

(ID:17902)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

License/Permit H. 205136 (ID:17901)

Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Broadway Motor Cars, 161 Broadway.

**RESULT:** APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

CONDITION: That this Board may impose conditions upon this license

within 60 days, following the receipt of findings from several city departments.

I. 205137

License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, 28 Motorsports, 486R Columbia

(ID:17900)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

J. License/Permit 205138

Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, CM Auto Sales, 39 Webster Ave.

(ID:17899)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

K. License/Permit 205139

Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Union Gulf Service, 231 Washington St.

(ID:17898)

**APPROVED RESULT:** 

L. License/Permit 205140

Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Webster Auto Sales, 61 Prospect

(ID:17897)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

M. License/Permit 205141

Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Executive Auto Leasing and Sales, 30 Medford St.

(ID:17896)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

N. Order 205211 (ID:18009) By Ald. Rossetti

That the condition submitted by SPCD for used car dealer licenses issued in the Union Square Urban Revitalization Plan area be reviewed by SPCD, the City Solicitor and the City Clerk to confirm it will not infringe upon licensees' ability to conduct business.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

### COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

31. Mayor's Request 205212 (ID:17812) Requesting approval to create the Medical Marijuana Stabilization Fund and accept payments to the Fund from medical marijuana dispensaries.

Alderman White requested to waive the readings of items 31 through 40 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

32. Mayor's Request 205213 (ID:17935) Requesting approval to create the 259 McGrath Stabilization fund and accept a payment to the Fund of \$3,500.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:** 

33. Mayor's Request 205214 (ID:17938) Requesting to transfer CPA funds totaling \$1,214,322 from the CPA Fund Budgeted Reserve to designated CPA reserves per the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

34. Mayor's Request 205215 (ID:17977) Requesting a transfer of \$205,000 from the Police Department Salaries Account and \$45,000 from the E-911 Salaries Account to the Fire Department Salaries Account to correct an under-funding in the FY18 budget.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

35. Mayor's Request 205216 (ID:17978) Requesting a transfer of \$98,000 from the E-911 Salaries Account and \$77,000 from the Parks & Recreation Field Maintenance Salaries Account to the Law Legal Services Account to fund anticipated outside legal counsel invoices.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

36. Mayor's Request 205217 (ID:17834) Requesting approval to transfer \$60,000 in the Health & Human Services Department from the Salaries Account to the Professional & Technical Services Account, for temporary school nursing services.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

37. Mayor's Request 205218 (ID:17933) Requesting acceptance of a \$400,000 grant that requires a match, from the MA Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs PARC Grant Program to SPCD for renovations to Lincoln Park.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

38. Mayor's Request 205219 (ID:17932) Requesting acceptance of a \$150,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Fund Transportation Planning program to SPCD for mitigation at the intersection of Rts 93, 28, and 38.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

39. Mayor's Request 205220 (ID:17931) Requesting acceptance of a \$100,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Reserve Fund to SPCD for baseline monitoring of air quality and vehicular traffic in impacted neighborhoods.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

40. Mayor's Request 205221 (ID:17936) Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$59,747 from HUD to support SPCD's Continuum of Care planning efforts.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

41. Mayor's Request 205222 (ID:17872) Requesting acceptance of a \$10,000 grant with no new match required, from the National Endowment for the Arts to the Arts Council for a Puppet performers series.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

42. Mayor's Request 205223 (ID:17937) Requesting acceptance of a \$5,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Housing and Community Development to the Housing Division for the 2018 Youth Count.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

43. Mayor's Request 205224 (ID:17946) Requesting the reappointment of Elaine Severino to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Alderman Scott requested to waive the readings of items 43 through 46 and refer them to the Confirmation of Appointments Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

44. Mayor's Request 205225 (ID:17945) Requesting the re-appointment of Pooja Phaltankar as an Alternate Member to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

45. Mayor's Request 205226 (ID:17870) Requesting the re-appointment of Dennis Fischman to the Fair Housing Commission.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

46. Mayor's Request 205227 (ID:17871) Requesting the re-appointment of Rona Fischman to the Fair Housing Commission.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters
Committee

## COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

47. Officer's Planning Board submitting recommendations re: #204638, amending the Communication Zoning Ordinance for a recreational marijuana study period.

205228 (ID:17943)

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

48. Officer's Planning Board submitting recommendations re: #204893, a zoning Communication amendment regarding PUD waivers.

205229 (ID:17944)

Alderman Davis requested to waive the reading of item 48 and refer it to the Land Use Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

49. Officer's 205230 (ID:17984)

City Solicitor requesting approval to retain outside counsel in the matters of Communication Kiely's Civil Service Commission request and Open Meeting Law complaint.

> The City Solicitor stated that Officer Kiely requested an investigation by the Civil Service Commission as it relates to this Board's decision not to confirm his promotion. That matter is now pending at the Civil Service Commission. Officer Kiely is also filing a complaint that there was an open meeting law violation as relates to meetings concerning his prospective promotion. At this time, the City Solicitor recommends that the Board consider retaining outside counsel, and he introduced Attorney Darren Klein of KP Law. Alderman White asked Attorney Klein what his hourly rate is, and if he would be using paralegal assistance. Mr. Klein responded that the fee would be \$200 per hour which is a blended rate. Paralegal work would be charged half of that. President Ballantyne stated that this time sensitive and the Board needs to meet on this within 14 days. The Board approved retaining Attorney Klein and scheduled a meeting with him on Tuesday, February 27 at 7 pm.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

50. Officer's

Assistant City Solicitor responding to #204947 re: any requirement for this Communication Board's opening prayer and salute to the flag.

205231 (ID:17927)

Alderman Davis requested to waive the readings of items 50 through 52 and place them on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

Officer's City Clerk and Communications Director conveying the protocol for recording 51. Communication this Board's Committee meetings.

205232 (ID:17993)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE 52. Officer's

Director of Sustainability and Environment responding to #205105 re: Communication recycling in municipal buildings.

205233 (ID:17940)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

53. Officer's 205234

(ID:17941)

Director of Sustainability and Environment submitting an update on the Communication Administration's sustainability initiatives.

> Alderman Davis requested to waive the reading of item 53 and place it on file with a copy to the Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee.

There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

54. Officer's Communication meeting.

DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders from the 2/8/18

205235 (ID:17934)

Alderman Davis requested to waive the readings of items 54 through 55 and place them on file with a copy of item 55 to the Traffic and Parking Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

55. Officer's Director of Traffic and Parking responding to Items from the 2/8/18 meeting.

Communication 205236 (ID:17942)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

### **NEW BUSINESS**

56. License/Permit 205237

(ID:17986)

Public Event Permit, Groundwork Somerville Maple Syrup Boil Down, Community Growing Center, Mar 10, 8AM-4PM (raindates Mar 11, 17, 18, 24, 25, 31, Apr 1).

Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 56 through 62 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**APPROVED** RESULT:

57. 205238 (ID:17987)

License/Permit Public Event Permit, Arts Council Arbor Day Starting Over Festival, Quincy St Park, Apr 22, 9AM-2PM (raindate Apr 29).

> **RESULT: APPROVED**

58. 205239

License/Permit Public Event Permit, Dysautonomia International POTS Walk and Run, Mystic River path, May 12, 8AM-3PM.

(ID:17988)

59. 205240 (ID:17989)

License/Permit Public Event Permit, St Benedict Marion Parade, St Benedict Parish area streets, May 13, 11AM-Noon.

> **RESULT:** APPROVED

60. License/Permit 205241 (ID:17990)

Public Event Permit, Arts Council Jody Weber Dance Performance, Union Sq. Plaza, Jun 14, 6-10:30PM (raindate Jun 15).

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

61. 205242

License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Cantina La Mexicana, 247 Washington St.

**APPROVED RESULT:** 

62. License/Permit

Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Diesel Cafe, 257 Elm St.

205243 (ID:17992)

(ID:17991)

**APPROVED RESULT:** 

63. Public 205244 (ID:17985)

15 registered voters proposing an amendment to the Zoning Ordinances by Communication adding a new Ordinance 7.16 regulating certain buildings near heavily trafficked roadways.

> Fred Berman addressed the Board and informed them that this proposal would amend the Zoning Ordinances to require certain air quality mitigation as the condition of Special Permits, Building Permits and Occupancy Permits for housing, pre-schools, and nursing home facilities that are built near heavily-trafficked roadways.

The item was also referred to the Planning Board.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:** 

FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

#### SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

64. Resolution 205245

(ID:17979)

By Ald. Clingan, and the Entire Board

Condemning the outsourcing of 100 medical coding jobs by Partners Healthcare to India, and requesting from Partners Healthcare how many of those jobs were based in Somerville and/or held by Somerville residents.

Alderman Clingan is against the outsourcing of 100 medical coding jobs by Partners, and would like to know what the impact of this is in Somerville.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

Order 65. 205246 (ID:17981) By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Director of Engineering inspect the last 20-yard section of Ware Street, near Russell Road, and advise the Ward Alderman if it is sinking.

66. Order

205247 (ID:17982) By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Director of Sustainability and Environment report to this Board on the progress of the Mayor's initiative to attain carbon neutrality by 2050.

RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

67. Order

205248 (ID:17983) By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the potholes on Holland, North and Elmwood Streets.

RESULT: APPROVED

68. Order

205249 (ID:17994) By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a NO RIGHT TURN 7–10 AM AND 4–6 PM sign facing west on the corner of Church and Summer Streets.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

69. Mayor's Request 205250 Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to authorize the Housing Authority to reconstruct the state funded Clarendon Hill Public Housing Project.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

70. Officer's Communication 205251

(ID:18002)

Officer's Assistant City Solicitor submitting an Ordinance to create a Somerville Communication Municipal Job Creation And Retention Trust Fund.

(ID:18000)

See #204516 for discussion of this item.

**RESULT:** ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-

Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

**ABSENT:** Hirsch

71. Officer's Assistant City Solic Communication Vista Garage lease.

Assistant City Solicitor responding to #205004 re: re-negotiation of the Buena Vista Garage lease.

205252 (ID:17930)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

72. Officer's Communication 205253 (ID:17904)

Director of Personnel responding to #204866 re: city staff demographics.

Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the reading of item 72 and place it on file with a copy to the Confirmation of Appointments Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

73. 205254

(ID:18005)

License/Permit Public Event Permit, Big Apple Circus, Assembly Row Block 7, Mar 26 - May 9 with performances Apr 7 - May 6.

> **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

License/Permit 74. 205255 (ID:18006)

Public Event Permit, Jatra Nepal Holi Color Fest, Buena Vista Parking Lot, Apr 29, 9AM-8PM (raindate May 13).

Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the reading of item 74 and refer it to Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

License/Permit 75. 205256 (ID:18007)

Public Event Permit, MOM's 5K Run start and after-party (Run approved Jan 25 as #205049), Summer St from Cutter Ave to Windom St, May 13, 7AM-2PM.

Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 75 through 76 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, LM Heavy Civil Construction. 76.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

205257 (ID:18004)

77. Public 205258

(ID:18001)

SMEA President submitting comments re: the Mayor's mid-year requests for Communication new non-union positions.

> Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the reading of item 77 and place it on file with a copy to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE **FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

78. Public Michael Kiely submitting an Open Meeting Law complaint against this Board.

Communication 205259 (ID:18008)

**RESULT: FOLLOWUP:**  LAID ON THE TABLE Board of Aldermen

LATE ITEMS

(ID:18010)

79. Order 205260 By Ald. White Jr.

That the Director of Finance update this Board's Finance Committee, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on the mid-year status of the city budget.

Alderman White feels this would be helpful for the new Board Members before the Budget process begins in June.

**RESULT: APPROVED Finance Committee** FOLLOWUP:

80. **Public** 205261

Venus Pizza and Grill Owner responding to the Licenses and Permits Communication Committee's recommendation for their Extended Operating Hours License application (#204931).

(ID:18011)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

81. Public Jennifer Shepherd submitting comments re: Master Used Cars, 121 Prospect St

Communication 205262 (ID:18012)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

82. **Public** Communication 202400

(ID:15075)

Green and Open Somerville submitting comments re: a dark sky ordinance.

Discharged from the Committee on Legislative Matters per #205189. REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION **RESULT:** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

83. Order 203230 (ID:15935) By Ald. Davis

That the City Solicitor advise this Board whether the city may restrict financial institutions from participating in city borrowing based on their business activities, and whether the city may engage in a negotiated underwriting process with a pre-selected lending institution under certain circumstances.

Discharged from the Committee on Legislative Matters per #205190.

REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION **RESULT:** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

84. Order 203365 (ID:16068) By Ald. 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.

Discharged from the Committee on Legislative Matters per #205189.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

85. Order 203646 (ID:16335) By Ald. Ballantyne

That the City Solicitor draft a Building Energy Use Disclosure Ordinance to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by requiring owners of larger buildings to disclose annual energy use.

Discharged from the Committee on Legislative Matters per #205189.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee 86. Resolution

203881 (ID:16547) By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Administration draft a Dark Sky ordinance addressing applicability, color temperature standards, prescriptive or performance standards, DPW oversight, and exemptions.

Discharged from the Committee on Legislative Matters per #205189.

REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION **RESULT:** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

87. Officer's

Asst. City Solicitor responding to #203230 re: restricting or pre-selecting Communication financial institutions for city borrowing.

204025

(ID:16679)

Discharged from the Committee on Legislative Matters per #205190.

REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION **RESULT:** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

88. Public Communication 204419 (ID:17144)

Renee Scott submitting comments re: #203059, the Tree Advisory Committee ordinance, #203365, the native species ordinance, and #203881, the dark sky ordinance.

Discharged from the Committee on Legislative Matters per #205189.

REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION **RESULT:** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

89. Public 204420

Lee Erica Palmer submitting comments re: #203059, the Tree Advisory Communication Committee ordinance, #203365, the native species ordinance, and #203881, the dark sky ordinance.

(ID:17145)

Discharged from the Committee on Legislative Matters per #205189.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

90. Public 204421

Janine Fay submitting comments re: #203059, the Tree Advisory Committee Communication ordinance, #203365, the native species ordinance, and #203881, the dark sky ordinance.

(ID:17146)

Discharged from the Committee on Legislative Matters per #205189.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

# ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:25 PM.

# City of Somerville, Massachusetts Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen

# **SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

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# **OPENING OF THE MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 PM by Ward Seven Alderman Katjana Ballantyne

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

1. Roll Call 205263 (ID:18013) Call of the Roll.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

## **CITATIONS**

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

# ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

2. Order By Ald. Ballantyne 205264 That this Board spo

(ID:18014) Board with r

That this Board sponsor Outside Counsel Darren Klein, Esq, to advise this Board with respect to the matter of Michael Kiely and the City of Somerville, Civil Service Commission No. I-18-018, stating that this Board may convene in Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to potential litigation.

After hearing from Attorney Klein on the matter, the President determined that having the discussion in open session would have a detrimental effect on the city's litigation position. The Board voted to move to Executive Session to take up this item, then recessed its meeting before convening in

Executive Session. This allowed the Committee on Land Use, which had begun meeting 90 minutes earlier and had recessed to accommodate the start of this Board meeting, to then reconvene. The Committee completed its business in approximately 10 minutes and adjourned its meeting. The Board then reconvened and immediately convened in Executive Session, the vote to so convene having already been taken. Ald. McLaughlin and White were recused in this matter. No votes were taken in the Executive Session.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

**AYES:** Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan,

Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

**ABSENT:** White Jr., McLaughlin

3. Order 205265 (ID:18015)

By Ald. Ballantyne

That this Board sponsor Outside Counsel Darren Klein, Esq, to advise this Board with respect to the Open Meeting Law complaint of Michael Kiely against this Board, stating that this Board may convene in Executive Session to discuss this complaint and/or to discuss strategy with respect to potential litigation.

After hearing from Attorney Klein on the matter, the President determined that having the discussion in open session would have a detrimental effect on the city's litigation position. The Board voted to move to Executive Session to take up this item, and immediately convened in Executive Session. Ald. McLaughlin was recused in this matter. No votes were taken in the Executive Session.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

**AYES:** Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen,

Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

**ABSENT:** McLaughlin

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4. Public Michael Kiely submitting an Open Meeting Law complaint against this Board.

Communication 205259 (ID:18008)

**RESULT:** 

PLACED ON FILE

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

**NEW BUSINESS** 

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

# **LATE ITEMS**

5. Order By Ald. Scott

205266 That Outside Counsel Darren Klein, Esq, respond to Sgt. Kiely's Open Meeting (ID:18037) Law complaint prior to the March 2 deadline, in consultation with the Chair of

the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

# **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:45 PM.

# City of Somerville, Massachusetts Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen

# **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

March 8, 2018, 7:00 PM Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue

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Katjana Ballantyne	Ward Seven Alderman	Present	

1. Roll Call 205267 (ID:18067) Call of the Roll.

Alderman Ewen-Campen sponsored a moment of silence for J.J. Williams. Alderman Clingan sponsored a moment of silence for Alan Keith. Alderman Clingan sponsored a moment of silence for Daniel Spinzoa, Sr.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

2. Minutes 205268 (ID:18068)

Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting, January 30, 2018, and the Regular Meeting, February 8, 2018.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**CITATIONS** 

**PUBLIC HEARINGS** 

# ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

3. Resolution 205269 (ID:18036)

By Ald. Rossetti, Ballantyne, and the Entire Board

Supporting the students of Somerville High School in their efforts to demand that our country's leaders act to ensure safety in all schools and neighborhoods, and extending our willingness to work together with them.

Alderman Rossetti introduced two students, Anika Nyack, 16, and Amalia Hoffman, 16, who spoke about their demand that our country's leaders act to ensure safety in our schools, by promoting a "Walk Out Movement" and a national assault weapons ban. Several Aldermen thanked them for speaking out, commended their courage, and offered their help with anything they could do.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

4. Resolution 205270

(ID:18038)

By Ald. Davis

That the Administration provide this Board with the regulations that govern the extent to which utility companies can cut back trees.

RESULT: APPROVED

5. Resolution 205271 (ID:18039)

By Ald. Mbah

That the Administration hire more substitute teachers for the high school or contract with a private company to provide them.

Alderman Mbah reported that the system for employing substitutes is antiquated and needs to be updated. After discussion from several Alderman indicating that this issue is in the domain of the School Committee, Alderman Mbah agreed to withdraw it.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

6. Resolution 205272 (ID:18040)

By Ald. Mbah, Ewen-Campen

That the Administration update this Board with the parking situation at the high school.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

7. Communication By Ald. Niedergang

205273 (ID:18047) Updating this Board on meetings of the Capital Projects Master Plan Working Group in January and February, 2018.

Alderman Niedergang updated the Board on the Capital Projects Master Plan Working Group. Having held 9 or 10 meetings, the group is making progress and is close to issuing a report to the Mayor and the Board. The report will address the city's physical offices, and how they can best be utilized.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

8. Order 205274 (ID:18048) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services talk with, and if necessary ticket, the Powderhouse Pub in Ball Square for littering on the sidewalk.

Alderman Niedergang reported that there are scores of cigarette butts all over the sidewalk around this business.

RESULT: APPROVED

9. Order 205275 (ID:18049)

By Ald. Niedergang

That the Director of Personnel explain to this Board in writing why the City does not give part-time employees who work less than 20 hours a week earned sick time. (2nd request)

Alderman Niedergang stated that the Director of Personnel responded, saying the City is considering implementing sick time for part-timers in FY19, with the implementation of new software.

RESULT: APPROVED

10. Order 205276 (ID:18050)

By Ald. Niedergang

That this Board discharge from the Legislative Matters Committee #201740, Proposing an ordinance relative to a mid-fiscal year report of municipal finances, with next fiscal-year budget projections.

## **RESULT:** APPROVED

11. Order 205277 (ID:18051)

By Ald. Niedergang

That this Board discharge agenda item 204486 from the Legislative Matters Committee, "Proposing an ordinance for the management and elimination of natural gas leaks" and send a copy of the item to the City Solicitor and the Director of Engineering, in preparation for discussion.

# **RESULT:** APPROVED

12. Order 205278 (ID:18052)

By Ald. Niedergang

That this Board discharge from the Legislative Matters Committee #203711, That the City Solicitor consult with the Commissioner of Public Works to draft an ordinance requiring contractors and utilities to secure metal plates during street construction" and that a copy of the item be sent to the City Solicitor and the Commissioner of Public Works in preparation for discussion.

# **RESULT:** APPROVED

13. Order 205279 (ID:18053)

By Ald. Niedergang

That this Board discharge from the Legislative Matters Committee #203190, Publishers Circulation Fulfillment responding to #203057 re: Globe Direct distribution.

14. Order

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

205280 (ID:18054)

That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a NO PARKING sign on the east side of Central Street, about 20 feet from the corner of Summer Street, to increase visibility at this dangerous intersection.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

15. Order

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

205281 (ID:18055) That the Manager of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion discuss with the Ward 3 Alderman options for creating additional handicapped parking spaces on Warren Avenue at Properzi Manor.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

16. Order

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

205282 (ID:18056) That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the potholes on Highland Avenue, from Walnut Street to Greenville Avenue.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

17. Order 205283

By Ald. Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board

That the Director of the Council on Aging meet with the Ward 3 Alderman to discuss forming partnerships between the Housing Authority's elderly housing facilities and the many "maker spaces" in the city, to encourage intergenerational tech assistance.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

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(ID:18057)

By Ald. Hirsch, Ewen-Campen

18. Resolution 205284 (ID:18058)

That the Administration consider hiring a software engineer in the FY19 budget cycle to design and maintain information management systems to link data, such as information related to properties.

Alderman Hirsch stated that there are many different departments with data on properties, and she feels that it is important to have this information linked.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Youth Services Committee

19. Order 205285 (ID:18059) By Ald. Hirsch, Niedergang, and the Entire Board

That the Director of SPCD share plans, when available, for its upcoming Vision Zero planning process.

Alderman Hirsch would like the Director of SPCD to share what plans they have for Vision Zero.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

20. Order 205286 (ID:18060) By Ald. 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.

Alderman Hirsch would like the Director of SPCD share information on the City's role in condominium association issues.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

21. Order 205287 (ID:18061) By Ald. Hirsch

That the Community Preservation Act Manager inform this Board whether or not small open spaces can be designated as publicly accessible open space in combination with an affordable housing or historic preservation funding allocation.

Alderman Hirsch would like to explore whether open space designation could become part of the City's public open space.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

22. Resolution 205288 (ID:18062)

By Ald. Hirsch, Niedergang, and the Entire Board

Expressing appreciation for the staff of the Departments of Assessing, Communications, Health and Human Services, and the Council on Aging, for designing an excellent mailing notifying seniors of ways to lessen their tax burden, and for responding to requests for information.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

23. Order 205289 (ID:18063) By Ald. Hirsch, Ballantyne, Davis, Clingan

That the Director of Purchasing share the process for procuring food, food packaging and flatware for the school cafeterias.

Alderman Hirsch would like the Director of Purchasing to inform the Board about the procurement of food in the school cafeterias.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Youth Services Committee

24. Order 205290 (ID:18064) By Ald. Hirsch, Ballantyne, Davis

That the Commissioner of Public Works share the process of handling different types of cafeteria waste, including recyclables and food waste.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Youth Services Committee

25. Communication By Ald. Hirsch, Rossetti, Mbah, White Jr.

205291

(ID:18066)

Announcing the 2018 Somerville Block Party Challenge, and inviting all residents to participate, in whatever way they are able or interested, in the annual tradition of gathering the block together.

Alderman Hirsch described how the "Block Party Challenge" would work, with the goal recognizing the many ways in which residents can come together, and encouraging such activities in the coming year.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

26. Resolution 205292

By Ald. Hirsch

(ID:18065)

That, in preparation for his role representing this Board at next Friday's citywide basketball matchup with the Harlem Wizards, Alderman Jesse Clingan helps turn the game around, delivers a perfect spin dribble, plays to make us proud and remembers that, as Yogi Berra once said, "Ninety percent of the game is half mental."

**APPROVED RESULT:** 

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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

A. Committee Report 205293 (ID:18023) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on March 7, 2018.

Alderman Scott reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Committee discussed the legal requirements and standards that may exist for appointments and reappointments. The Committee also recommended the appointment of Charles Conway and the Lysander Amado as Firefighters.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

B. Mayor's Request 205039 (ID:17704) Requesting the appointment of Charles Conway to the position of Fire Fighter.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

C. Mayor's Request 205040 (ID:17705) Requesting the appointment of Lysander Amado to the position of Fire Fighter.

# 28. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205294 (ID:18020) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on March 6, 2018.

Alderman White reported on the items discussed at the meeting. He suggested several amendments to the minutes, which were approved and are incorporated in the Board's minutes. The Committee approved several grants and transfers. There was much discussion about the Mayor's request for several new staff and a new Office of Housing Stability. Members were reluctant to approve most positions, but agreed to fund a Director of Housing Stability, a GLX Liaison, and construction-related translation services.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

B. Mayor's Request 205018 (ID:17721) Requesting the appropriation of \$10,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Communications Department Professional and Technical Services Account to fund construction translation services.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

C. Mayor's Request 205029 (ID:17752) Requesting the approval of funding to establish an Office of Housing Stability in SPCD.

RESULT: APPROVED

D. Mayor's Request 205160 (ID:17909) Requesting the appropriation of \$18,750 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to SPCD's Transportation & Infrastructure Division Salaries Account to fund a GLX Project Liaison.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

E. Mayor's Request 205166 (ID:17915) Requesting the appropriation of \$18,750 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to SPCD's Transportation & Infrastructure Division Salaries Account to fund a Transportation Planner.

RESULT: NOT APPROVED

F. Mayor's Request 205171 (ID:17920) Requesting the appropriation of \$32,692 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the SPCD Office of Housing Stability Salaries Account to fund a Director of Housing Stability.

RESULT: APPROVED

G. Mayor's Request 205212 (ID:17812) Requesting approval to create the Medical Marijuana Stabilization Fund and accept payments to the Fund from medical marijuana dispensaries.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

H. Mayor's Request 205214 (ID:17938) Requesting to transfer CPA funds totaling \$1,214,322 from the CPA Fund Budgeted Reserve to designated CPA reserves per the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee.

# **RESULT:** APPROVED

I. Mayor's Request 205215 (ID:17977) Requesting a transfer of \$205,000 from the Police Department Salaries Account and \$45,000 from the E-911 Salaries Account to the Fire Department Salaries Account to correct an under-funding in the FY18 budget.

## **RESULT:** APPROVED

J. Mayor's Request 205216 (ID:17978) Requesting a transfer of \$98,000 from the E-911 Salaries Account and \$77,000 from the Parks & Recreation Field Maintenance Salaries Account to the Law Legal Services Account to fund anticipated outside legal counsel invoices.

# **RESULT:** APPROVED

K. Mayor's Request 205217 (ID:17834) Requesting approval to transfer \$60,000 in the Health & Human Services Department from the Salaries Account to the Professional & Technical Services Account, for temporary school nursing services.

## RESULT: APPROVED

L. Mayor's Request 205218 (ID:17933) Requesting acceptance of a \$400,000 grant that requires a match, from the MA Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs PARC Grant Program to SPCD for renovations to Lincoln Park.

### RESULT: APPROVED

M. Mayor's Request 205219 (ID:17932) Requesting acceptance of a \$150,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Fund Transportation Planning program to SPCD for mitigation at the intersection of Rts 93, 28, and 38.

## RESULT: APPROVED

N. Mayor's Request 205220 (ID:17931) Requesting acceptance of a \$100,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Reserve Fund to SPCD for baseline monitoring of air quality and vehicular traffic in impacted neighborhoods.

# **RESULT:** APPROVED

O. Mayor's Request 205221 (ID:17936) Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$59,747 from HUD to support SPCD's Continuum of Care planning efforts.

#### 29. LAND USE COMMITTEE

Α. Committee Report 205295 (ID:18016) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on February 27, 2018.

Alderman Davis reported on the items discussed at the meeting. There was a joint public hearing with the Planning Board on a proposed zoning amendment for 3-5 Summer Street, to allow an additional building that would contain five affordable housing units. Alderman White reported on the second half of the meeting, which he had chaired. This included a joint public hearing with the Planning Board on a proposed zoning amendment to institute a study period to review recreational marijuana facilities prior to permitting them. Planning staff recommended the delay to properly determine how recreational facilities will be licensed in the City. The Committee also recommended approval of a zoning ordinance to establish that owners and developers of future planned unit development projects may not seek a waiver of any change to affordable housing requirements.

**APPROVED** RESULT:

B. Mayor's Request 204638 (ID:17373) Requesting an amendment to Zoning Ordinance Article 7 to institute a study period to review recreational marijuana facilities prior to permitting them.

This item was amended in Committee, changing the end of the study period to December 13, 2018 (from December 21, 2018).

ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [10 TO 1] **RESULT:** 

**AYES:** Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

NAYS: Ewen-Campen

**RESULT:** 

**AMENDED:** The study period ends on December 13, 2018.

WORK COMPLETED

Public C. Eric Schwartz submitting comments re: zoning for cannabis that supports small Communication local business owners. 204669

(ID:17394)

D. Mayor's Request

Requesting the adoption of a zoning amendment to Amend Article 16 to establish that owners or developers of future PUD projects may not seek a waiver of any change to affordable housing requirements.

204893 (ID:17685)

ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS] **RESULT:** Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, **AYES:** 

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

E. Officer's 205228

Planning Board submitting recommendations re: #204638, amending the Communication Zoning Ordinance for a recreational marijuana study period.

(ID:17943)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

#### 30. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

Α. Committee Report 205296 (ID:18018) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on March 1, 2018.

Alderman Niedergang reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The first, item was a proposed Home Rule Petition authorizing the City to impose a real estate transfer fee. It was reiterated that this Home Rule Petition should be submitted by the end of April, for the Legislature to consider it this year. The Committee considered ways to discourage speculation, and who should pay the fee and who should be exempt. The second item taken up in Committee was a Home Rule Petition to preserve affordable housing through a tenants right to purchase, and which apartments should be exempted. Finally, the Committee considered #205201, recommending amending the Union Square development covenant to allow a Neighborhood Council to negotiate the Community Benefits Agreement. Special Counsel Eileen McGettigan distributed proposed language for the Committee's consideration. No action was taken.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

B. Public

Philip Parsons submitting comments re: #17779, a Resolution recognizing the Communication Union Sq Neighborhood Council.

205062 (ID:17804)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

C. Public

Union Sq Main Streets submitting comments re: #17779, a Resolution Communication recognizing the Union Sq Neighborhood Council.

205063 (ID:17805)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

### LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205297 (ID:18024) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on March 8, 2018.

Alderman Rossetti reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Committee recommended approval for a Public Event License for the Big Apple Circus, taking place at Assembly Row from April 7 to May 6, as long as all other needed licenses were obtained. The Committee also recommended approval for a Nepalese Holi Color Fest at the Buena Vista parking lot in Davis Square on April 29.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

В. License/Permit 205254 (ID:18005)

Public Event Permit, Big Apple Circus, Assembly Row Block 7, Mar 26 - May 9 with performances Apr 7 - May 6.

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS **RESULT:** 

**CONDITION:** Approval contingent on the procurement of all other

required permits.

C. License/Permit 205255 (ID:18006)

License/Permit Public Event Permit, Jatra Nepal Holi Color Fest, Buena Vista Parking Lot, 205255 Apr 29, 9AM-8PM (raindate May 13).

RESULT: Al

**APPROVED** 

# 32. OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY SPECIAL COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205298 (ID:18017) Report of the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, meeting on February 28, 2018.

Alderman Mbah reported on the items discussed at the meeting, including trees and tree planting, as well as sustainability issues.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

B. Order 201695

(ID:14363)

By Ald. Davis, Ballantyne

That the Director of Sustainability and the Environment report to this Board on reducing food waste and expanding composting at city schools.

## RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Order 202019 (ID:14682) By Ald. Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne, Rossetti

That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Sustainability and Environment report to this Board, and to the School Committee, on the type, brand, cost, and use of all cleaning agents used in city and school buildings, and report on how "green," non-toxic cleaning products would compare with current practices.

# RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. Order 202973 (ID:15671)

By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with the tree planting plan for the city, by Ward.

## RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

E. Order 202993 (ID:15691) By Ald. Niedergang, Ballantyne, Davis

That the Director of Sustainability and Environment update this Board on the planned curbside composting pilot program, and on other possible programs to promote composting.

## RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

F. Order 204353 (ID:17073) By Ald. Ballantyne, Davis

That the Director of SPCD advise the Ward 6 and 7 Aldermen when the tree that was requested 6 years ago will be planted at 80 Bay State Avenue.

# RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

G. Order By Ald. Niedergang

204381 (ID:17113)

That the City arborist report to the Ward 5 Alderman on the status of the tree at 48 Holyoke Road.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

H. Order By Ald. McWatters

204389

That the Director of SPCD consider planting trees on Somerville Avenue from

(ID:17122) Lowell Street to Central Street.

> **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

I. Order By Ald. Ballantyne

204435

That Director of Sustainability and Environment provide this Board with

(ID:17162) periodic updates on the Somerville Forward initiatives.

> **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

J. Resolution By Ald. McWatters, and the Entire Board

204726

That the Administration continue to increase the tree canopy by adding 1,000

trees in the next 5 years. (ID:17469)

> **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

K. Order 204889 By Ald. Ballantyne

(ID:17656)

That the City Arborist trim the tree at 26 Mead Street.

**RESULT:** 

WORK COMPLETED

#### 33. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205299

Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on

March 5, 2018.

Alderman Clingan reported on the items discussed at the meeting. This (ID:18019)

Committee discussed Air BnB rentals. The City does not want to ban Air BnB altogether, but wants more oversight, with enhanced safety initiatives and a registration process, The Committee also discussed the public

consumption of marijuana. No actions were taken.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

В. Order 204751 (ID:17441) By Ald. Rossetti

That the Chief of Police appear before the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety by January 2018, with supporting documentation, to report on

the shortage of detail officers.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED C. Order

205072 (ID:17835) By Ald. White Jr.

That the Chief of Police provide this Board with the number of incidents of the circulation of racist, anti-Semitic or hate-speech literature in 2016 and 2017.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. Order

By Ald. Mbah, Hirsch

205073 (ID:17828) That the Chief of Police provide this Board with an update on surveillance cameras in the city.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

## 34. YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205300 (ID:18022) Report of the Committee on Youth Services, meeting on March 7, 2018.

Alderman Hirsch reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Committee discussed extending the open hours of swimming at the Kennedy School Pool, and opening up to the public the Kennedy School children's playground. The Committee also took up the function of the Recreation Commission, as there are 10 open seats on the Commission, and only 3 filled right now. The last item discussed was out of school time coverage. The Committee found that school-based programs are serving just 14% of low income children, compared to 31% of not-low income children.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

B. Order 198075 (ID:10636) By Ald. Rossetti, McLaughlin

That the Director of the Office of Prevention update this Board's Youth Services Committee of the department's plan to address youth health matters of

concern.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Resolution

By Ald. Ballantyne

198227 (ID:10802) That the Administration provide this Board, in early 2015, with an update regarding the city's efforts to combat drug addiction.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. Order

By Ald. McLaughlin

198586 (ID:11158)

(ID:11455)

That the Director of SPCD update this Board on renovating and taking control of Foss Park.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

E. Order 198742

By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Director of Recreation update this Board's Committee on Youth Services on the 100 day plan.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

F. Order 198955 (ID:11598) By Ald. Rossetti, Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin

That the Administration of Teen Empowerment update this Board of its recent accomplishments and plans for the remainder of the calendar year.

#### **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

G. Order By Ald. Rossetti

201166 (ID:13814)

That the Director of Health and Human Services share the report on community conversations regarding race and racism with this Board's

Committee on Youth Services when it becomes available.

#### **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

H. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

202113 (ID:14798) That the Director of Health and Human Services appear before this Board to discuss progress in the city's race dialogs.

### **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

I. Resolution By Ald. Connolly, and the Entire Board

202316

That the Administration resolve the outstanding issues with Teen

(ID:14989) Empowerment's contract.

#### WORK COMPLETED **RESULT:**

J. Order By Ald. Ballantyne

202416 (ID:15101) That the Superintendent of Recreation update this Board on the number of

youth served, by program and gender, since Spring 2016.

#### **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

K. Officer's

Director of Parks and Recreation responding to #202416 re: the numbers of Communication youth served since Spring, 2016.

202555

(ID:15192)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

L. Resolution By Ald. Hirsch

204873 (ID:17640)

That the Administration, with the School Department, provide data by student income, school and grade, on children being served after school at schoolbased and non-profit providers, to identify gaps in service and better coordinate and expand such programming.

### WORK COMPLETED **RESULT:**

M. Order By Ald. Hirsch

205096 (ID:17855) That the Director of Recreation appear before this Board's Committee on Youth Services to provide information on the membership and function of the Recreation Commission.

### WORK COMPLETED **RESULT:**

## COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

35. Mayor's Request 205301 (ID:18027) Requesting approval of a Time Only extension of the Weston & Sampson Lincoln Park construction contract, to December 31, 2018.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

36. Mayor's Request 205302 (ID:18043) Requesting a transfer of \$4,482 from the Police Overtime Account to the Grant Match Account to cover the Metro Mayors Shannon Grant match requirement.

Ald. McLaughlin recused.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

37. Mayor's Request 205303 (ID:17999) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$2,000 in the Police Animal Control Division, from the Professional & Technical Services Account to the Overtime Account, to cover projected overtime FY18 costs.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

38. Mayor's Request 205304 (ID:17780) Requesting acceptance of a \$60,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Office of Public Safety & Security to the Fire Department for Fire Dept. staffing costs.

Alderman White requested to waive the reading of item 38 and refer it to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

39. Mayor's Request 205305 (ID:17715) Requesting acceptance of a \$11,388.66 grant that requires a match, from the Metro Mayors Shannon Initiative to the Police Department for youth violence prevention.

Ald. McLaughlin recused.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

40. Mayor's Request 205306 (ID:17980) Requesting acceptance of a \$1,560.98 grant, with no match required, from the Federation of MA Farmers Markets to the Health and Human Services Dept. for the City's Mobile Farmers Market.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

41. Mayor's Request 205307 (ID:18069) Requesting the appointment of Chris Ward to the position of Police Captain.

Alderman Scott requested to waive the readings of items 41 through 49 and refer them to the Confirmation of Appointments Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

Requesting the appointment of Thomas Lambert to the position of Police 42. Mayor's Request Officer. 205308 **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION (ID:18028) **FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee 43. Mayor's Requesting the appointment of Michael Cleary to the position of Police Request Officer. 205309 **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION (ID:18029) **FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee Requesting the appointment of Mark Canty to the position of Police Officer. 44. Mayor's Request REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:** 205310 **FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters (ID:18030) Committee 45. Requesting the appointment of Priscilla Ribeiro to the position of Police Mayor's Request Officer. 205311 **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION (ID:18031) **FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee 46. Mayor's Requesting the appointment of Dylan Lambert to the position of Police Request Officer. 205312 **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION (ID:18032) FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee 47. Requesting the appointment of Allisha Omolade to the position of Police Mayor's Request Officer. 205313 **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION (ID:18033) **FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee 48. Mayor's Requesting the appointment of Robert Anaya to the position of Police Officer.

Committee

**RESULT:** 

**FOLLOWUP:** 

Request

205314

(ID:18034)

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

49. Mayor's Request 205315 (ID:18035) Requesting the appointment of Nicholas Moreira to the position of Police Officer.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

## COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

50. Officer's Finance Director submitting the city's FY 2017 Comprehensive Annual Communication Financial Report.

205316 (ID:18025)

Alderman White requested to waive the reading of item 50 and refer it to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE **FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee** 

51. Officer's

Director of Libraries responding to #205099 re: the Libraries' vision for Communication neighborhood access to branch libraries and services.

205317 (ID:18003)

Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 51 and place it on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

52. Officer's

Legislative Liaison submitting a March 1, 2018 email to this Board conveying Communication a Conway Park update.

205318 (ID:18026)

Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the readings of items 52 through 53 and place them on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

53. Officer's

Grants Development Manager responding to #205206 re: grant opportunities Communication for the proposed Office of Housing Stability.

205319 (ID:18041)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

54. Officer's 205320 (ID:18044)

Director of Constituent Services responding to #204377 with the city's policy Communication for following up on Inspectional Services issues when ISD is closed.

> Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 54 and place it on file with a copy to the Housing and Community Development Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

## **NEW BUSINESS**

55. 205321

License/Permit Public Event Permit, Tufts University Tuftonia's Day, Tufts Campus, Apr 27, 7AM-11:30PM.

(ID:18070)

**RESULT:** APPROVED

56. 205322

License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Top Gear Motor Group, 24 Joy

(ID:18071)

Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the reading of item 56 and approve it. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

57. 205323 (ID:18072)

License/Permit New Flammables License, Metropolitan Pipe and Supply, 30 Innerbelt Rd, storing 1,215 gallons.

> Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 57 and 58 and refer them to the Licenses and Permits Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

58. 205324

License/Permit New Flammables License, Internap Corp, 50 Innerbelt Rd, storing 9,600 gallons.

(ID:18073)

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

59. **Public**  Tufts University submitting its Spring 2018 University Accountability report.

Communication 205325 (ID:18079)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

60. **Public** 205326

Our Revolution Somerville Steering Committee submitting comments re: Communication #205250, a proposed Clarendon Hill Public Housing Project Home Rule Petition.

(ID:18074)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

61. **Public** 205327

Preservation of Affordable Housing Inc submitting comments re: #205250, a Communication proposed Clarendon Hill Public Housing Project Home Rule Petition.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE (ID:18075)

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee 62. Public

Ronald Cavallo submitting comments re: #205250, a proposed Clarendon Hill Communication Public Housing Project Home Rule Petition.

205328 (ID:18077)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

63. Public

Union Square Main Streets submitting comments re: the role of a Community Communication Benefits Agreement in supporting the local business community.

205329 (ID:18076)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

64. **Public** Communication ordinance overhaul.

Kevin Walford submitting comments re: #204953, the proposed zoning

205330 (ID:18078)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE Land Use Committee **FOLLOWUP:** 

## SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

65. By Ald. Niedergang, Davis Order

> 205331 (ID:18080)

That the Director of Traffic and Parking add blinking lights to the STOP sign on Cherry Street before Summer Street, and install flashing PEDESTRIAN CROSSING signs on both sides of Summer Street at Cherry Street, all as soon as possible, since beginning on March 19, traffic will be diverted to this intersection from the closed Highland Avenue-Cedar Street intersection.

Alderman Niedergang noted that this is a matter of urgency, as there was a serious traffic accident there on Tuesday.

**APPROVED RESULT:** 

66. Order By Ald. Ewen-Campen

> 205332 (ID:18081)

> (ID:18082)

That the Director of Parks and Recreation refresh the stone dust at the Nunziato dog park and install some form of transparent dust mitigation on the

fence surrounding the dog park.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

67. Resolution By Ald. Ewen-Campen 205333

That the Traffic Commission revoke the "48-hour parking ban."

Alderman Ewen- Campen would like this 48 hour parking ban be revoked. This is only enforced if there is a complaint or after snow.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee 68. Order 205334 (ID:18084)

By Ald. White Jr., Ewen-Campen, Hirsch, and the Entire Board That the Committee on Housing and Community Development investigate the condition of affordable housing units in the City, gathering testimony and data, to determine whether there is an affordable housing crisis that constitutes a public emergency, which may inform any home rule petitions related to affordable housing.

Alderman White would like the Committee on Housing and Community Development to determine if there is an affordable housing crisis that rises to the level of a public emergency.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

69. Officer's Communication 205335 (ID:18083)

Officer's Director of Personnel responding to #205081 and #18049, re: sick time for Communication part-timers earning less than 20 hours per week.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

70. Public Communication 205336

(ID:18086)

Public Ronald Cavallo submitting further comments re: #205250, a proposed Communication Clarendon Hill Public Housing Project Home Rule Petition.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

## **LATE ITEMS**

71. Order

By Ald. McLaughlin

205337 (ID:18087) That the Director of Traffic and Parking increase patrols during business hours and address business parking in front of fire hydrants, on the street and in no parking zones.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

72. Order 205338 (ID:18088)

By Ald. McLaughlin, Clingan, Niedergang

That the City Solicitor draft a feral cat ordinance similar to Chicago's, to assist feral cats and address rodent concerns.

Alderman McLaughlin would like set up a draft ordinance to have feral cats help with the rodent problems.

RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Rodent Issues Special Committee

73. Ordinance 201740

By Ald. White Jr., and the Entire Board

Proposing an ordinance relative to a mid-fiscal year report of municipal finances, with next-fiscal year budget projections.

Discharged from the Committee on Legislative Matters per #205276.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

74. Public Communication distribution.

(ID:15870)

(ID:14401)

Publishers Circulation Fulfillment responding to #203057 re: Globe Direct

203190

Discharged from the Committee on Legislative Matters per #205279.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

75. Order By Ald. Heuston

203711 (ID:16425) That the City Solicitor consult with the Commissioner of Public Works to draft an ordinance requiring contractors and utilities to secure metal plates during street construction.

Discharged from the Committee on Legislative Matters per #205278.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

76. Ordinance 204486

(ID:17221)

By Ald. White Jr., Davis, McWatters

Proposing an Ordinance for the management and elimination of natural gas

leaks.

Discharged from the Committee on Legislative Matters per #205277. REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:50 PM.

# City of Somerville, Massachusetts Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen

# **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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# **OPENING OF THE MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Ward Seven Alderman Katjana Ballantyne

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

1. Roll Call 205339 (ID:18136) Call of the Roll.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. Minutes 205340 (ID:18137)

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, February 22, 2018.

RESULT: APPROVED

3. Minutes 205341 (ID:18141)

Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Sessions, January 30, 2018, February 8, 2018, and February 27, 2018 (2 sessions).

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE

**CITATIONS** 

**PUBLIC HEARINGS** 

# ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

4. Resolution 205342 (ID:18095)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr., McLaughlin

Celebrating the life, and condemning the killing, of Marielle Franco, a community organizer, human rights activist, and city councilor from the favelas of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, who was the victim of an apparent targeted killing on March 14 at the age of 38.

Alderman Ewen-Campen spoke about the life of Rio de Janeiro City Councilor Marielle Franco and honored her fight for human rights. He introduced Dr. Natalisa Tracy from the Brazilian Worker's Center and Regina Bertaldo, who each spoke about the life and fight of Marielle Franco and the situation in Brazil.

RESULT: APPROVED

5. Order 205343 (ID:18096)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen, Scott

That the Director of SPCD contact local mortgage lenders to determine how the proposed "Tenants Right to Purchase" policy might affect the ability of home-buyers to secure financing, and report back to this Board in writing.

Alderman Ewen-Campen requested information about how mortgage financing might be affected by the "Tenants Right to Purchase" policy.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

6. Order 205344 (ID:18097) By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Director of SPCD contact several Title Insurance brokers and ascertain their views on whether the proposed "Tenants Right to Purchase" policy would affect their ability to provide title insurance, and report back to this Board in writing.

Alderman Ewen-Campen requested information about how title insurance might be affected by the "Tenants Right to Purchase" policy.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

7. Order 205345 (ID:18098) By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the potholes at 65-71 Bow Street.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

8. Resolution 205346 (ID:18100)

By Ald. Mbah

That the Administration examine collaborating with other cities and towns to build a more uniform website, while providing each with the ability to maintain its own content.

9. Order 205347 (ID:18099) By Ald. Mbah, Ballantyne

That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the potholes on Woods Avenue.

### RESULT: APPROVED

10. Resolution 205348 (ID:18113)

By Ald. Niedergang, McLaughlin, and the Entire Board In support of MA House Bill 615 and the Bridge the Gap to Affordable Senior Healthcare campaign.

Alderman Niedergang stated the importance of this Bill to expand access to the Medicare Savings Program, making low-income seniors eligible for more, better, and cheaper medical care, using state dollars to leverage federal funds in a 1-to-7 ratio. He sponsored Mass Senior Action members John Ratliff and John Robinson, who spoke on the particulars of the legislation.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

11. Order 205349 (ID:18119)

By Ald. Niedergang, White Jr.

That the Chief of Police provide annual reports for 2015, 2016 and 2017 to this Board as required in the Trust Act (Ord 2-6).

## **RESULT: WITHDRAWN**

12. Order 205350 (ID:18114)

By Ald. Niedergang, Ewen-Campen

That the Director of Traffic and Parking increase enforcement for vehicles parking too close to corners on Porter Street at the intersections of Mountain Avenue, Porter Avenue, Francis Street, Crown Avenue and Brastow Avenue.

# **RESULT:** APPROVED

13. Order 205351 (ID:18115)

By Ald. Niedergang

That the City Engineer insure that the Cedar Street contractor re-stripe the faded crosswalk on Sartwell Avenue at Cedar Street as soon as possible.

## **RESULT:** APPROVED

14. Order 205352 (ID:18116)

By Ald. Niedergang

That the Director of SPCD report to the Ward 5 Alderman and this Board on the plans for closure of the Ball Square bridge and Broadway for GLX construction activity.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

15. Order 205353 (ID:18117)

By Ald. Niedergang

That this Board discharge from the Legislative Matters Committee #204620, amending the penalties for rodent control violations (Ords 1-11(b) and 11-38).

16. Order 205354 (ID:18118)

By Ald. Niedergang

That this Board discharge from the Legislative Matters Committee #204621, amending the penalties for certain trash violations (Ord 9-55).

# **RESULT:** APPROVED

17. Resolution 205355 (ID:18125)

By Ald. Hirsch, Ballantyne

Reaffirming support for the City and School District to consider joining Brockton's lawsuit against the State, which calls for a revised district funding formula to provide greater resources for communities to meet the needs of children.

Alderman Hirsch reported that right now the State's education funding formula penalize communities for serving children in general and in particular for serving children who are high need or low income, ELL and Special Education. It increases income inequality, and she urged the city to support Brockton's lawsuit against the formula.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

18. Order 205356 (ID:18120)

By Ald. Hirsch, McLaughlin

That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services establish a system of ongoing rodent population monitoring at several hot-spots in high-impact neighborhoods, to determine and regularly report on the effectiveness of interventions.

Alderman Hirsch would like the city to monitor the effectiveness of its various rodent control measures.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Rodent Issues Special Committee

19. Order 205357 (ID:18121)

By Ald. Hirsch, Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Superintendent of Inspectional Services convene a public community meeting to debrief with residents on the condition of sidewalks this winter with regard to mobility concerns.

Alderman Hirsch said she would like the Department of Public Works to convene a meeting with residents to discuss the status of the sidewalks through the winter. Alderman Niedergang commented that the sidewalks are in better shape than in years past, but there is still a long way to go.

20. Order 205358 (ID:18122) By Ald. Hirsch, Clingan, Davis

That the Director of Health and Human Services share a draft plan, organizational chart and budget for the formation of an Out-of-School-Time Division, to coordinate across city departments and nonprofit and volunteerrun organizations.

Alderman Hirsch is hoping to have a plan for this new Division available in advance of the budget deliberations.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Youth Services Committee

21. Order 205359 (ID:18123)

By Ald. Hirsch

That the Director of SPCD share a report on the CDBG program as it relates to inter-division cooperation and the city's larger Health and Human Service goals.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Youth Services Committee

22. Resolution 205360 (ID:18124)

By Ald. Hirsch

That the Administration share plans for this summer's youth jobs program, including the cost to nonprofits for hiring youths and any opportunity to create stipend work for younger teens in local nonprofits.

Alderman Hirsch would like to see if a subsidy could be available for the city's nonprofits to hire youths in the summer, and if a stipend could be available for summer work for children aged 12 to 15.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Youth Services Committee

23. Order 205361 (ID:18126) By Ald. Hirsch, Davis, Mbah, Ewen-Campen, Clingan

That the Director of Parks and Recreation and the Superintendent of Schools share their policies and procedures for allocating indoor spaces and outdoor spaces, in particular for local or youth-serving organizations.

Alderman Hirsch requested the Superintendent of Schools and the Director of Parks and Recreation share their plans for the upcoming sports season with Conway Park now being taken offline.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Youth Services Committee

24. Order 205362 (ID:18127) By Ald. Clingan

That the Director of Engineering report to this Board the reason for the delay in repaying Broadway on Winter Hill.

25. Order

205363 (ID:18128) By Ald. Clingan

That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services place fresh rat traps by the Healy School near Meacham Street.

# **RESULT:** APPROVED

26. Order

205364 (ID:18129) By Ald. Clingan

That the Commissioner of Public Works install a sign on the outside of the Healy schoolyard fence, on the Meacham Street side, instructing people not to feed birds as this attracts rodents.

## **RESULT:** APPROVED

27. Resolution 205365 (ID:18130)

By Ald. Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis, Mbah, Clingan That the Administration amend its appointment and hiring practices with regard to public safety positions in accordance with MGL c151B, to allow this Board to review applicants responsibly for confirmation; specifically, that candidates be presented for preliminary approval by this Board prior to being directed for medical review or physical assessment.

Ald. McLaughlin recused.

Alderman Scott would like the Administration's hiring process reformed so the Board could review appointees responsibly for confirmation, giving the Board access to background materials prior to their medical reviews or physical assessments for public safety positions.

# **RESULT:** APPROVED

28. Resolution 205366 (ID:18131)

By Ald. Scott, McLaughlin, Davis, Mbah, Clingan, Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, Niedergang

That the Administration refrain from appointing any further candidates to the position of Reserve Firefighter and seek to discontinue use of the Fire Reserve List at the earliest possible opportunity.

Alderman Scott would like to see the Fire Reserve list discontinued. Currently, Somerville is confirming candidates now that took the Civil Service test in 2014 instead of from the current Civil Service list. Members expressed their concerns regarding the current use of the Fire Reserve list, and Alderman McLaughlin discussed possible discrimination against returning veterans.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

29. Order 205367 (ID:18135) By Ald. Scott

That the Commissioner of Public Works inform this Board of the policy for using standard Russell trucks for collecting recycling bins, and consider requiring that recycling collection trucks be labeled explicitly.

Alderman Scott mentioned that it is confusing to see Russell's trash trucks collecting recycling materials.

30. Order By Ald. Scott

205368 (ID:18132)

That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a DO NOT ENTER EXCEPT ABUTTERS AND BICYCLES 7–9AM AND 4–6PM sign at the intersection of Durham and Beacon Streets.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

Order 31.

By Ald. Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen

205369 (ID:18133) That the Director of SPCD share with this Board the exact open space inventory, and clarify why there is a discrepancy between SomerVision's Open Space Plan and the State inventory of the city's open space.

**APPROVED RESULT:** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

32. Order 205370

(ID:18134)

By Ald. Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen

That the Director of SPCD specify what projects increased the 17 acres of open space in the SomerVision Progress Report.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

# **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE 33.

A. Committee Report 205371 (ID:18107)

Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on March 21, 2018.

Alderman Scott reported on the items discussed at the meeting. There were 9 appointees to the Police Department to confirm. He said an impasse was reached. The Committee had previously requested access to their nonmedical application materials, including background checks for appointees to public safety positions. The City Solicitor advised the Personnel Director not to release these materials to the Committee, which prevented the Committee from executing its confirmatory function. The Committee voted 4-1 to keep #202247, requesting the appointment of Steven Scrugli, in Committee, pending further review. The Committee asked that the City Solicitor advise this Board whether the sequence of the appointment process could be adjusted so the Committee could have the chance to review candidates' relevant background information. The Committee also considered the promotion of Chris Ward to the position of Police Captain, interviewed him in open session, and moved approval.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

B. Mayor's Request 205307 (ID:18069) Requesting the appointment of Chris Ward to the position of Police Captain.

C. Order 205372 (ID:18177) By Ald. Davis

That the City Solicitor advise this Board as to whether the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters may review, in executive session, the minutes of a prior executive session.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

D. Order 205373 (ID:18178) By Ald. Davis

That the City Solicitor advise this Board whether the sequence of appointments can be adjusted so the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments may review relevant information regarding candidates, including without limitation non-medical background checks.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

# 34. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205374 (ID:18105) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on March 20, 2018.

Alderman White reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The main topic was the Mayor's mid-year request for 19 new positions. The Administration provided the Committee with an updated list of critical positions. The SMEA President expressed concern that none of the positions were union positions. The Committee Report was severed in order to consider #205159 separately. The rest of the Report was Approved as submitted. Ald. Rossetti was recused from discussion of the severed portion of the Report. With respect to #205159, a motion was made to amend the Report in order to approve #205159. The motion was Approved:

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED. [6 TO 4]

**AYES:** Hirsch, Mbah, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis,

Ballantyne

**NAYS:** White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan

**ABSENT:** Rossetti

**AMENDED:** The Report was Amended in order to approve #205159.

B. Mayor's Request 205014 (ID:17732) Requesting approval of a mid-year staffing request to fund construction oversight, management and associated issues.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

C. Mayor's Request 205156 (ID:17905) Requesting a transfer of \$16,250 from the Salary Contingency Account to the Health & Human Services Personal Services Salaries Account to fund an Environmental Health Liaison.

RESULT: NOT APPROVED

D. Mayor's Request 205157 (ID:17906) Requesting the appropriation of \$16,250 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash') to the Engineering Division Salaries Account to fund a Construction Liaison and Compliance Manager.

This item was replaced by #215416, which was Approved.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

E. Mayor's Request 205158 (ID:17907) Requesting the appropriation of \$20,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Engineering Division Salaries Account to fund a Construction Project Manager.

This item was replaced by #215417, which was Approved.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

F. Mayor's Request 205159 (ID:17908) Requesting the appropriation of \$16,250 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash') to the Communications Department Salaries Account to fund a Construction Information Officer.

Alderman Niedergang asked that this be severed because he wanted the Board to think again about this position. This was one of the six critical positions that the Administration put forward. This was the only one not approved. Prior to the roll call vote the Board Members expressed their opinions on the position of their votes.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [6 TO 4]

**AYES:** Hirsch, Mbah, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Davis,

Ballantyne

**NAYS:** White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan

**ABSENT:** Rossetti

G. Mayor's Request 205161 (ID:17910) Requesting the appropriation of \$21,250 from Unreserved Fund Balance to the Capital Projects Department Salaries Account to fund a Project Manager.

RESULT: NOT APPROVED

H. Mayor's Request 205162 (ID:17911) Requesting the appropriation of \$18,750 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to SPCD's Transportation & Infrastructure Division Salaries Account to fund a Streetscape and Public Space Planner.

This item was replaced by #215418, which was Approved.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

I. Mayor's Request 205163 (ID:17912) Requesting the appropriation of \$21,250 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Engineering Department Salaries Account to fund a Project Manager.

This item was replaced by #215419, which was Approved.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

J. Mayor's Request 205164 (ID:17913) Requesting the appropriation of \$20,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Engineering Department Salaries Account to fund a Junior Project Manager.

RESULT: NOT APPROVED

K. Mayor's Request 205165 (ID:17914) Requesting the appropriation of \$21,250 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to SPCD's Transportation & Infrastructure Division Salaries Account to fund a Senior Urban Forestry & Landscape Planner.

RESULT: NOT APPROVED

L. Mayor's Request 205167 (ID:17916) Requesting the appropriation of \$21,250 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Inspectional Services Department Salaries Account to fund a Senior Zoning Review Planner.

RESULT: NOT APPROVED

M. Mayor's Request 205168 (ID:17917) Requesting the appropriation of \$27,500 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Capital Projects Department Salaries Account to fund a Capital Projects Assistant Director.

RESULT: NOT APPROVED

N. Mayor's Request 205169 (ID:17918) Requesting the appropriation of \$7,200 from Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings to the Water Enterprise Fund Salaries Account to fund a Director of Finance & Administration.

This item was replaced by #215414, which was Approved.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

O. Mayor's Request 205170 (ID:17919) Requesting the appropriation of \$15,300 from Sewer Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings to the Sewer Enterprise Fund Salaries Account to fund a Director of Finance & Administration.

This item was replaced by #215415, which was Approved.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

P. Mayor's Request 205172 (ID:17921) Requesting the appropriation of \$20,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the SPCD Office of Housing Stability Salaries Account to fund a Deputy Director of Housing Stability/Program Development.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

Q. Mayor's Request 205173 (ID:17922) Requesting the appropriation of \$15,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the SPCD Office of Housing Stability Salaries Account to fund a Housing Counselor/Case Manager.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

R. Mayor's Request 205174 (ID:17923) Requesting the appropriation of \$15,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the SPCD Office of Housing Stability Salaries Account to fund a Housing Counselor/Case Manager.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

S. Mayor's Request 205175 (ID:17924)

Requesting the appropriation of \$12,500 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the SPCD Office of Housing Stability Salaries Account to fund a Housing Intake Specialist.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

T. **Public** 

SMEA President submitting comments re: the Mayor's mid-year requests for Communication new non-union positions.

205258 (ID:18001)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

U. Mayor's Request 205301 (ID:18027)

Requesting approval of a Time Only extension of the Weston & Sampson Lincoln Park construction contract, to December 31, 2018.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

### HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205375 (ID:18103)

Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on March 14, 2018.

Alderman Ewen-Campen reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Committee discussed #205334, an order to investigate the condition of affordable housing units in the City, to determine whether there is an affordable housing crisis that constitutes a public emergency. SPCD Director Michael Glavin cautioned the Committee on using the term "public emergency" because it could cause confusion. The Committee will schedule a public hearing on the issue. The Committee also discussed the Chief Assessor's report on properties bought and sold in the last 5 years. Alderman Hirsch said she's organizing a "housing hackathon," a one-day event in June for data-savvy people to tackle data-related housing issues. Mr. Glavin also described the MA Work Force Housing Initiative and how the City could encourage developers take advantage of it. The Committee urged the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Planning Board and the Historic Preservation Commission to send abutter notices to tenants as well as property owners. Finally, the Committee discussed what is being done to support minorityowned businesses in the City, and Economic Development Director Tom Galigani presented information on the subject.

**APPROVED RESULT:** 

B. Order 204854

(ID:17617)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Chief Assessor report to this Board, the number of properties (residential and commercial) that have been bought and sold within a 1-year period, and the extent of improvements that were made during that period, for the past five years.

### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Order 204976 (ID:17755)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with a detailed description of the MA Workforce Housing Initiative and explain how the city can encourage developers to take advantage of it.

### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. Order 205376 (ID:18162) By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the City Solicitor prepare an opinion on whether the city may prioritize minority owned businesses in city contracts.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

E. Order 205377 (ID:18163) By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the City Solicitor prepare an opinion on whether liquor licenses may be granted preferentially to woman and minority owned businesses.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

### 36. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205378 (ID:18104) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on March 15, 2018.

Alderman Niedergang reported on the item discussed at the meeting, which was the proposed Home Rule Petition authorizing the City to impose a real estate transfer fee (#204954) The Committee discussed whether the buyer or the seller pays the fee, and considered a range of exemptions. A motion to exempt all seniors failed, but a motion to exempt vulnerable seniors, as defined by the City, passed. A motion to exempt property owners who received the City's Residential Exemption for the last 20 years passed, as did another motion allowing the city to establish further exemptions from such fee should it choose do so.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

# 37. NOT USED

### 38. RODENT ISSUES SPECIAL COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205379 Report of the Special Committee on Rodent Issues, meeting on March 14, 2018.

205379 (ID:18102)

Alderman McLaughlin reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Committee discussed sterilization and other methods to control the rodent population. The Committee also discussed employing feral cats, and falcons, to address the problem. Two residents from MacArthur Street spoke about a nearby apartment building that didn't have enough trash bins, and suggested there should be higher fines or perhaps multiple trash pick ups.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

### COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

39. Mayor's Request 205380 (ID:18042) Requesting authorization to borrow \$6,000,000 in a bond, and appropriate the same amount for the acquisition of affordable housing through the 100 Homes project, with debt payments to be funded through CPA revenue.

Alderman White requested to waive the readings of items 39 through 41 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

40. Mayor's Request 205381 (ID:18094) Requesting approval to appropriate \$49,495 from the Traffic Safety Stabilization Fund for the Somerville High School Phase II parking study.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

41. Mayor's Request 205382 (ID:18089) Requesting approval to lease a space at 337 Somerville Ave (aka Bow Market) for the Arts Council's Nibble program.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

42. Mayor's Request 205383 (ID:18101) Requesting the appointment of Gerald McCue to the Somerville Retirement Board.

Alderman Scot requested to waive the reading of item 42 and refer it to the Confirmation of Appointments Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

43. Mayor's Request 205384 (ID:18138) Requesting that the President of this Board appoint a member to the Community Cabinet.

Alderman Scott requested to waive the readings of items 43 through 44 and place them on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

44. Mayor's Request 205385 (ID:18139) Requesting that the President of this Board appoint a member to the Dedications Steering Committee.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

45. Mayor's Communication 205386 (ID:18140)

Conveying information about the Tufts Partnership Agreement process.

Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 45 and refer it to the Housing and Community Development Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

### COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

46. Officer's

Outside Counsel Darren Klein responding on behalf of this Board to #205259, Communication an Open Meeting Law complaint submitted by Michael Kiely.

205387 (ID:18143)

PLACED ON FILE **RESULT:** 

47. Officer's 205388 (ID:18112)

City Solicitor requesting approval to retain as outside counsel KP Law, with Communication Darren Klein, Esq., as the attorney of record, to represent the City in matters related to Michael Kiely, including Civil Service Commission No. 1-18-018, and Open Meeting Law complaints related to that case or the decision not to confirm his promotion to Police Lieutenant.

> President Ballantyne stated that she had discussed Michael Kiely's second complaint (see #205402) with Attorney Klein, who advised her that Mr. Kiely was not factually accurate when he alleged that the Board had no reason to move into Executive Session on February 27, 2018. The Board approved retaining KP Law to address on the Board's behalf this and related matters that may arise.

48. Officer's 205389

Assistant City Solicitor responding to #204975 re: requiring landlords to Communication distribute voter registration forms to all new tenants.

(ID:18090)

The Board discussed the best way to take up consideration of the proposal that landlords be required to distribute voter registration information to tenants, and determined that the Committee on Housing and Community Development could craft a draft ordinance sooner than the Committee on Legislative Matters.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

49. Officer's 205390

(ID:18142)

City Clerk requesting approval to release 7 sets of Executive Session minutes Communication as described within.

> Alderman Niedergang asked if these were the only outstanding Executive Session minutes. City Clerk John Long responded that these are not the only minutes that are currently sealed. Alderman Niedergang requested a list of Executive Sessions, going back 5 years, and the Clerk agreed to provide it.

**RESULT:** LAID ON THE TABLE

50. Officer's

Planning Board submitting recommendations re: #204570, a zoning Communication amendment to re-zone 3-5 Summer Street to NB.

205391 (ID:18111)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE **FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

51. Officer's Communication Master Plan.

Director of Parks and Recreation requesting to update this Board on the Fields

205392 (ID:18108)

**APPROVED RESULT:** 

Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee **FOLLOWUP:** 

# **NEW BUSINESS**

52. 205393

License/Permit Public Event License, Connexion Church Community Easter Egg Hunt, Chuckie Harris Park, Mar 31, Noon-4PM.

(ID:18145)

Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 52 through 58 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**APPROVED RESULT:** 

53. 205394

License/Permit Public Event License, Greek Orthodox Church Holy Friday Procession, 29 Central St and area streets, Apr 6, 8:30-9:30PM.

(ID:18146) **RESULT:** 

**APPROVED** 

54. 205395

License/Permit Public Event License, Mayor's Spring Cleanup, citywide with bbq at Blessings of the Bay Boathouse, Apr 21, 8AM-3PM.

(ID:18153)

55. 205396

License/Permit Public Event License, Arts Council Porchfest, citywide, May 12, 11AM-7PM (raindate May 13).

(ID:18147)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

56. License/Permit 205397

Public Event License, Wallace St Block Party, Jun 2, 1-9:30PM (raindate Jun

(ID:18148)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

57. 205398

License/Permit Public Event License, Arts Council Big Gay Dance Party, Union Sq Plaza, Jun 2, 2-9:30PM.

(ID:18149)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

58. 205399

License/Permit Public Event License, Arts Council Fixer Fair, Union Sq Plaza, Jun 10, 11AM-4PM.

(ID:18150)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

59. License/Permit 205400 (ID:18151)

Public Event License, Taste of Somerville, Powderhouse Park, Jun 13, 7AM-Midnight (raindates Jun 20,27).

Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the reading of item 59 and refer it to Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

60. 205401 (ID:18152)

License/Permit Public Event License, Arts Council Joe's Jazz and Blues Festival, Union Sq Plaza, Jun 16, 10AM-7PM (raindate Jun 17).

> Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the reading of item 60 and approve it. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

61. **Public** Communication Board.

Michael Kiely submitting a second Open Meeting Law complaint against this

205402 (ID:18144)

President Ballantyne stated that she had discussed this matter with Attorney Klein, who advised her that Mr. Kiely was not factually accurate when he alleged that the Board had no reason to move into Executive Session on February 27, 2018. On her motion, the Board approved directing him to respond to this new complaint on behalf of the Board. (See #205426.)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

62. Public Communication report.

Harvard University submitting its Spring 2018 University Accountability

205403

PLACED ON FILE **RESULT:** (ID:18091)

Housing and Community Development Committee **FOLLOWUP:** 

63. Public 205404

Jacob Kramer submitting comments re: #204954, the proposed Transfer Fee Communication Home Rule Petition, and #205118, the proposed Tenant's Right to Purchase Home Rule Petition.

(ID:18154)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

64. **Public** 

(ID:18155)

Ronald Cavallo submitting comments re: #205118, the proposed Tenant's Communication Right to Purchase Home Rule Petition.

205405

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

> **FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

65. Public Chris Dwan submitting comments re: the removal of trees from Beacon St.

Communication 205406 (ID:18156)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

Public Utilities and Public Works Committee **FOLLOWUP:** 

66. **Public** 205407

Clarendon Residents United submitting comments re: #205250, a proposed Communication Clarendon Hill Public Housing Home Rule Petition.

(ID:18157)

PLACED ON FILE **RESULT:** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

# SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

67. Resolution By Ald. McLaughlin, and the Entire Board

> 205408 (ID:18160)

Requesting that Somerville's Congressional Delegation oppose House Bill 4242 and Senate Bill 2193, which cause irreparable damage to the Veterans Administration healthcare system.

Alderman McLaughlin stated that these two Bills would privatize the Veterans Administration. 80% of veterans are opposed to these Bills.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

68. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

205409 (ID:18158) That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the leaning street sign on the median of Broadway, by George Street.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

69. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

205410 (ID:18159) That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the Lincoln Street sign.

70. Order 205411 (ID:18161)

By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the raised sidewalk at 95 Flint Street and 195 Walnut Street.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

71. Order 205412 (ID:18174)

By Ald. Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Clingan

That the Director of SPCD suggest strategies to mitigate ground floor commercial retail space vacancies.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

72. Resolution 205413

(ID:18175)

By Ald. Mbah

That the Administration consider partnering with MIT to provide advice on renewable energy sources.

RESULT: APPROVED

73. Mayor's Request 205414 (ID:18165) Requesting the appropriation of \$4,985 from Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings to the Water Enterprise Fund Salaries Account to fund a Director of Finance & Administration.

For discussion of this item, see #205169.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

74. Mayor's Request 205415 (ID:18166) Requesting the appropriation of \$10,592 from Sewer Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings to the Sewer Enterprise Fund Salaries Account to fund a Director of Finance & Administration.

For discussion of this item, see #205170.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

75. Mayor's Request 205416 (ID:18167) Requesting the appropriation of \$11,250 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash') to the Engineering Division Salaries Account to fund a Construction Liaison and Compliance Manager.

For discussion of this item, see #205157.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

76. Mayor's Request 205417 (ID:18168) Requesting the appropriation of \$13,846 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Engineering Division Salaries Account to fund a Construction Project Manager.

For discussion of this item, see #205158.

77. Mayor's Request 205418 (ID:18169) Requesting the appropriation of \$12,980 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to SPCD's Transportation & Infrastructure Division Salaries Account to fund a Streetscape and Public Space Planner.

For discussion of this item, see #205162.

**APPROVED RESULT:** 

78. Mayor's Request 205419 (ID:18170)

Requesting the appropriation of \$14,711 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Engineering Department Salaries Account to fund a Project Manager.

For discussion of this item, see #205163.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

79. Officer's

Assistant City Solicitor submitting an updated Condominium/Cooperative Communication Conversion Ordinance.

205420 (ID:18180)

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

80. Officer's

Assistant City Solicitor submitting proposed amendments to Ordinances 11-31 Communication and 11-40 re: household trash and rubbish collection and mandatory recycling.

205421 (ID:18093)

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

81. 205422 (ID:18181)

License/Permit New Drainlayer's License, Hope Trucking and Demolition.

Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 81 through 82 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**APPROVED RESULT:** 

82.

License/Permit New Drainlayer's License, LVMJ Corporation.

205423 (ID:18182)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

### LATE ITEMS

83. Order By Ald. Niedergang

205424 (ID:18190) That this Board discharge from the Legislative Matters Committee #203839, amending ordinances to strengthen certain rodent eradication efforts.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

84. Order 205425 By Ald. Niedergang

(ID:18191)

That this Board discharge from the Legislative Matters Committee #204975, seeking an opinion on whether this Board can require landlords to distribute voter registration forms to all new tenants.

85. Order 205426 (ID:18187)

By Ald. Ballantyne

That this Board authorizes Outside Counsel Darren Klein, Esq., Attorney of Record for KP Law, to respond to Michael Kiely's Open Meeting Law Complaint filed against this Board on March 16, 2018.

President Ballantyne stated that she had discussed Michael Kiely's complaint (see #205402) with Attorney Klein, who advised her that Mr. Kiely was not factually accurate when he alleged that the Board had no reason to move into Executive Session on February 27, 2018. On her motion, the Board approved directing him to respond to this new complaint on behalf of the Board.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

86. Order 205427 (ID:18184)

By Ald. White Jr., and the Entire Board

That the Director of Sustainability and the Environment and other appropriate city staff report to this Board on the hazardous waste that was recently found in soil tests at Conway Park.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

87. Resolution 205428 (ID:18185)

By Ald. Davis, Hirsch

That the Administration update this Board on any plans to revise the Snow Emergency policy to prohibit parking in school lots, so the School Department can make independent decisions regarding school closings and delays.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

88. Resolution 205429 (ID:18186)

By Ald. Davis

That the Administration advise this Board on what information sources are available and what sources are used to assess weather conditions in making both snow emergency and school cancellation decisions, in light of the attached email citing the forecasts of MEMA.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

89. Resolution 205430 (ID:18189)

By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Administration work with the Ward 7 Alderman to craft a "Conditions of Award" letter for the Clarendon Hill Redevelopment Project.

90. Order 203839 (ID:16550)

By Ald. McLaughlin, Rossetti, Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr.

That the City Solicitor draft an amendment to Ordinance 11-38(d)(2) to strengthen the language regarding rodent eradication prior to developments being constructed.

Discharged from the Committee on Legislative Matters per #205424.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION FOLLOWUP:** Rodent Issues Special Committee

91. Ordinance 204620 (ID:17372)

By Ald. Niedergang

That Ordinance Section 1 -11 Penalties and Violations be amended for Rodent Control (11-38) from tiered fines of \$50/\$100/\$300 to \$100/\$300/\$500.

Discharged from the Committee on Legislative Matters per #205353.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION FOLLOWUP:** Rodent Issues Special Committee

92. Ordinance 204621 (ID:17374)

By Ald. Niedergang

That Ordinance Section 1 -11 Penalties and Violations be amended for Trash Outside of Places of Business (9-55) from tiered fines of \$50/\$100/\$300 to \$100/\$300/\$500.

Discharged from the Committee on Legislative Matters per #205354.

**RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION FOLLOWUP:** Rodent Issues Special Committee

93. Order 204975 (ID:17753)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the City Solicitor provide an opinion on whether this Board can require landlords to distribute voter registration forms to all new tenants.

Discharged from the Committee on Legislative Matters per #205425.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:35 PM.

# City of Somerville, Massachusetts Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen

# **SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

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# **OPENING OF THE MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 5:20 PM by Ward Seven Alderman Katjana Ballantyne

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

1. Roll Call 205431

Call of the Roll.

(ID:18195)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

**CITATIONS** 

**PUBLIC HEARINGS** 

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** 

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

# CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

Α. Committee Report 205432 (ID:18198)

Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on March 30, 2018.

Ald. Davis reported on the items discussed in Committee because, in the absence of the Chair, he had chaired the meeting. He reported that the Committee had considered the nine police appointments at an earlier meeting, but took no action because members felt they didn't have enough information to responsibly confirm their appointments. He said that Personnel Director Candace Cooper had refused to provide the Committee with background materials that would assist the members in reviewing the candidates' merit, although she did provide their resumes. The Mayor urged the Committee to take up these appointments expeditiously even without this information, as the next Police Academy begins on Monday, April 2, and these appointees are needed to fill vacancies in the Department. Ald. Davis reported that the Mayor agreed to work with President Ballantyne on appropriate ways to consider whether the Committee's desire to review more background materials could be accommodated, including, perhaps, the possibility that the Board could obtain outside counsel to creatively assist in this matter. That commitment assuaged the Committee, and it then met with each candidate briefly, and recommended that each be approved.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

B. Mayor's Request 202247 (ID:14857)

Requesting the appointment of Steven D. Strugli to the Police Department as a Police Officer.

**RESULT:** 

APPROVED

C. Mayor's Request 205308 (ID:18028) Requesting the appointment of Thomas Lambert to the position of Police Officer.

**RESULT:** 

**APPROVED** 

D. Mayor's Request 205309 (ID:18029)

Requesting the appointment of Michael Cleary to the position of Police Officer.

**RESULT:** 

**APPROVED** 

E. Mayor's Request 205310 (ID:18030) Requesting the appointment of Mark Canty to the position of Police Officer.

**RESULT:** 

APPROVED

F. Mayor's Request 205311 (ID:18031) Requesting the appointment of Priscilla Ribeiro to the position of Police Officer.

G.	Mayor's Request 205312 (ID:18032)	Requesting the appointment of Dylan Lambert to the position of Police Officer.		
		RESULT: APPROVED		
H.	Mayor's Request 205313 (ID:18033)	Requesting the appointment of Allisha Omolade to the position of Police Officer.		
		RESULT: APPROVED		
I.	Mayor's Request 205314 (ID:18034)	Requesting the appointment of Robert Anaya to the position of Police Officer.		
		RESULT: APPROVED		
J.	Mayor's Request 205315 (ID:18035)	Requesting the appointment of Nicholas Moreira to the position of Police Officer.		
		RESULT: APPROVED		

# COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

# COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

**NEW BUSINESS** 

**SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS** 

LATE ITEMS

**ADJOURNMENT** 

The meeting was Adjourned at 5:40 PM.

# City of Somerville, Massachusetts Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen

# **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

April 12, 2018, 7:00 PM Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue

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# **OPENING OF THE MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Ward Seven Alderman Katjana Ballantyne

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

1. Roll Call 205433 (ID:18410) Call of the Roll.

Alderman Hirsch sponsored a moment of silence for Al Hardy. Alderman Clingan sponsored a moment of silence for Junior Perez.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. Minutes 205434 (ID:18411)

Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of February 27, 2018, and the Regular Meeting of March 8, 2018.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

# **CITATIONS**

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

3. Grant of Location 205435 (ID:18393) Submitted by Comcast to install 57 feet of conduit in Beacon St from Pole 24/50 to a point of pickup at 371 Beacon St.

The President opened the public hearing. Comcast representative David Flewelling described the work to be done. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

# ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

4. Resolution 205436 (ID:18408)

By Ald. Clingan, and the Mayor, and the Entire Board Recognizing April as Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month.

Alderman Clingan described autism and read a Resolution naming April 2018 as Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month. He introduced parent advocate Melissa Bento to share her experiences, and she described her son Matthew's life with autism. Linda Sonya, parent advocate also spoke about her son Eric's history with autism. The Board then approved Alderman Clingan's motion that the Director of Health and Human Services come before this Board to discuss what is being done to support people on the autism spectrum, and to educate the public and first responders as well.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

5. Order 205437 (ID:18200)

By Ald. Hirsch

That the Director of Parks and Open Space update this Board on all current parks projects.

Alderman Hirsch would like to have the Director of Parks and Open Spaces supply an update to the Board on current projects.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

6. Resolution 205438 (ID:18201)

By Ald. Hirsch, Clingan, and the Entire Board

That the Administration consider the following steps to address the field space crisis: petition DCR for a waiver for a reduced expectation to schedule regional uses, cover costs of using Dilboy for teams displaced from less expensive fields to Dilboy, and prioritize youth sports over adults sports for field usage.

Alderman Hirsch and the entire Board would like field space availability addressed by the Administration.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Youth Services Committee

7. Order 205439 (ID:18202)

By Ald. Hirsch

That the Director of SPCD prepare a detailed explanation of how funding from a transfer fee or other local sources could fund housing initiatives.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

8. Order 205440 (ID:18203) By Ald. Hirsch

That the Director of SPCD share options for establishing the residency status of prospective buyers, as related to exemptions and the proposed transfer fee.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

9. Resolution 205441 (ID:18381)

By Ald. Hirsch

That the Administration work with the School District to outline options for checking CORI status in cases where residents don't have permanent residency status.

Alderman Hirsch explained that if parents want to be chaperones on a school field trip or function, they must be CORI cleared first and if they don't have permanent residency, they cannot be CORI cleared. She would like the City and the School District to look into options for clearing residents without permanent residency status.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

10. Order 205442 (ID:18382) By Ald. Hirsch, Clingan

That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Health and Human Services share an update on options and plans for municipal and school building usage for summer youth programs, including any capacity challenges for this summer.

Alderman Hirsch would like the Commissioner of Public Works to look into space for summer programs.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Youth Services Committee

11. Resolution 205443 (ID:18383)

By Ald. Hirsch, Ballantyne, Rossetti, Mbah

That the Administration, along with the Director of Health and Human Services, the Chief Assessor and the Council of Aging, work with this Board to evaluate the needs of senior residents, and how currently considered legislation, including taxes and fees, plus all city programs, may contribute to their well-being and happiness.

Alderman Hirsch wants to make sure that the City is using every tool and service available to help senior citizens in the City.

12. Order 205444 (ID:18204)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Director of Communications and Community Engagement promote the new Memorial Bench program widely to all residents.

Alderman Ewen-Campen would like residents to know about the Memorial Bench and Tree Fund. Memorial Benches can be donated for \$2,400, and Memorial Trees for \$1,000. Application forms are available online or by contacting Director of Transportation and Infrastructure Brad Rawson at brawson@somervillema.gov.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

13. Resolution 205445 (ID:18341)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board

That the Administration establish a dedicated fund within the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to provide direct housing assistance for municipal employees struggling to remain in Somerville, which could be funded through revenue from a real estate transfer fee.

Alderman Ewen-Campen would like to establish a housing assistance fund to help people who need assistance to stay in Somerville.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

14. Resolution 205446 (ID:18342)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board

That the Administration establish a dedicated fund within the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to support community land trusts in Somerville, which could be funded through revenue from a real estate transfer fee.

Alderman Ewen-Campen would like to see a community land trust established.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

15. Order 205447 (ID:18343) By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Director of Traffic and Parking repaint the "No Bicycles" signs on sidewalks throughout Union Square, and work with the Administration to promote awareness of the dangers that sidewalk cycling poses to seniors and other residents.

Alderman Ewen-Campen has heard from constituents that bicycling on sidewalks is becoming a safety issue and would like to see "No Bicycles" signs on the sidewalks.

RESULT: APPROVED

16. Order 205448 (ID:18344)

By Ald. 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:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

17. Order

Order By Ald. Ewen-Campen

205449 (ID:18345) That the Director of SPCD provide traffic calming recommendations for School Street, from Highland Avenue to Summer Street.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

18. Order 205450

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Director of SPCD provide traffic calming recommendations for Vinal

(ID:18346) Avenue.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

19. Order 205451 (ID:18348)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board

That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services report to this Board on the steps taken to protect undocumented residents who report Health Code violations or unsafe living conditions.

Alderman Ewen-Campen would like to hear from the Superintendent of Inspectional Services that there is a plan in place to protect undocumented residents when they report deplorable living conditions.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

20. Order

By Ald. Davis

205452 (ID:18368) That the Director of Engineering re-evaluate Chandler Street and Meacham Road for inclusion on the street paving list.

#### **RESULT:** APPROVED

21. Order 205453 (ID:18369) By Ald. Davis

That the Director of SPCD add signage to the Community Path at the Willow Avenue crossing, advising users to look for pedestrians on the Willow Avenue sidewalks.

Alderman Davis would like to see signage added to the Community Path at Willow Avenue, to make cyclists aware of pedestrians on the sidewalks there.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

22. Order 205454 (ID:18370)

By Ald. Davis

That the Director of SPCD add signage and, as appropriate, physical barriers, to keep Community Path traffic on the path as it navigates around the parking lot behind Rite Aid.

23. Order 205455

(ID:18371)

By Ald. Davis

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair and replace missing and damaged bricks in Davis Square.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

24. Resolution 205456 (ID:18372)

By Ald. Davis, Ewen-Campen, Mbah

That the Administration revisit the decision to abandon plans for curbside composting and move forward with a pilot program.

Alderman Davis would like to re-evaluate the pilot program for curbside composting and try again to make it work.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

25. Order 205457 (ID:18373) By Ald. Davis

That the Commissioner of Public Works add additional days for styrofoam recycling drop-offs.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

26. Order 205458 (ID:18374)

By Ald. Davis

That this Board implement procedures to reduce the amount of paper generated for Board and Committee purposes, including upgraded software and monitors in the Aldermanic Chambers and a "no print unless requested" policy.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Rules Special Committee

27. Resolution 205459 (ID:18375)

By Ald. Davis

That the Administration review and revise as appropriate, department policies to reduce and eliminate printing and paper use.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

28. Resolution 205460 (ID:18376)

By Ald. Davis

That the Administration work with the School Department to support efforts to reduce and eliminate printing and paper use.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

29. Resolution 205461

(ID:18377)

By Ald. Davis

That the Administration replace traditional bubblers with combination water bottle fillers in schools and parks.

30. Resolution 205462

(ID:18378)

By Ald. Davis

That the Administration commission a study on how to revise the priority policy for snow removal to better enable schools to open quickly.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

31. Resolution 205463 (ID:18379)

By Ald. Davis, Clingan

That the Administration put the Conway Park renovation out to bid without delay.

Alderman Davis stated that if the renovation of Conway Park hasn't gone out to bid already, he would like it to be done as soon as possible. There was discussion amongst the Board about having this field stay grass or change to turf. Alderman Davis stated that this is not about grass or turf, it's about having a place available for recreation.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

32. Ordinance 205464 (ID:18380)

By Ald. Davis

That the Ordinances be amended to provide fines for violating Ordinance 9-116 Subsection 3 (Construction) of \$100 for first offense and \$300 for each subsequent offense as described within.

Alderman Davis said the intent is to separate fines for construction noise from other noise ordinance violations.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

33. Order 205465 (ID:18384)

By Ald. Scott, and the Entire Board

That the Chief of Police work with the Administration to report to this Board on the Police Department's participation in the regional COPLINK program, with regard to the city's status as a Sanctuary City.

Alderman Scott has some concerns about this database and its surveillance usage.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

34. Order 205466 (ID:18385)

By Ald. Scott

That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider moving back street parking from the corner of Eustis and Beacon Streets to improve visibility there.

RESULT: APPROVED

35. Order 205467 (ID:18386)

By Ald. Scott

That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider removing a parking spot at 96 Concord Avenue near Hammond Street, to enable safe transit at this intersection for large service vehicles.

36. Order 205468

By Ald. Scott

That the Director of Traffic and Parking repaint and/or replace signage at the intersection of Beacon and Park Streets to ensure that traffic waiting at the southbound Park Street signal leaves space at the intersection for turning traffic.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

37. Communication By Ald. Rossetti

205469 (ID:18340)

(ID:18387)

Reporting on the High School Building Committee meeting of March 26, 2018.

Alderman Rossetti gave an update on High School construction. The modules in front of the building will be filled with necessary furniture and classes will begin there the first day back from April vacation. 90% submission in the budget to date was submitted to the MSBA and everything appears to be in order. ResiStat meetings will begin including updates on construction and impacts. The concourse traffic pattern will change soon. Video will be taken during the construction process and uploaded to the website. School staff is asking for security cameras in the modules, and \$20,000 has been allocated to take care of this.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

# 38. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205470 (ID:18362) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters meeting on April 10, 2018.

Alderman Scott reported there wasn't a quorum and the meeting was cancelled.

#### CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE 39.

Α. Committee Report 205471 (ID:18363) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters meeting on April 12, 2018.

Alderman Scott reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Committee reviewed open positions and looked at diversity in the Fire and Police Departments. The City Recruiter will be asked to meet with the Committee to discuss strategies to increase candidate diversity. The Committee also discovered a dramatic gender wage gap among city employees, and learned that while part-time employees working less than 20 hours per week don't earn sick time, that will hopefully change next January. The Committee also discussed the city's Sexual Harassment Policy and Standards of Conduct Policy, and will examine historical data to determine how effective current policies are.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

B. Order

202850 (ID:15546) By Ald. Rossetti

That the Director of Personnel update this Board with all positions filled or vacated since the FY17 budget discussions.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

C. Officer's Communication or vacated.

203019

Personnel Director responding to #202850 re: updated report of positions filled

(ID:15667)

WORK COMPLETED RESULT:

D. Order 204173

(ID:16893)

By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of Personnel report to this Board on the racial and ethnic

diversity of the Fire and Police Departments, broken down by rank.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

E. Officer's Director of Personnel responding to #204173 re: Police and Fire diversity Communication information.

204407 (ID:17089)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

F. Officer's Communication vacancies.

204664 (ID:17273)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

G. Order By Ald. Hirsch

204866 (ID:17633) That the Director of Personnel provide updated information on employee demographics, including gender, ethnicity and any other tracked categories, with the average wages by demographic group.

Director of Personnel responding to #204464 re: updated departmental

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED H. Order

205081 (ID:17840) By Ald. Niedergang, Ewen-Campen

That the Director of Personnel explain to this Board in writing why the City does not give part-time employees who work less than 20 hours a week earned sick time.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

I. Officer's

Communication

Director of Personnel responding to #204866 re: city staff demographics.

205253 (ID:17904)

J. Officer's Communication 205335

Officer's Director of Personnel responding to #205081 and #18049, re: sick time for Communication part-timers earning less than 20 hours per week.

WORK COMPLETED

(ID:18083)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

K. Order

205373 (ID:18178) By Ald. Davis

**RESULT:** 

That the City Solicitor advise this Board whether the sequence of appointments can be adjusted so the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments may review relevant information regarding candidates, including without limitation non-medical background checks.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

L. Order

205472 (ID:18442) By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the city's Recruiter appear before the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters to discuss strategies to increase the diversity of candidates applying for civil service jobs.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

M. Order

205473 (ID:18443) By Ald. Hirsch

That the Director of Personnel provide information on which positions that work less than 20 hours per week receive pension credit and health insurance.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

N. Resolution 205474

(ID:18444)

By Ald. Davis

That the Administration update this Board on discussions to determine an ideal policy to sequence appointments so the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters can review relevant information about candidates.

RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

O. Resolution 205475 (ID:18445) By Ald. Davis

That the Administration provide historical data on complaints relevant to violations of the city's anti-harassment and anti-discrimination policy.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

# 40. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205476 (ID:18360) Report of the Committee on Finance meeting on April 10, 2018.

Alderman White reported on the items discussed at the meeting, including a \$6 million Bond for affordable housing through the Hundred Homes Project, with debt payments funded with CPA revenue. The Committee discussed a Resolution that the Administration implement a program to promote voluntary PILOT payments with major local nonprofit institutions, and asked that the Committee be provided information on the assessed value of both Tuffs and Partners Healthcare properties, and how much the city would receive in taxes if the owner was not tax exempt. Finally, the Committee reviewed the implementation of the Living Wage Ordinance, including the current hourly rate and its use and City agreements. The Director of Purchasing will provide a financial analysis on the cost to the city if the living wage were raised to \$15.00 per hour, and will review the inflation adjuster to see if it's sufficient.

RESULT: APPROVED

B. Order 200593 (ID:13188) By Ald. Rossetti

That this Board discuss the two reports received from the Fire and Police Departments of tax exempt facilities and services rendered over a two year span.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Resolution 203395 (ID:16143)

By Ald. Sullivan, and the Entire Board

That the Administration consider a veterans' exemption on fees related to the Community Preservation Act.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. Order 203587 (ID:16305) By Ald. White Jr.

That the Director of Purchasing provide a written review for this Board on the implementation of the Living Wage Ordinance, including the current hourly rate and its use in city agreements.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

E. Order 203740 (ID:16522) By Ald. Rossetti

That the Grant Manager report to this Board by October 15, 2017 on progress in supporting SomerPromise.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

F. Order 203741

By Ald. Rossetti

That the Director of Personnel implement bi-weekly payroll for all employees.

(ID:16523)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

G. Officer's Communication 203810 (ID:16495)

Director of Purchasing responding to #203587 re: the Living Wage Ordinance.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

H. Resolution 204491 (ID:17196) By Ald. White Jr.

That the Administration consider increasing permit fees to cover the cost of a new position to oversee street reconstruction and utility work.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

I. Resolution 204864 (ID:17631) By Ald. Hirsch

That the Administration consider a mid-year appropriation for additional traffic coordination or engineering staff to manage the many complex projects underway, communicate with residents and businesses, and carry out any possible immediate traffic calming using real-time data.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

J. Mayor's Request 205036 (ID:17708) Requesting the acceptance of a grant of \$38,000 from the MA Office of Public Safety for Police Department staffing.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

K. Mayor's Request 205213 (ID:17935) Requesting approval to create the 259 McGrath Stabilization fund and accept a payment to the Fund of \$3,500.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

L. Mayor's Request 205304 (ID:17780) Requesting acceptance of a \$60,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Office of Public Safety & Security to the Fire Department for Fire Dept. staffing costs.

M. Mayor's Request 205380 (ID:18042) Requesting authorization to borrow \$6,000,000 in a bond, and appropriate the same amount for the acquisition of affordable housing through the 100 Homes project, with debt payments to be funded through CPA revenue.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

**AYES:** Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

N. Mayor's Request 205381 (ID:18094) Requesting approval to appropriate \$49,495 from the Traffic Safety Stabilization Fund for the Somerville High School Phase II parking study.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

**AYES:** Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

O. Mayor's Request 205382 (ID:18089) Requesting approval to lease a space at 337 Somerville Ave (aka Bow Market) for the Arts Council's Nibble program.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

P. Resolution 205477 (ID:18436)

By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Administration report to this Board when the city will receive payment installments from Federal Realty Investment Trust relevant to the affordable housing waiver.

**RESULT:** APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

Q. Order 205478 (ID:18435) By Ald. White Jr.

That the Director of Purchasing, with the Administration, provide this Board with an analysis of the cost of raising the living wage to \$15.00 per hour, and determine if a more appropriate inflation adjuster may be used.

**RESULT:** APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

### 41. LAND USE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205479 (ID:18349) Report of the Committee on Land Use, Meeting as a Committee of the Whole on March 27, 2018.

Ald. Mbah and White were recused with respect to #204570.

Alderman Davis reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Committee approved re-zoning at 3-5 Summer Street, allowing the owner to construct on its lot a second building for additional housing, with a deed restriction keeping them below market rate in perpetuity. The Committee mostly discussed Chapter 15 of the proposed zoning overhaul, ADA requirements, and the Certificate of Zoning Compliance. Information can be found online at www.somervillezoning.com.

В. Public

35atSummer LLC proposing a zoning amendment to re-zone their property at Communication 3-5 Summer St to NB.

204570 (ID:17300)

Ald. Ewen Campen voted in favor of Enrollment of this item, but was absent on the motion to Ordain. Other votes were unchanged.

ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS] **RESULT: AYES:** Hirsch, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan,

Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

ABSENT: Mbah, White Jr., Ewen-Campen

C. Officer's

Planning Board submitting recommendations re: #204570, a zoning Communication amendment to re-zone 3-5 Summer Street to NB.

205391 **RESULT:** 

(ID:18111)

WORK COMPLETED

# LAND USE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205480 (ID:18350)

Report of the Committee on Land Use, Meeting as a Committee of the Whole on March 28, 2018.

Alderman Davis reported on the items discussed at the meeting. This was another meeting on the zoning overhaul, including the required neighborhood meetings and how best to addess neighborhood issues.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

#### LAND USE COMMITTEE 43.

A. Committee Report 205481 (ID:18351)

Report of the Committee on Land Use, Meeting as a Committee of the Whole on April 3, 2018.

Alderman Davis reported on the items discussed at the meeting. This was a joint Public Hearing with the Planning Board on the proposed zoning overhaul. Over 100 residents attended. The period for written testimony remains open through May 25, 2018. Information can be found at www.somervillezoning.com. This site also includes an online tool where residents can make comments in the code itself.

#### 44. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205482 (ID:18353) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on March 29, 2018.

Alderman Niedergang reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The first item was Union Square development, recognition of a Neighborhood Council, and a Community Benefits Agreement. The Committee discussed various drafts with the Administration and US2, the developer. The Committee urged the Administration to re-negotiate the Development Covenant consistent with the requests of the Board and without additional material provisions that favor US2. The Committee also urged the Administration to draft an Ordinance allowing the Board to designate a Union Square Neighborhood Council to negotiate the Community Benefits Agreement. US2 has made its first payment to the City but it will be held in escrow until later this year or early next year, when US2 gets a Building Permit for their first building. Another item discussed was a brief introduction to an updated Condominium Cooperative Conversion Ordinance. The Assistant City Solicitor will develop a chart showing the differences between current and proposed Ordinance. Finally the Committee discussed the Home Rule Petition for a Tenants Right to Purchase, and agreed to begin working from a revised draft, and not the original draft that the Administration submitted.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

В. Order 204238 (ID:16955) By Ald. McLaughlin, Sullivan

That the City Solicitor draft an amendment to the ordinance regarding construction, so that rodent eradication is required on all construction, not just demolition.

#### **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

C. Order 204875 (ID:17642) By Ald. Hirsch, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, and the Entire Board That the City Solicitor prepare a Home Rule Petition regarding a Right of First Refusal to allow tenants to have the first option to purchase their homes if they are going to be sold.

#### **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

D. Officer's 205044

SomerStat Analyst responding to a Legislative Matters Committee query Communication related to #203839 re: an update on Rodent Action Team meetings.

(ID:17694)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

E. **Public** 205404 (ID:18154)

Jacob Kramer submitting comments re: #204954, the proposed Transfer Fee Communication Home Rule Petition, and #205118, the proposed Tenant's Right to Purchase Home Rule Petition.

> WORK COMPLETED **RESULT:**

F. Public

Ronald Cavallo submitting comments re: #205118, the proposed Tenant's Communication Right to Purchase Home Rule Petition.

205405 (ID:18155)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

G. Resolution By Ald. Davis

205483 (ID:18438)

That the Administration vigorously renegotiate the Development Covenant with U2, consistent with the request of this Board and without additional material provisions that favor US2.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

H. Resolution 205484

(ID:18439)

By Ald. Rossetti

That the Administration draft an ordinance to designate a Neighborhood Council as soon as possible.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

Legislative Matters Committee **FOLLOWUP:** 

#### 45. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205485 (ID:18352) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on April 4, 2018.

Alderman Niedergang reported on the items discussed at the meeting. All Aldermen were present as well as about 250 members of the public, who expressed their opinions for and against the proposed Transfer Fee in a Public Hearing. Public testimony lasted about 4 hours. Of those people who signed in, 130 were in favor of the Real Estate Transfer Fee and 97 people were opposed. Video of the meeting is available on the city website.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

#### LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE 46.

A. Committee Report 205486 (ID:18355) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters meeting on April 5, 2018.

Alderman Niedergang reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The first item discussed was a draft Ordinance addressing storm water management and infiltration and inflow mitigation, to keep stormwater from entering the city's sewer system, so it doesn't increase the volume, and cost, of sewage to be treated. The Committee also discussed including holidays in Noise Ordinance protections, and managing household trash and recycling. Director of Sustainability Oliver Sellers-Garcia stated the City will soon start a Textile Recycling Program, allowing residents to do curbside recycling of clothing, shoes and small household items.

B. Order 204586 (ID:17315) By Ald. Davis

That the Solicitor's Office submit to this Board at its first meeting in January, a proposed ordinance to formalize the city's Storm Water Management Policy so all new inflow or infiltration, whether resulting from new development or improvements to existing properties, require mitigation, including payments into the dedicated fund for such mitigation.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Ordinance 204793

(ID:17517)

By Ald. Davis

That Ordinance 9-116(3) be amended as described within with respect to activities restricted under the Noise Ordinance.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis

**ABSENT:** Ballantyne

D. Order 205487 (ID:18424) By Ald. Davis

That the Director of Sustainability and Environment update this Board on the city's textile recycling program in mid-September, 2018, identifying the concerns raised by the Committee on Legislative Matters at its meeting on April, 5, 2018.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

# 47. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205488 (ID:18354) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on April 9, 2018.

Alderman Niedergang reported on the items discussed at the meeting. This meeting focused on the Home Rule Petition to authorize a Real Estate Transfer Fee. The Committee requested from the Administration a report of all of the suggestions and opinions provided at the Public Hearing and in writing. The Committee discussed potential amendments, and agreed that Alderman Hirsch should work with the Administration to evaluate the financial impact of separate fees on buyers and sellers, based on the residential exemption. The Committee then agreed to amend the fines for violations of the ordinance restricting vegetation and overgrowth.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

B. Resolution 205489 (ID:18414) By Ald. 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:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

C. Order 205490 (ID:18415) By Ald. Hirsch

That Alderman Hirsch meet with the Administration, including the Law, Assessing and other departments, to evaluate the financial impacts of the proposed owner (buyer and seller) exemption and other language for the Real Estate Transfer Fee.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

# 48. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205491 (ID:18358) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on April 11, 2018.

Alderman Niedergang reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The main item discussed was the Home Rule Petition authorizing a real estate transfer fee, and Alderman Hirsch's proposal to exempt all owner occupants, sellers and buyers, and how it could work. The Committee asked the Administration to prepare the minimally necessary language that would allow for a separate fee on the buyer and seller based on their status as a resident owner occupant, with the intention of exempting both classes of owner occupants from the fee as specified by future legislation and including protections for the estate in the event of a decedent who has qualified for a residential exemption. The Committee also discussed where the transfer fee revenue would go and whether that should be included in an Ordinance.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

B. Order 204992 (ID:17771) By Ald. Ballantyne

That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance to amend to the maximum, from \$50 to \$300, the fine for violations of Ordinance 9-56 "Vegetation and overgrown projection on to sidewalk".

This item was amended, re-submitted by the Law Office, and Ordained as #205674.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Order 205492 (ID:18441) By Ald. White Jr.

That the Director of SPCD prepare a report analyzing why the current 20% affordable housing requirement, the \$10.00 per sq ft linkage fee, and other city initiatives are not sufficient to meet the affordable housing needs of the city.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

D. Resolution 205493 (ID:18440) By Ald. Scott, Rossetti, White Jr.

That the Administration draft the minimally necessary language to amend the Real Estate Transfer Fee Home Rule Petition to allow a separate fee on the buyer and seller based on their status as a resident/owner-occupant, and including estate protection for a decedent who has such status.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

#### 49. OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY SPECIAL COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205494 (ID:18356) Report of the Special Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy meeting on March 28, 2018.

Alderman Mbah reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Committee discussed a Dark Sky Ordinance, addressing applicability, minimum standards, and exemptions. The city's current lighting system can cause glare and affect people's central nervous systems.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

B. Public Green and Open Somerville submitting comments re: a dark sky ordinance.

Communication 202400 (ID:15075)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

C. Public Tori Antonino submitting comments re: a dark sky ordinance.

Communication 202495 (ID:15179)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

D. **Public** 204419 (ID:17144)

Renee Scott submitting comments re: #203059, the Tree Advisory Committee Communication ordinance, #203365, the native species ordinance, and #203881, the dark sky ordinance.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

E. **Public** 204420

Lee Erica Palmer submitting comments re: #203059, the Tree Advisory Communication Committee ordinance, #203365, the native species ordinance, and #203881, the dark sky ordinance.

(ID:17145)

WORK COMPLETED **RESULT:** 

F. Public 204421

Janine Fay submitting comments re: #203059, the Tree Advisory Committee Communication ordinance, #203365, the native species ordinance, and #203881, the dark sky ordinance.

(ID:17146)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

# 50. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205495 (ID:18361) Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety meeting on April 10, 2018.

Alderman Clingan reported on the Committee's discussion of the opioid crisis in the city. Doug Kress, Director of Health and Human Services is in the process of hiring a Director of Prevention. There is also a "Drug Take Back Day" on Saturday, April 28, at the Police and Fire Stations, although drugs are accepted at the Police Station at any time. The Health and Human Services Department is providing Narcan awareness and training. High school students are being surveyed, with results showing that a large percentage are not smoking or using drugs but stress levels have increased. The School Department had a part-time Assessment Counselor but due to retirement the position is currently vacant. The Committee disussed school and city outreach about warning signs for drug use. Members pointed out that quitting is the easy part, but staying sober is the hard part, and this is where services are most lacking. The Committee decided to ask the Clerk Magistrate at the Somerville District Court to appear before the Committee to speak about Drug Courts.

RESULT: APPROVED

B. Order 205496 (ID:18420) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the City Clerk invite the Clerk Magistrate of the Somerville District Court to meet with the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety to discuss drug courts.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

# 51. PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205497 (ID:18359) Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works meeting on April 2, 2018.

Alderman White reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Committee discussed snow removal, and why snow is plowed from streets back onto sidewalks, and learned that the heaviness of the snow determines the speed that snow plows must maintain to plow it. There are no funds in the DPW budget to have sidewalks shoveled by a shoveling crew. The Committee also discussed barring contractors from future city work based on their performance, and the removal last Fall of trees on Beacon St.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

B. Order 203711 (ID:16425)

By Ald. Heuston

That the City Solicitor consult with the Commissioner of Public Works to draft an ordinance requiring contractors and utilities to secure metal plates during street construction.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

204263 (ID:16984)

That the Commissioner of Public Works request that the appropriate utility company address the low hanging wires on Mt. Vernon and Washington

Streets.

#### **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

D. Order 204731 By Ald. Niedergang

(ID:17474)

That the Commissioner of Public Works make the following repairs on Carver Street: fill the pothole behind the sewer cover; straighten the two curbstones on the south side of the street; and remove the pile of cement at the end of the street.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

E. Order By Ald. Ewen-Campen

204856 (ID:17619)

That the Director of Engineering and the Commissioner of Public Works work with this Board to consider possible strategies to address the persistent issue of snow being plowed onto sidewalks during large snow storms.

#### **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

F. Order By Ald. Niedergang

204877 (ID:17644)

That the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board why snow plows cannot go at a slower speed to avoid throwing snow over curbs and onto sidewalks.

#### **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

G. Order By Ald. Niedergang, Mbah

204878 (ID:17645) That the Commissioner of Public Works deploy a shoveling crew after major snowstorms to shovel out the sidewalks of elderly and disabled residents that get buried by city snowplows, and that the Director of Health and Human Services and the Director of Communications work together to register such residents so they can contact 311 to get their sidewalks re-shoveled after they have been buried by snowplows.

#### **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

H. Order 204879

(ID:17646)

By Ald. Niedergang, Mbah

That the Director of Communications coordinate the messaging about when to shovel with the Commissioner of Public Works so that residents are not told to shovel their sidewalks when snow plows are still plowing snow over curbs and burying sidewalks.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED I. Order 204949 (ID:17665) By Ald. Davis

That the Commissioner of Public Works advise this Board on the priority policy for clearing snow from sidewalk curb cuts at intersections.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

J. Resolution 204950 (ID:17666) By Ald. Davis

That the Administration advise this Board on the city's ability to clear sidewalks that have not been cleared and charge the property owner for the cost.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

K. Order 205498 (ID:18427) By Ald. Scott

That the City Solicitor provide the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works an opinion on the ability of the city to bar a contractor from future city work.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

L. Resolution 205499

By Ald. Scott

205499 (ID:18428) That the Administration provide a written response to the petition in #204944 for an accounting of street trees removed from Beacon Street.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

#### 52. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205500 (ID:18357) Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking meeting on April 2, 2018.

Alderman Niedergang reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The first item was the proposal to set a 20 MPH speed limit citywide by declaring the entire city a safety zone. Transportation Director Brad Rawson and Traffic Engineer Terry Smith said that there are 90 miles of streets, with 12 miles now in safety zones. They said safety zones exist around schools, hospitals, parks, playgrounds and senior centers. Limitations on signage mean it is better to have a lot of signed safety zones than to have the entire City as a safety zone, with signage just at the entrances to the city. Going forward they will try to designate entire neighborhoods as safety zones, and post many 20 MPH signs. The Committee also discussed policies and procedures to limit residential parking permits for residents of properties that were granted relief from parking requirements by the Zoning Board of Appeals or Planning Board. The final item was determining how to exempt streets from the annual change in the snow emergency parking plan.

RESULT: APPROVED

B. Resolution By Ald. Rossetti

200212 (ID:12837)

That the Administration consider exempting Whitman Street from the 2016 Snow Emergency Parking plan.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

C. Order By Ald. Heuston

200281 (ID:12964)

That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Traffic and Parking inform this Board how to petition for exemption from the new 2016 Snow Removal regulations, and post the process on the city's website well in

advance of the 2016 winter season.

WORK COMPLETED **RESULT:** 

D. Resolution By Ald. White Jr.

200287 (ID:12908)

That the Traffic Commission create a way to apply for an exemption from the change in the parking ban that will require parking on the even side of the

street during snow emergencies.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

E. Order 201900 By Ald. Niedergang

(ID:14590)

That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to this Board by its September 22 regular meeting on plans to implement new legislation to reduce speed limits on local streets to 25 mph in "thickly settled areas" and 20 mph in "designated safety zones."

#### **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

F. Order By Ald. McLaughlin, and the Entire Board

202267 (ID:14960) That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider limiting parking passes for properties that request parking space relief and explain their decision, for or against, to this Board.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

G. Resolution By Ald. Niedergang, and the Entire Board

202326 (ID:15032)

That the Administration present to this Board and to the Traffic Commission, a plan for creating "safety zones" and reducing the speed limit to 20 mph in as

much of the city as is possible.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

H. **Public** 

Matt Griesbach submitting comments re: #202267, to consider limiting Communication residential parking passes for developments that request parking space relief.

202496

**RESULT:** (ID:15181)

WORK COMPLETED

I. Resolution 202622 (ID:15354) By Ald. Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

That the Administration share with this Board the timeline and plan for implementing 20 mph "safety zones" and reducing the speed limit to 20 mph on as many city streets as possible.

#### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

J. Resolution 202863 (ID:15550) By Ald. Niedergang, Davis

That the Administration explain to this Board why it is recommending to the Traffic Commission 20 mph speed zones only in designated locations, and consider recommending instead a 20 mph speed limit citywide (except for state roads).

### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

K. Order 204250 (ID:16971) By Ald. Niedergang, Davis

That the Director of SPCD make Morrison Avenue between Cedar Street and Willow Avenue a 20 MPH speed zone, as Lexington Park and the Community Path entrance nearby.

### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

L. Order 204543 (ID:17278) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on the neighborhood traffic calming planned for Central Street in 2018, especially around the Hoyt Sullivan playground.

### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

M. Order 204544 (ID:17279) By Ald. Niedergang, McWatters

That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a "STATE LAW-YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS IN CROSSWALK" sign on Central Street, on the telephone pole facing northbound traffic near Willoughby and Albion Streets.

### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

N. Order 204545 (ID:17280) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Director of Traffic and Parking install flashing "SLOW-CHILDREN CROSSING", "SLOW-YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS", and/or "SPEED LIMIT 20MPH" signs on Central Street near the Hoyt Sullivan Playground.

### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

O. Resolution 204725 (ID:17468) By Ald. McWatters, and the Entire Board

That the Administration consider making the entire city a safety zone.

#### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

P. Resolution

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

204855 (ID:17618)

(ID:17621)

That the Traffic Commission consider supporting the neighborhood petition to make Crocker Street a one-way street for its entire length, and to exempt it from the odd/even snow emergency parking shift each year.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

Q. Order 204858

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Director of Traffic and Parking update the Ward 3 Alderman about any previous traffic studies for traffic calming on School Street.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

R. Order 204859 (ID:17622) By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider additional lane-usage signs along Somerville Avenue leading up to its intersection with Washington Street in Union Square.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

S. Order 205085 (ID:17844) By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Director of Traffic and Parking explain to this Board when and where the "48 Hour Parking Rule" is enforced, and why it is necessary.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

## COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

53. 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: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

54. Mayor's Request 205502 (ID:18046) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,700,000 in a bond to finance paving and sidewalk improvements.

Alderman White requested to waive the readings of items 54 through 72, excluding items 66 and 67 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

55. Mayor's Request 205503 (ID:18218) Requesting the appropriation of \$369,847 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation-Cable TV License Receipts Account to the Cable Television PEG Access Fund, to fund the FY18 Budget.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

56. Mayor's Request 205504 (ID:18210) Requesting the appropriation of \$797,330 from the CPA Fund historic resources, budgeted, and undesignated reserves to the City of Somerville Parks and Open Space Division for the rehabilitation of Prospect Hill Park.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

57. Mayor's Request 205505 (ID:18214) Requesting the appropriation of \$350,000 from the CPA Fund undesignated reserve budget to the Friends of the Community Growing Center for the rehabilitation of the Community Growing Center.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

58. Mayor's Request 205506 (ID:18213) Requesting the appropriation of \$155,339 from the CPA Fund open space/recreation and undesignated reserves to the Mystic River Watershed Association for design services for the Blessing of the Bay Park.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

59. Mayor's Request 205507 (ID:18217) Requesting the appropriation of \$140,000 from the CPA Fund open space/recreational land reserve and undesignated reserve budget to the City of Somerville Parks and Open Space Division for design services for the Brown and West Somerville Neighborhood Schoolyards.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

60. Mayor's Request 205508 (ID:18215) Requesting the appropriation of \$90,000 from the CPA Fund open space/recreational land reserve to the City of Somerville Parks and Recreation Department for improving the Dilboy Auxiliary fields.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

61. Mayor's Request 205509 (ID:18211) Requesting the appropriation of \$85,100 from the CPA Fund historic resources reserve to the City of Somerville Elections Department for the preservation of elections records.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

62. Mayor's Request 205510 (ID:18212) Requesting the appropriation of \$73,000 from the CPA Fund historic resources reserve to the Elizabeth Peabody House Association to replace their roof.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

63. Mayor's Request 205511 (ID:18216) Requesting the appropriation of \$15,000 from the CPA Fund undesignated reserve budget to the City of Somerville for tree canopy and invasive species improvements for the Community Path.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

64. Mayor's Request 205512 (ID:18171) Requesting a transfer of \$28,028 from the Recreation Field Maintenance Salaries Account to the Recreation Part Time Salaries Account.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

65. Mayor's Request 205513 (ID:18179) Requesting a transfer of \$6,996 from the Salary Contingency Salaries Account to the Parks and Recreation Part-Time Salaries Account.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

66. Mayor's Request 205514 (ID:18205) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$800 using available funds in the DPW Administration Police Detail Account for outstanding Police details.

RESULT: APPROVED

67. Mayor's Request 205515 (ID:18206) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$368 using available funds in the Water Department Police Detail Account for outstanding Police details.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

68. Mayor's Request 205516 (ID:15916) Requesting approval for a time-only extension with SMMA for the High School building project until 12/31/2021.

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

69. Mayor's Request Requesting approval for a time-only extension for the PMA contract for the High School building project until 12/31/2021.

205517 (ID:15926)

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

70. Mayor's Request 205518 (ID:18219) Requesting approval for a time-only extension of the Millennium Maintenance contract by one month, until 8/31/2017.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

71. Mayor's Request 205519 (ID:18221) Requesting approval of a time-only extension of the Design Consultants Inc. Beacon Street construction administration contract, to 12/31/2018.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

72. Mayor's Request 205520 (ID:18199) Requesting approval to execute a five year lease agreement for the Grove Street parking lot

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

73. Mayor's Request 205521 (ID:18367) Requesting the appointment of Vincent Lampley to the position of Deputy Fire Chief.

Alderman Scott requested to waive the readings of items 73 through 79 and refer them to the Confirmation of Appointments Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

74. Mayor's Request 205522 (ID:18366) Requesting the appointment of Marc Ardolino to the position of Fire Captain.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

75. Mayor's Request 205523 (ID:18365) Requesting the appointment of Timothy Donovan to the position of Fire Lieutenant.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

76. Mayor's Request 205524 (ID:18364) Requesting the appointment of Francis Otting to the position of Fire Lieutenant.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

77. Mayor's Request 205525 (ID:18207) Requesting the re-appointment of Ramon Bueno to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

78. Mayor's Request 205526 (ID:18208) Requesting the re-appointment of Julie Wood to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

79. Mayor's Request 205527 (ID:18209) Requesting the re-appointment of Michelle Melton to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

#### COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

80. Officer's

Outside Counsel Darren Klein responding on behalf of this Board to #205402, Communication an Open Meeting Law complaint submitted by Michael Kiely on 3/16/18.

205528 (ID:18395)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

81. Officer's 205529

City Solicitor responding to #205373 re: adjusting the sequence of Communication appointments for the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters.

(ID:18192)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

82. Officer's

City Solicitor responding #205372 re: the Committee on Confirmation of Communication Appointments and Personnel Matters review of executive session minutes.

205530 (ID:18193)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

83. Officer's

Parks and Recreation Director responding to #205361 re: the allocation of Communication indoor and outdoor spaces.

205531

**RESULT:** (ID:18194)

PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Youth Services Committee

84. Officer's

Parks and Recreation Director submitting the Department's Fall, 2017 youth Communication participation statistics.

205532 (ID:18176)

**FOLLOWUP:** 

**RESULT:** 

PLACED ON FILE Youth Services Committee 85. Officer's 205533

Retirement Board notifying this Board of a vote at the Retirement Board's May Communication 24, 2018, meeting regarding a 2018 Cost of Living Adjustment for eligible retirees.

(ID:18394)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

86. Officer's Communication 2/22/18 meeting.

Traffic and Parking Director responding to various Board Orders from the

205534

(ID:18085)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

Traffic and Parking Committee

87. Officer's Communication meeting.

DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders from the 3/22/18

205535

(ID:18388)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

88. 205536

License/Permit Public Event License, Stop and Dial/Write Table for Healthy Youth Act, Davis Sq Statue Park, Apr 19, 5-7:15PM.

(ID:18397)

Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 88 through 90 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

89. License/Permit 205537

(ID:18398)

Public Event License, Tufts Graduate Student Council 5K Race for Charity, Tufts Campus and adjacent sidewalks, Apr 21, 8AM-1:30PM.

Public Event License, Independent Film Festival, Somerville Theatre

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

90. License/Permit 205538

sidewalks, Apr 25-30, various times.

(ID:18399)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

91. 205539

License/Permit Public Event License, Boston Meditation Seminar, Apr 29, May 6 & 13, Davis Sq Statue Park, 12:30-5PM.

(ID:18400)

Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the reading of item 91 and place it on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE 92. 205540 (ID:18401)

License/Permit Public Event License, Banks St Porchfest Block Party, May 12, Noon-6PM (raindate May 13).

> Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 92 through 212 and approve them, except for item 97 which should be referred to the Licenses and Permits Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

93. 205541 (ID:18402)

License/Permit Public Event License, Josephine Ave Porchfest Block Party, from Kidder Ave to Broadway, May 12, Noon-7PM (raindate May 13).

> **RESULT: APPROVED**

94. 205542 (ID:18403)

License/Permit Public Event License, Theatre@First Presents A Midsummer Night's Dream, Powderhouse Park, Dress Rehearsals/Performances Jun 9,10,12,14,15,16,17,21,22,23,24,28,29,30 & 7/1 plus shared use of the Park for general rehearsals Apr 14-Jun 7, various times.

> **RESULT: APPROVED**

95. 205543 (ID:18404)

License/Permit Public Event License, CJD Foundation 5K Walk, Seven Hills Park and Community Path, Oct 6, 7:30AM-1PM (raindate Oct 27).

**RESULT:** 

Highland Ave.

APPROVED

96. License/Permit 205544 (ID:18405)

Transient Vendor License, Big Apple Circus, 301 Grand Union Blvd, Apr 7-May 6, selling toys and circus memorabilia.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

97. 205545 (ID:18406)

License/Permit New Extended Operating Hours License, Venus Pizza and Grill, 1293 Broadway, remaining open nightly to 2:30AM for delivery service only.

> **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

98. License/Permit 205546

Renewing Automatic Amusement Devices License, Cuisine En Locale, 156

(ID:18224)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

99. License/Permit 205547

Renewing Billiards and Bowling License, Flatbread Company at Sacco's Bowl Haven, 45 Day St.

(ID:18338)

**RESULT:** APPROVED

100. License/Permit 205548

Renewing Billiards and Bowling License, Lucky Strike, 340 Canal St.

(ID:18225)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

101.		Renewing Drainlay	ver's License, Tufts Construction.
	205549 (ID:18226)	RESULT:	APPROVED
102.	License/Permit 205550 (ID:18227)	Renewing Drainlay RESULT:	rer's License, Your Space Landscape and Construction.  APPROVED
103.	License/Permit 205551 (ID:18228)	Renewing Drainlay RESULT:	ver's License, RM Pacella.  APPROVED
104.	License/Permit 205552 (ID:18229)	Renewing Drainlay RESULT:	ver's License, Celiberti Realty.  APPROVED
105.	License/Permit 205553 (ID:18230)	Renewing Drainlay RESULT:	rer's License, Brennan Construction.  APPROVED
106.	License/Permit 205554 (ID:18231)	Renewing Drainlay RESULT:	rer's License, Suffolk Engineering.  APPROVED
107.	License/Permit 205555 (ID:18232)	Renewing Drainlay RESULT:	rer's License, Strongback Systems.  APPROVED
108.	License/Permit 205556 (ID:18233)	Renewing Drainlay RESULT:	ver's License, JNJ Sacca.  APPROVED
109.	License/Permit 205557 (ID:18234)	Renewing Drainlay RESULT:	ver's License, James W Flett.  APPROVED
110.	License/Permit 205558 (ID:18235)	Renewing Drainlay RESULT:	ver's License, Tim Zanelli Excavating.  APPROVED
111.	License/Permit 205559 (ID:18236)	Renewing Drainlay RESULT:	ver's License, Hydra Tech.  APPROVED
112.	License/Permit 205560 (ID:18237)	Renewing Drainlay RESULT:	ver's License, Tascon Corp.  APPROVED

113.		Renewing Drainlayer's License, P Gioioso and Sons.
	205561 (ID:18238)	RESULT: APPROVED
114.	License/Permit 205562 (ID:18239)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, AP Flowers and Son.  RESULT: APPROVED
115.	License/Permit 205563 (ID:18240)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, J Derenzo.  RESULT: APPROVED
116.	License/Permit 205564 (ID:18242)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, J Derenzo.  RESULT: APPROVED
117.	License/Permit 205565 (ID:18244)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, NCCL Enterprises.  RESULT: APPROVED
118.	License/Permit 205566 (ID:18245)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, CJ Doherty.  RESULT: APPROVED
119.	License/Permit 205567 (ID:18246)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, Sean Farrell Excavation.  RESULT: APPROVED
120.	License/Permit 205568 (ID:18247)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, FE French Construction.  RESULT: APPROVED
121.	License/Permit 205569 (ID:18248)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, Tri Construction.  RESULT: APPROVED
122.	License/Permit 205570 (ID:18249)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, Mirra.  RESULT: APPROVED
123.	License/Permit 205571 (ID:18250)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, MT Mayo.  RESULT: APPROVED
124.	License/Permit 205572 (ID:18251)	Renewing Drainlayer's License, Caruso and McGovern Construction.  RESULT: APPROVED

125.		Renewing Drainlay	ver's License, LaMountain Brothers.
	205573 (ID:18252)	RESULT:	APPROVED
126. License/Permit		Renewing Drainlay	ver's License, D Muzzioli Associates.
	205574 (ID:18253)	RESULT:	APPROVED
127.	License/Permit	Renewing Drainlay	ver's License, CM Conway Construction.
	205575 (ID:18254)	RESULT:	APPROVED
128.		Renewing Drainlay	ver's License, Insite Contracting.
	205576 (ID:18337)	RESULT:	APPROVED
129.		Renewing Drainlay	ver's License, PV Barone Corp.
	205577 (ID:18241)	RESULT:	APPROVED
130.	License/Permit	Renewing Drainlay	ver's License, MJM Construction.
	205578 (ID:18243)	RESULT:	APPROVED
131.	License/Permit	Renewing Extended Hours License, Chow N Joy, 626 Somerville Ave.	
	205579 (ID:18255)	RESULT:	APPROVED
132.	License/Permit	Renewing Extende	d Operating Hours License, KMart, 77 Middlesex Ave.
	205580 (ID:18256)	RESULT:	APPROVED
133.	License/Permit 205581	rmit Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Dunkin' Donuts, 282 Somerville Ave.	
	(ID:18257)	RESULT:	APPROVED
134.	License/Permit 205582	Renewing Extende 137 Washington St	d Operating Hours License, Cataldo Ambulance Service,
	(ID:18258)	RESULT:	APPROVED
135.	License/Permit 205583	Renewing Extende Professors Row.	d Operating Hours License, Tisch Library Cafe, 35
	(ID:18259)	RESULT:	APPROVED

136.	205584	Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Mayer Campus Center, 44 Professors Row.	
	(ID:18260)	RESULT:	APPROVED
137.	License/Permit	Renewing Extend	ed Operating Hours License, Mcdonald's, 14 Mcgrath Hwy.
	205585 (ID:18333)	RESULT:	APPROVED
138.	License/Permit	Renewing Flamm	ables License, Aris Auto, 3 Craigie St.
	205586 (ID:18261)	RESULT:	APPROVED
139.	License/Permit	Renewing Flamm	ables License, Simon's Auto Service, 166 Boston Ave.
	205587 (ID:18265)	RESULT:	APPROVED
140.	License/Permit	Renewing Flamm	ables License, Boston Closet, 229 Lowell St.
	205588 (ID:18266)	RESULT:	APPROVED
141.		Renewing Flamm	ables License, Coresite Real Estate, 70 Innerbelt Rd.
	205589 (ID:18269)	RESULT:	APPROVED
142.	License/Permit	Renewing Flamm	ables License, Hillside Auto Repair, 583 Broadway.
	205590 (ID:18271)	RESULT:	APPROVED
143.		Renewing Flamm	ables License, Mobil Mart Plus, 379 Alewife Brook Pkwy.
	205591 (ID:18272)	RESULT:	APPROVED
144.	License/Permit	Renewing Flamm	ables License, Speedway, 709 McGrath Hwy.
	205592 (ID:18275)	RESULT:	APPROVED
145.	License/Permit	Renewing Flamm	ables License, Teele Square Auto, 1284 Broadway.
	205593 (ID:18262)	RESULT:	APPROVED
146.	License/Permit	Renewing Flamm	ables License, Cubby Oil, 20 Medford St.
	205594 (ID:18263)	RESULT:	APPROVED
147.	License/Permit	Renewing Flamm	ables License, Somerville Gas and Service, 16 Medford St.
<b>1</b> 7/,	205595 (ID:18264)	RESULT:	APPROVED

148.		Renewing Flammables License, Somerville Mobil, 360 Medford St.		
	205596 (ID:18267)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
149.	License/Permit 205597 (ID:18268)	Renewing Flamm Brook Pkwy.	nables License, William Doucette Auto Sales, 325 Alewife	
	(ID.16206)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
150.		Renewing Flamm	nables License, BBS Services, 45 Broadway.	
	205598 (ID:18270)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
151.	License/Permit	Renewing Flamm	nables License, Lub-O-Line #529, 9 Florence St.	
	205599 (ID:18273)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
152.		Renewing Flamm	nables License, Lub-O-Line #849, 9 Florence St.	
	205600 (ID:18274)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
153.		Renewing Flamm	nables License, Trum Field Sunoco, 541 Broadway.	
	205601 (ID:18276)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
154.		Renewing Flamm	nables License, Broadway Sunoco, 258 Broadway.	
	205602 (ID:18277)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
155.		Renewing Garage	e License, Aris Auto, 3 Craigie St.	
	205603 (ID:18278)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
156.	License/Permit	Renewing Garage	e License, Teele Sq Auto, 1284 Broadway.	
	205604 (ID:18279)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
157.	License/Permit	Renewing Garage	e License, Barnes and Walsh, 224 Somerville Ave.	
	205605 (ID:18280)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
158.	License/Permit	Renewing Garage	e License, Enterprise Rent-a-Car, 37 Mystic Ave.	
	205606 (ID:18281)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
159.	License/Permit	Renewing Garage	e License, Master Used Cars, 121 Prospect St.	
	205607 (ID:18282)	RESULT:	APPROVED	

160.	License/Permit 205608		License, Simon's Auto Service, 166 Boston Ave.
	(ID:18283)	RESULT:	APPROVED
161.		Renewing Garage	License, J&E Auto Body, 9 Hawkins St.
	205609 (ID:18284)	RESULT:	APPROVED
162.	License/Permit 205610	Renewing Garage	License, Four Wheels Auto, 83 Albion St.
	(ID:18285)	RESULT:	APPROVED
163.		Renewing Garage	License, Drain Doctor, 612 Broadway.
	205611 (ID:18286)	RESULT:	APPROVED
164.	205612	Renewing Garage Pkwy.	License, William Doucette Auto Sales, 325 Alewife Brook
	(ID:18287)	RESULT:	APPROVED
165.		Renewing Garage	License, Auto Plus, 229 Lowell St.
	205613 (ID:18288)	RESULT:	APPROVED
166.		Renewing Garage	License, Partners HealthCare System, 399 Revolution Dr.
	205614 (ID:18289)	RESULT:	APPROVED
167.		Renewing Garage	License, Tech Auto Body, 9 Union Sq.
	205615 (ID:18290)	RESULT:	APPROVED
168.		Renewing Garage	License, Triumvirate Environmental, 191 Inner Belt Rd.
	205616 (ID:18291)	RESULT:	APPROVED
169.	License/Permit	Renewing Garage	License, Hillside Service Center, 45 Mystic Ave.
	205617 (ID:18292)	RESULT:	APPROVED
170.	License/Permit	Renewing Garage	License, Cataldo Ambulance Service, 4 Joy St.
	205618 (ID:18293)	RESULT:	APPROVED
171.	License/Permit	Renewing Garage	License, Original Auto Body and Mechanic, 12 Joy St.
	205619 (ID:18294)	RESULT:	APPROVED

172.	License/Permit 205620	Renewing Garage License, Tracer Technologies, 20 Assembly Sq Dr.
	(ID:18295)	RESULT: APPROVED
173.	License/Permit 205621	Renewing Garage License, Reilly's Garage, 61 Washington St.
	(ID:18296)	RESULT: APPROVED
174.		Renewing Garage License, Webster Auto Body, 69 Webster Ave.
	205622 (ID:18297)	RESULT: APPROVED
175.		Renewing Garage License, Webster Auto Body, 64 Webster Ave.
	205623 (ID:18298)	RESULT: APPROVED
176.		Renewing Garage License, FW Russell and Sons Disposal, 120 McGrath Hwy.
	205624 (ID:18299)	RESULT: APPROVED
177.		Renewing Garage License, Leins Auto Repair, 69 Bow St.
	205625 (ID:18300)	RESULT: APPROVED
178.		Renewing Garage License, Mass Inspection, 712 Mystic Ave.
	205626 (ID:18301)	RESULT: APPROVED
179.		Renewing Garage License, Somerville Auto Center, 193 Somerville Ave.
	205627 (ID:18302)	RESULT: APPROVED
180.		Renewing Garage License, DM Auto Body, 48 Joy St.
	205628 (ID:18303)	RESULT: APPROVED
181.		Renewing Garage License, Gasper Ostuni, 195 Highland Ave.
	205629 (ID:18304)	RESULT: APPROVED
182.		Renewing Garage License, Goodyear Auto Service Center, 1 Bow St.
	205630 (ID:18305)	RESULT: APPROVED
183.		Renewing Garage License, Executive Auto Body, 30 Medford St.
	205631 (ID:18306)	RESULT: APPROVED

184.	License/Permit 205632 (ID:18307)	Renewing Garage License, Boston Sand and Gravel, 492 Rutherford Ave.  RESULT: APPROVED
185.	License/Permit 205633 (ID:18308)	Renewing Garage License, Real Auto Shop, 463 McGrath Hwy.  RESULT: APPROVED
186.	License/Permit 205634 (ID:18309)	Renewing Garage License, JC Auto Repair Center, 91 Prospect St.  RESULT: APPROVED
187.	License/Permit 205635 (ID:18310)	Renewing Garage License, Broadway Brake, 45 Broadway.  RESULT: APPROVED
188.	License/Permit 205636 (ID:18311)	Renewing Garage License, Top Car Auto Repair, 497 Columbia St.  RESULT: APPROVED
189.	License/Permit 205637 (ID:18312)	Renewing Garage License, Broadway Sunoco, 258 Broadway.  RESULT: APPROVED
190.	License/Permit 205638 (ID:18334)	Renewing Garage License, Frongillo Realty, 0 Spring Hill Terrace.  RESULT: APPROVED
191.	License/Permit 205639 (ID:18335)	Renewing Garage License, Tufts University, 26 Lower Campus Rd.  RESULT: APPROVED
192.	License/Permit 205640 (ID:18313)	Renewing Hawker and Peddler License, Chiki Galvez.  RESULT: APPROVED
193.	License/Permit 205641 (ID:18223)	Renewing Mobile Food Vendor License, Wizard Catering.  RESULT: APPROVED
194.	License/Permit 205642 (ID:18314)	Renewing Junk Dealer, Broadway Cell Phone and Services.  RESULT: APPROVED
195.	License/Permit 205643 (ID:18315)	Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Tosh Enterprises, 260 Elm St.  RESULT: APPROVED

196.		Renewing Junk Dealer's License, All Checks Cashed, 12 Union Sq.
	205644 (ID:18316)	RESULT: APPROVED
197.		Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Pleasant Exchange, 370 Mystic Ave.
	205645 (ID:18317)	RESULT: APPROVED
198.		Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Nissenbaum Auto Parts, 480 Columbia St.
	205646 (ID:18318)	RESULT: APPROVED
199.		Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Atlas Metals, 475 Columbia St.
	205647 (ID:18319)	RESULT: APPROVED
200.		Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Kay Jewelers, 360 Artisan Way.
	205648 (ID:18320)	RESULT: APPROVED
201.		Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Buffalo Exchange, 238 Elm St.
	205649 (ID:18321)	RESULT: APPROVED
202.		Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Simon's Auto Service, 166 Boston Ave.
	205650 (ID:18323)	RESULT: APPROVED
203.	205651	Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Nissenbaum Auto Parts, 480 Columbia St.
	(ID:18329)	RESULT: APPROVED
204.	205652	Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 161 Linwood St.
	(ID:18322)	RESULT: APPROVED
205.	License/Permit	Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Urban Equity Development, 55 Day St.
	205653 (ID:18324)	RESULT: APPROVED
206.		Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Urban Equity Development, 7 Herbert St.
	205654 (ID:18325)	RESULT: APPROVED
207.		Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Star Market, 275 Beacon St.
	205655 (ID:18326)	RESULT: APPROVED

208. 205656

License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Parking License, FW Russell and Sons Disposal, 120 McGrath Hwy.

(ID:18327)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

209. License/Permit 205657

Renewing Outdoor Parking License, Martha Lee Trust, 147 Highland Ave.

(ID:18328)

**RESULT:** APPROVED

210.

License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Oat Shop, 20 College Ave.

205658 (ID:18331)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

211. License/Permit 205659

Renewing Outdoor Seating License, 130 Broadway LLC for Fat Hen and Perfect Dental.

(ID:18330)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

212. 205660

License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, James Kiley Co, 15 Linwood St.

(ID:18332)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

**Public** 213. 205661 (ID:18173)

Michael Kiely submitting an Open Meeting Law complaint against this Board. Communication Note that this Board may convene in Executive Session to discuss this complaint.

> City Solicitor Frank Wright said that the complaint related to two meetings being held at the same time in the Committee Room. It is his opinion that there was no violation. The Board authorized him to respond to the complaint on the Board's behalf.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

214. **Public** Communication Deanna Cremin.

District Attorney responding to #196432 re: the investigation of the murder of

205662 (ID:18409)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

### SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

215. Resolution 205663

By Ald. Rossetti

(ID:18390)

That the Administration consider adopting MGL c58 s8(c), which would allow the city to abate a portion of outstanding property taxes to create affordable housing.

Alderman Rossetti would like the City to consider this approach to creating affordable housing.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

216. Order 205664 (ID:18391) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Director of SPCD update this Board on the Healey-Mystic Master Plan, especially the redevelopment of the Healey schoolyard pavement to create green space, an outdoor performance space and a soccer field.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

217. Resolution 205665

(ID:18412)

By Ald. Mbah

That the Administration collaborate with MIT to build a robust biking infrastructure.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

218. Resolution 205666 (ID:18413)

By Ald. Mbah

That the Administration investigate partnering with MIT to provide advice on renewable energy sources.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

219. Order 205667 (ID:18416) By Ald. Clingan

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk at the curb cut at Sycamore Street and Evergreen Avenue.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

220. Order 205668 (ID:18417) By Ald. Clingan

That the Chief of Police report to this Board on the prioritization of crossing guard locations and on the training that crossing guards receive.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

221. Order 205669 (ID:18418) By Ald. Clingan, Rossetti, McLaughlin

That the Director of Parks and Recreation prioritize Somerville youth sports leagues before any adult sports leagues from outside the city until the city's field conflicts are resolved.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Youth Services Committee

222. Order 205670 (ID:18422) By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Director of SPCD provide a progress report on the 100 Homes Program since its inception.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

223. Mayor's Request 205671 (ID:18092) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,002,291 in a bond for DPW vehicles and equipment.

Alderman White requested to waive the readings of items 223 through 225 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

224. Mayor's Request 205672 (ID:18389) Requesting the acceptance of MGL c64N s3 re: a local 3% excise tax on retail sales of marijuana for adult use.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

225. Mayor's Communication Gilman Sq area. 205673

(ID:18419)

Conveying a License Agreement with the MBTA re: construction in the

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

226. Officer's 205674

(ID:18425)

Assistant City Solicitor responding to #204992 re: an amendment to the fines Communication for violations of Ordinance 9-56, for vegetation and wood on private property.

For discussion of this item, see #204793.

**RESULT:** ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS] **AYES:** Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis

ABSENT: Ballantyne

227. Officer's

Community Preservation Manager submitting background information Communication regarding the CPA 100 Homes bond recommendation in #205380.

205675 (ID:18421)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

228. Officer's Communication 205676 (ID:18396)

Community Preservation Manager responding to #205287 re: current practices on designating open space in CPA affordable housing and historic resources projects.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

229. Officer's 205677

Director of Engineering responding to #205009 re: withholding certain street Communication opening permits for Eversource gas work until communications improve.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE (ID:18222)

Public Utilities and Public Works Committee **FOLLOWUP:** 

230. Officer's

City Treasurer responding to #203230 re: whether the city can restrict financial Communication institutions from participating in city borrowing.

205678 (ID:18426)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE **FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

231 Public

232.

Tim Sackton submitting comments re: the city's snow policy.

Communication 205679 (ID:18423)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE **FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

Public

5 residents submitting comments re: #204954, a Home Rule Petition for a Real Communication Estate Transfer Fee.

205680

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

233. **Public** 

(ID:18429)

Our Revolution Somerville submitting comments re: #205250, a Home Rule Communication Petition for the reconstruction of the Clarendon Hill Housing Project.

205681 (ID:18430)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

234. Public

9 unions submitting comments re: #205250, a Home Rule Petition for the Communication reconstruction of the Clarendon Hill Housing Project.

205682 (ID:18432)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

235. Public Communication ordinance.

Tori Antonino submitting comments re: #203365, calling for a native planting

205683

(ID:18433)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

### LATE ITEMS

(ID:18437)

236. Order 205684 By Ald. Clingan

That the Director of Health and Human Services appear before this Board to discuss efforts to support individuals on the autism spectrum and educate first responders about autism.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee 237. License/Permit Public Event License, Taste of Somerville, Powderhouse Park, Jun 13, 7AM-

205400 Midnight (raindates Jun 20,27).

(ID:18151) Discharged from the Committee on Licenses and Permits.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

238. Order By Ald. Ballantyne

205685 That (ID:18431) on the

That the Director of SPCD advise this Board on any conditions to be imposed on the developers of the Clarendon Hill housing project regarding property ownership and land use, relocation of tenants, local and state approvals, financing and construction, occupancy requirements, and project design.

**RESULT:** APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:45 PM.

# City of Somerville, Massachusetts Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen

### **SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

April 26, 2018, 6:00 PM Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue

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### **OPENING OF THE MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Ward Seven Alderman Katjana Ballantyne

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

1. Roll Call

Call of the Roll.

205796 (ID:18451)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

**CITATIONS** 

**PUBLIC HEARINGS** 

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** 

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

### COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

2. Officer's 205797 (ID:18452)

Finance Director, pursuant to Ordinance 2-47, reviewing the financial Communication condition of the city, with revenue and expenditure forecasts, prior to the commencement of the FY19 budget process.

> Finance Director Ed Bean began his presentation with a review of FY18 income and expenditures. The city is facing a snow removal deficit because of the severe winter. There are also higher recycling costs because of changes in policy set in China, which imports most of the country's recycled materials. There are higher costs in the School Department's Special Education accounts, too. Both Mr. Bean and School Superintendent Mary Skipper discussed with the Board and School Committee members the nature of the SPED increases.

> Mr. Bean introduced the FY19 budgeting process by reviewing the primary income sources: real estate taxes, local receipts, and State aid. He then reviewed possible sources of new revenue, including up to a \$1M increase in State aid, approximately \$5M in increased tax revenue, and less than \$1M in new hotel and meals tax revenue. He noted that building permit fees are off this year, and said projections will be adjusted downwards next year. Board members noted that most of the projected growth is from residential property, despite the city's desire to shift the burden from residential to commercial uses.

Mr. Bean said that the FY19 budget was being prepared by Departments based on level services. Board members commented that the stress on the operating budget will increase as the city begins to pay off the GLX and High School bonds.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

**NEW BUSINESS** 

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 7:10 PM.

# City of Somerville, Massachusetts Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen

### **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

April 26, 2018, 7:00 PM Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue

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### **OPENING OF THE MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM by Ward Seven Alderman Katjana Ballantyne

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

1. Roll Call 205686

(ID:18534)

Call of the Roll.

Alderman Rossetti sponsored a moment of silence for Billy Chisholm.

**RESULT:** 

PLACED ON FILE

2. Minutes 205687 (ID:18535)

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, March 22, 2018.

RESULT: APPROVED

**CITATIONS** 

**PUBLIC HEARINGS** 

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

3. Order 205688 (ID:18511)

By Ald. Niedergang, and the Entire Board

That the Director of Personnel share with this Board, in writing, the Administration's outreach plan to get more diverse candidates to take the Fire and Police Department civil service exams.

Alderman Niedergang asked the Director of Personnel to present in writing the plan to increase diversity in the Fire and Police Departments.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

4. Order 205689 (ID:18513)

By Ald. Niedergang

That the Chief of Police enforce the state law requiring a white light on the front of a bicycle and a red reflector or light on the back when operated from a-half hour after sunset to a half-hour before sunrise.

#### **RESULT:** APPROVED

5. Order 205690 (ID:18514)

By Ald. Niedergang, and the Entire Board

That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on using trees in planters on streets instead of bump outs as a low-cost way to calm traffic and to place trees on streets where the sidewalks are too narrow to accommodate street trees.

Alderman Niedergang said there is a tremendous shortage of funds available for traffic calming and this would be a great fit.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

6. Order 205691 (ID:18515)

By Ald. Niedergang, Hirsch

That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to this Board on the possibility of re-striping faded crosswalks whenever necessary, instead of once a year.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

7. Order 205692 (ID:18516)

By Ald. Niedergang, Hirsch

That the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board on the process for leveling sidewalks to improve accessibility other than replacing an entire panel, such as grinding down lifted panels, replacing bricks with concrete or asphalt, or other techniques.

RESULT: APPROVED

8. Order 205693 (ID:18505)

By Ald. Niedergang

That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Traffic and Parking report to this Board on traffic calming options for Richardson Street.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

9. Order 205694 (ID:18508) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the potholes again on the south side of Highland Avenue in front of the Somerville Hospital parking lot.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

10. Resolution 205695 (ID:18517)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, and the Entire Board Supporting the Environmental Justice Act (MA Bills H.2913 and S.426).

Alderman Ewen-Campen described the Environmental Justice Act and introduced Bonnie Cohen, a Somerville resident and a Member of Mothers Out Front. She referred to research from 2015 that showed that in Massachusetts low-income communities face cumulative exposure to environmentally hazardous facilities and sites that is 4 times greater then high-income communities, and that high-minority communities face cumulative exposure that is over 20 times greater then low-minority communities. That alone is convincing evidence for a statewide policy, but to bring the issue even closer to home, Somerville ranks 8th in the State for total environmental hazards per square mile, and 16th for the most overall hazards. This research didn't even include some of the impacts that are most prevalent in Somerville, such as proximity to major traffic arteries, lack of green space, and home hazards such as mold and lead paint. Separate research led by Tufts and community researchers, known as the CAFEH report, included Somerville and found a positive association between the ultra-fine particles in traffic pollution and health issues such as stroke, ischemic heart disease, and hypertension. People of color and low-income were disproportionately impacted. The Environmental Justice Act is an excellent opportunity for governmental action, and Mothers Out Front urges the Board to support it.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

11. Order 205696 (ID:18518)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Commission of Public Works, the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Director of Engineering provide this Board with a written policy requiring written notice to abutters of a prolonged street closure related to construction.

Alderman Ewen-Campen noted that there is no written policy about notifying neighbors of street closures.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

12. Resolution 205697 (ID:18519)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen, Mbah, Hirsch

That the Administration update this Board on a municipal ID program for all residents, including any input from local immigrant advocacy groups, residents and non-profit organizations.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

13. Order 205698 (ID:18520)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Director of SPCD determine whether congestion at the intersection of Benton Road and Highland Avenue would be improved by removing a few parking spots at the mouth of Benton Road, and report in writing to the Ward 3 Alderman.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

14. Resolution 205699 (ID:18529)

By Ald. Hirsch, Ballantyne, Clingan

That the Administration share information on efforts with WAZE and other routing systems to determine how their algorithms direct traffic through Somerville.

Alderman Hirsch reported that she recently learned that in Union Square there are approximately 20,000 cars that pass through and 80% come from someplace else and go someplace else, and don't stop in Somerville. On smaller streets, there are about 5,000 cars per day in the Union Square area, whereas such streets elsewhere would normally have 1,000. She learned that City is working with online routing systems to block some of the frequently used small streets and streets with construction.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

15. Resolution 205700 (ID:18530)

By Ald. Hirsch

That the Administration report on the feasibility of giving parking permits to cars that are part of car-share programs and housed in Somerville for an extended period of time.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

16. Resolution 205701 (ID:18531)

By Ald. Hirsch, Scott, Ballantyne

That the Administration share enforcement mechanisms for Ordinance 11-33, Driveway Construction, as it relates to pervious surface area.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

17. Resolution 205702 (ID:18532)

By Ald. Mbah

That the Administration consider hiring licensed site professionals for oversight of acquired land and providing them with the authority to impose their recommendations on developers, to protect human health and the environment.

Alderman Mbah submitted this Resolution as a result of what is happening in Conway Park right now.

RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

18. Order 205703 (ID:18533)

By Ald. Mbah

That the Commissioner of Public Works post signs at Dilboy Field warning dog owners to clean up after their dogs or they will be cited and fined.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

19. Resolution 205704 (ID:18536)

By Ald. Scott, Ewen-Campen, Mbah, Hirsch

That the Administration report in writing on the net change in total trees and tree inches from all projects in 2017.

Alderman Scott requested an accounting for 2017 of the actual trees removed compared to the trees planted, and the net number of tree diameter inches gained or lost.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

20. Resolution 205705 (ID:18537)

By Ald. Scott, Ewen-Campen, Hirsch

That the Administration report in writing on the net change in tree inches based on all projects planned for 2018.

Alderman Scott requested an accounting for 2018 of the actual trees removed compared to the trees planted, and the net number of tree diameter inches gained or lost.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

21. Resolution 205706 (ID:18538)

By Ald. Scott, Hirsch, Ballantyne

That the Administration report in writing on the net change in green and open space based on all projects planned for 2018.

Alderman Scott requested a report on the net change in green and open space for 2018.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

22. Resolution 205707 (ID:18539)

By Ald. Scott, and the Entire Board

That the Administration report in writing on an Acquisition Fund to increase the City's ability to buy parcels for open space.

Alderman Scott requested a written update the status of funds to purchase land for open space.

RESULT: APPROVED

23. Resolution 205708

By Ald. Scott, Ewen-Campen, Hirsch, McLaughlin, Ballantyne, Mbah, White Jr.

(ID:18540)

That the Administration immediately pursue creation of a public athletic field and recreation complex atop the 36,000 square foot parking deck proposed for construction in the Union Square eminent domain parcel currently designated "D-2".

With Conway park currently closed and a shortage of use of athletic fields, Alderman Scott proposed that the Administration insist that the deck atop the 36,000 sq. ft. parking garage at Block D2 be built as a public park with field space.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

24. Resolution 205709 (ID:18541)

By Ald. 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: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

25. Resolution 205710 (ID:18542)

By Ald. Scott

That the Administration update this Board on the toxicity and availability of Conway Park's fields and playground, with a timeline for re-opening, in light of the significant impact on parents, children and child-care businesses in the city.

Alderman Scott requested an update and timeline for Conway Park's reopening.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

26. Resolution 205711 (ID:18543)

By Ald. Scott, Ewen-Campen, Mbah

That the Administration present a Heat Island Impact Analysis on the proposed replacement of Conway Park's grass fields with artificial turf.

Alderman Scott requested a heat island analysis on Conway Park to determine the impact of artificial vs. grass turf.

RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

27. Communication By Ald. Rossetti

205712 (ID:18490) Reporting on the High School Building Committee meeting of April 23, 2018.

Alderman Rossetti reported that Suffolk Construction has removed the trees behind the High School and is constructing a service road. Heavy construction will begin as soon as school ends. There was discussion of a virtual tour link to see the ongoing construction as it happens. The Committee also discussed how change orders would be handled.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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

A. Committee Report 205713 Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel

Matters, meeting on April 18, 2018.

(ID:18522) Alderman Scott reported that the Committee is creating its Procedure Manual for appointments. Most of the discussion at the meeting addressed

the City's Sexual Harassment and Code of Conduct Policies.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

B. Order

By Ald. Davis

205372 (ID:18177) That the City Solicitor advise this Board as to whether the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters may review, in

executive session, the minutes of a prior executive session.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

### 29. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205714 (ID:18526) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on April 24, 2018.

Alderman White reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Committee is reviewing how much money was spent on programs by gender during 2016, 2017, and 2018, and how to ensure gender equity when using public funds. The Committee also approved 2 bonds, 8 CPA appropriations, and a couple of other items. There was discussion of the proposed Administrative Order providing for the appointment of school physicians and nurses by the School Committee, which was discussed in Executive Session and will require a Public Hearing.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

B. Mayor's Request 205502 (ID:18046) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,700,000 in a bond to finance paving and sidewalk improvements.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne

**ABSENT:** Davis

C. Mayor's Request 205503 (ID:18218) Requesting the appropriation of \$369,847 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation-Cable TV License Receipts Account to the Cable Television PEG Access Fund, to fund the FY18 Budget.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

D. Mayor's Request 205504 (ID:18210) Requesting the appropriation of \$797,330 from the CPA Fund historic resources, budgeted, and undesignated reserves to the Parks and Open Space Division for the rehabilitation of Prospect Hill Park.

### **RESULT:** APPROVED

E. Mayor's Request 205505 (ID:18214) Requesting the appropriation of \$350,000 from the CPA Fund undesignated reserve budget to the Friends of the Community Growing Center for the rehabilitation of the Community Growing Center.

#### **RESULT:** APPROVED

F. Mayor's Request 205506 (ID:18213) Requesting the appropriation of \$155,339 from the CPA Fund open space/recreation and undesignated reserves to the Mystic River Watershed Association for design services for the Blessing of the Bay Park.

### **RESULT:** APPROVED

G. Mayor's Request 205507 (ID:18217) Requesting the appropriation of \$140,000 from the CPA Fund open space/recreational land reserve and undesignated reserve budget to the Parks and Open Space Division for design services for the Brown and West Somerville Neighborhood schoolyards.

#### **RESULT:** APPROVED

H. Mayor's Request 205508 (ID:18215) Requesting the appropriation of \$90,000 from the CPA Fund open space/recreational land reserve to the Parks and Recreation Department for improving the Dilboy Auxiliary fields.

#### **RESULT:** APPROVED

I. Mayor's Request 205509 (ID:18211) Requesting the appropriation of \$85,100 from the CPA Fund historic resources reserve to the Elections Department for the preservation of elections records.

### RESULT: APPROVED

J. Mayor's Request 205510 (ID:18212) Requesting the appropriation of \$73,000 from the CPA Fund historic resources reserve to the Elizabeth Peabody House Association to replace their roof.

### RESULT: APPROVED

K. Mayor's Request 205511 (ID:18216) Requesting the appropriation of \$15,000 from the CPA Fund undesignated reserve budget to the City for tree canopy and invasive species improvements for the Community Path.

#### RESULT: APPROVED

L. Mayor's Request 205512 (ID:18171) Requesting a transfer of \$28,028 from the Recreation Field Maintenance Salaries Account to the Recreation Part Time Salaries Account.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

M. Mayor's Request 205513 (ID:18179) Requesting a transfer of \$6,996 from the Salary Contingency Salaries Account to the Parks and Recreation Part-Time Salaries Account.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

N. Mayor's Request 205516 (ID:15916) Requesting approval for a time-only extension with SMMA for the High School building project until 12/31/2021.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

O. Mayor's Request 205517 (ID:15926) Requesting approval for a time-only extension for the PMA contract for the High School building project until 12/31/2021.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

P. Mayor's Request 205519 (ID:18221) Requesting approval of a time-only extension of the Design Consultants Inc. Beacon Street construction administration contract, to 12/31/2018.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

Q. Mayor's Request 205520 (ID:18199) Requesting approval to execute a five year lease agreement for the Grove Street parking lot

**RESULT:** APPROVED

R. Mayor's Request 205671 (ID:18092) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,002,291 in a bond for DPW vehicles and equipment.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

**AYES:** Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne

**ABSENT:** Davis

#### 30. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205715 (ID:18527) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on April 25, 2018.

Alderman Niedergang reported that the meeting focused on the revised draft of the Real Estate Transfer Fee Home Rule Petition, as drafted by the City Solicitor. Discussion focused on the exemption for all sellers with the residential property tax exemption, and how long that exemption must be in place for. The Committee decided to leave it at 2 years but to clarify that it was for just the 2 immediately-preceding years. The Committee discussed the funds that would be raised, and added the following: "The City shall use revenue from the fees raised pursuant to this act to fund affordable housing programs including but not limited to limited equity arrangements, community land trusts, purpose built housing and other programs to underwrite the affordability of properties with a preference where permitted by applicable law for current and recent Somerville residents and employees." The Committee also added a reporting requirement on the proceeds. The Committee considered placing the Fee on the ballot as a binding referendum, but that was voted down 9-2. There will be a Public Hearing on the revised draft May 7, and the Committee urged the Administration to notify all residents using the CTY call system, though the Administration has so far declined to do so. Finally, Alderman Niedergang reported that the Board has been asked by the Chamber of Commerce to hold a Public Hearing on the Demolition Review Ordinance.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

### 31. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205716 (ID:18521) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on April 17, 2018.

Alderman Rossetti reported that there were 2 Public Hearings on separate Flammable License applications; both were approved. The Committee decided to hear from the Fire Department on how they process their own flammables materials licenses. The last item discussed was whether to notify Union Square licenseholders about the Union Square Urban Revitalization Plan area, and Economic Development Director Tom Galligani said that SPCD would find alternative means.

RESULT: APPROVED

B. Order 205211 (ID:18009) By Ald. Rossetti

That the condition submitted by SPCD for used car dealer licenses issued in the Union Square Urban Revitalization Plan area be reviewed by SPCD, the City Solicitor and the City Clerk to confirm it will not infringe upon licensees' ability to conduct business.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. License/Permit 205323 (ID:18072)

License/Permit New Flammables License, Metropolitan Pipe and Supply, 30 Innerbelt Rd, storing 1,215 gallons.

RESULT: APPROVED

D. 205324

License/Permit New Flammables License, Internap Corp, 50 Innerbelt Rd, storing 9,600 gallons.

(ID:18073)

**RESULT:** APPROVED

E. Order 205717 (ID:18446) By Ald. Rossetti

That the Chief Fire Engineer inform the Committee on Licenses and Permits how the Fire Prevention Bureau reviews applications and issues licenses for the storage of flammables.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

#### PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE 32.

A. Committee Report 205718 (ID:18525)

Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, meeting on April 23, 2018.

Alderman White reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Committee discussed an ordinance for the management and elimination of natural gas leaks, but with pending litigation of a similar ordinance in Boston, more research is needed before moving forward. The Committee also discussed with City Engineer Rich Raiche the status of cooperation and communication with both the natural gas and the electric utility companies.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

B. Resolution 203867 (ID:16588) By Ald. Niedergang, Ballantyne

That the Mayor's Office, working with the Director of Engineering, report to this Board on improving Eversource's communications with, and responsiveness to, this city's residents, concerning gas meter replacement, street construction and utility work.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

C. Order 205009 (ID:17797) By Ald. White Jr.

That the City Engineer not issue any street opening permits for gas work by Eversource, excluding emergency work, until an adequate description of the work to be performed is prepared by Eversource in coordination with the Director of Engineering, prior to the issuance of any such permits.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

D. Officer's 205677

Director of Engineering responding to #205009 re: withholding certain street Communication opening permits for Eversource gas work until communications improve.

(ID:18222)

WORK COMPLETED **RESULT:** 

# 33. RODENT ISSUES SPECIAL COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205719 (ID:18528) Report of the Special Committee on Rodent Issues, meeting on April 25, 2018.

Alderman McLaughlin reported that the Committee received an update from the Rodent Action Team. A Rodent Expert with 30 years of experience was hired as a consultant to update the pest management plan. The MBTA has said that there is a plan for baiting stations that might include the use of glue traps in buildings where other methods don't work. There were discussion about advanced ways to monitor, publicize, and deter rodent activity, such as cameras and about hiring an Environmental Health Liaison to help develop policy. The Committee next discussed the feral cat ordinance, and heard that there is no evidence that feral cats are effective.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

### 34. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205720 (ID:18523) Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on April 19, 2018.

Alderman Niedergang reported that the Committee discussed how to get requests to the Traffic Commission. Traffic and Parking Director Suzanne Rinfret agreed to be the contact person, and said she welcomes calls or emails from the Aldermen. The Committee discussed how abutters are notified about issues on their streets, and while the Traffic Commission posts legal notices in the newspaper and on the City website, the Committee doesn't feel that's adequate, and suggested delivering flyers to abutters if there was going to be a significant parking or traffic change on their street. Mayor's Assistant Annie Connors said she would look into it. The Committee also discussed petitioning the Commission for traffic calming, and suggested a small pilot program using speed bumps.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

B. Order 199958 (ID:12578) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a DEAD END sign at the intersection of Roberts and Hinckley Streets.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Officer's Traffic and Parking Communication submitted 8/27/15.

Traffic and Parking Director submitting responses to various Board Orders submitted 8/27/15

200017 (ID:12555)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. Officer's Traffic and Parking Communication submitted 9/24/15.

Traffic and Parking Director submitting responses to various Board Orders submitted 9/24/15.

(ID:12648)

E. Order

By Ald. Niedergang, Lafuente

200250 (ID:12854) That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a crosswalk at Central and

Forster Streets.

# RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

F. Order

By Ald. Niedergang

200262 (ID:12969) That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to this Board on whether the use of mirrors to provide improved sight lines for exiting driveways or narrow

streets has been considered here.

#### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

G. Order

By Ald. Niedergang, Rossetti

200263 (ID:12970) That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider the attached suggestions from Ward 5 residents to improve traffic flow during rush hours in Magoun

Square and report back to this Board.

#### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

H. Order

By Ald. Sullivan

200266 (ID:12866) That the Commissioner of Public Works repaint the faded NO CYCLING markers on sidewalks and install NO BIKE RIDING – PLEASE WALK

YOUR BIKE signs in central business districts.

#### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

I. Officer's

DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 10/22/15.

Communication 200354 (ID:12912)

**RESULT:** 

WORK COMPLETED

J. Order

ler By Ald. Niedergang

200524

(ID:13171)

That the Director of Traffic and Parking install "Slow-Children Crossing" or "Caution-Children at Play" signage to slow traffic at the intersection of

Central and Forster Streets.

#### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

K. Order

By Ald. Niedergang

200525 (ID:13172) That the Commissioner of Public Works direct MA DOT to repair the sidewalks on the Central Street bridge near Hoyt-Sullivan Park, and report to

this Board on progress.

#### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

L. Order

By Ald. Davis, Niedergang

200774 (ID:13440) That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider installing designated metered motorcyle/moped parking spots near Davis Square.

		April 26, 2018		
M.	Resolution 200994 (ID:13639)	By Ald. Niedergang That the Traffic Commission consider amending Article 14 to provide a separate and simplified means for requesting speed bumps where needed.		
		RESULT: WORK COMPLETED		
N.	Order 201006 (ID:13664)	By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of Engineering, the Director of Capital Projects and the Director of SPCD report to this Board by 5/12/16 on adding a crosswalk on Cedar Street at Albion Street and Lexington Avenue.		
		RESULT: WORK COMPLETED		
O.	Order 201148 (ID:13847)	By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the unreadable PRIVATE WAY and TOW ZONE signs at Olive Avenue and Linden Avenue, and repair the NOT A THROUGH STREET sign at 10 Olive Avenue.		
		RESULT: WORK COMPLETED		
P.	Order 201798 (ID:14456)	By Ald. Niedergang That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a SLOW – CHILDREN CROSSING or CAUTION – CHILDREN AT PLAY sign on Central Street south of Forster Street, on the east side of the street. (2nd request)		
		RESULT: WORK COMPLETED		
Q.	Order 202099 (ID:14785)	By Ald. Rossetti, Sullivan, Davis, Lafuente, Ballantyne, McWatters, Heuston That the Director of Traffic and Parking install signage at all traffic light intersections for enforcement of bicycling regulations.		
		RESULT: WORK COMPLETED		
R.	Resolution 202103	By Ald. Niedergang, Davis, Heuston That the Traffic Commission consider increasing the fine for blocking a		

R. Resolution By Ald. Niedergang, Davis, Heuston 202103 That the Traffic Commission consider increasing the fine for blocking a driveway from \$30 to \$100.

# RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

S. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Heuston
202110 That the Director of Traffic and Parking repaint the NO SIDEWALK
(ID:14796) CYCLING decals on the sidewalks in the business districts and post larger signage in both English and Spanish.

T. Resolution

202787 (ID:15490) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Traffic Commission consider amending Article 14 of the City Traffic Regulations to provide a simplified means for residents and Aldermen to request, and for the Commission to approve, the placement of speed bumps on residential streets.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

U. Officer's Communication meeting.

Director of Traffic and Parking responding to items approved at the 1/26/17

202825 (ID:15467)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

V. Order 202926 By Ald. Niedergang

(ID:15637)

That the Director of Traffic and Parking erect signs at the city borders encouraging motorists to drive safely and informing them of the 25 mph speed limit and 20 mph safety zones.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

W. Officer's Traffic and Parking Director responding to items approved 2/23/17.

Communication 202961 (ID:15613)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

X. Officer's Traffic and Parking Director responding to items approved 2/14/17.

Communication 202962 (ID:15612)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

Y. Order 203073 (ID:15877) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Director of Traffic and Parking discuss with the Ward 5 Alderman, the request for four no parking spots at the intersection of Murdock and Cedar Streets.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

Z. Officer's

Director of Traffic and Parking responding to Board Orders approved at the Communication 3/23/17 meeting.

203106 (ID:15764)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

Officer's AA. Communication 3/9/17 meeting.

Director of Traffic and Parking responding to Board Orders approved at the

203107 (ID:15747)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

Order AB. By Ald. Niedergang

203509 (ID:16221) That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing Pedestrian Impact Recovery System in the crosswalk at Morrison Avenue and Highland Road.

AC. Order By Ald. Niedergang

> 203511 That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to the Ward 5 Alderman on the (ID:16223) Murdock Street neighbors' request for four no parking spots on Murdock

> > Street at Cedar Street.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

AD. Officer's Communication meeting.

Director of Traffic and Parking responding to items approved at the 04/27/17

203628 (ID:16290)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

AE. Officer's Communication meeting.

Director of Traffic and Parking responding to items approved at the 05/11/17

203629 (ID:16291)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

AF. Order By Ald. Heuston

> 203945 (ID:16661)

That the City Solicitor appear before the Committee on Traffic and Parking to describe how the Traffic Commission agenda is prepared, and whether this

Board can place items on that agenda.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

AG. Order By Ald. Niedergang

204169 (ID:16889)

That the Commissioner of Public Works re-evaluate the rush hour traffic light timing at Magoun Square, and whether the Broadway green light for Medford Street is too short, backing up traffic on Medford Street through the Square.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

AH. Order By Ald. Niedergang

204252 (ID:16973) That the Chief of Police assign officers to conduct traffic enforcement of bicyclists during the morning rush hour at the Cedar Street Community Path crossing, and include the Bicycle Advisory Committee in any discussions.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

AI. Order By Ald. Niedergang

204253 (ID:16974)

That the Director of SPCD consider adding some sort of signal or barrier to cause bicyclists to slow or stop at the Community Path intersections with Cedar Street and Willow Avenue, and include the Bicycle Advisory Committee in any discussions.

WORK COMPLETED **RESULT:** 

AJ. Order 204254 By Ald. Niedergang

(ID:16975)

That the Chief of Police increase traffic enforcement of bicyclists in the fall and mid- to late-spring, when bicycle traffic is at its peak.

AK. Officer's Director of Traffic and Parking responding to Board Orders approved at the Communication 7/13/17 meeting.

204333 (ID:17003)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AL. Officer's Director of Traffic and Parking responding to Board Orders approved at the Communication 8/24/17 meeting.

Communicatio 204334 (ID:17000)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AM. Resolution By Ald. Rossetti

204336 (ID:17066)

That the Traffic Commission discuss, at its October meeting, revising the rules for the renewal of residential parking permits and consider fee proration for periods less than a full year.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

AN. Public Ben Morelli submitting comments re: #204336, prorating residential parking Communication permits.

204450 (ID:17171)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AO. Order By Ald. Niedergang

204733 (ID:17476)

That the Director of Traffic and Parking post a NO U-TURN sign on Porter Street at Highland Avenue.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AP. Order By Ald. Niedergang

204734 (ID:17477) That the Chief of Police conduct traffic enforcement during the afternoon rush hour at the intersection of Hinckley Street and Broadway so motorists on Broadway don't prevent cars from exiting Hinckley Street.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AQ. Order By Ald. Niedergang

204735 (ID:17478) That the Director of Traffic and Parking paint the intersection of Broadway at Hinckley Street with a "Don't block the box" symbol so motorists on

Broadway don't prevent cars from exiting Hinckley Street.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AR. Order By Ald. Niedergang, Davis

204883 (ID:17650) That the Director of Traffic and Parking add a second crosswalk on Summer Street at Hancock Street and on Lexington Avenue at Hancock Street.

# 35. YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205721 (ID:18524) Report of the Committee on Youth Services, meeting on April 23, 2018.

Alderman Hirsch reported on the ongoing frustration of the athletic leagues, trying to obtain field space and indoor gym space. The Committee discussed whether the City could pay into an enterprise fund to help fund the additional costs when a team has been displaced, noting that the cost of the now-closed Conway Park was a lot lower than the cost to use Dilboy Field.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

# COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

36. Mayor's Request 205722 (ID:18045) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$500,000 in a bond for ADA building improvements.

Alderman White requested to waive the readings of items 36, 37 and 38 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

37. Mayor's Request 205723 (ID:18450) Requesting approval to create the Boynton Yards Revitalization Fund and accept a payment to the Fund of \$60,000 from RECP V Boynton Yards Owner LLC for engineering, planning, legal, and other related expenses.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

38. Mayor's Request 205724 (ID:18434) Requesting approval to increase the Planning & Zoning Notice Revolving Fund expenditure cap from \$35,000 to \$45,000.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

39. Mayor's Request 205725 (ID:18454)

Requesting the appointment of retired Police Officer Michael Cabral as a Special Police Officer.

Alderman Scott requested to waive the readings of items 39 and 40 and refer them to the Confirmation of Appointments Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

40. Mayor's Request 205726 (ID:18455) Requesting the appointment of retired Police Officer Martha Costa as a Special Police Officer.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

#### COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

41. Officer's Communication FY19.

Director of Water and Sewer submitting proposed water and sewer rates for

205727 (ID:18456)

Alderman White requested to waive the readings of items 41 through 43 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

42. Officer's Communication FY19.

Director of Water and Sewer submitting proposed fire suppression charges for

205728 (ID:18457)

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee** 

43. Officer's Legislative Liaison updating this Board on the city's recycling costs.

Communication 205729 (ID:18453)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE **FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

44. Officer's 205730 (ID:18447)

Assistant City Solicitor conveying the response to #205661, Michael Kiely's Communication Open Meeting Law complaint of April 6, 2018.

> Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the readings of items 44 and 45 and place them on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

PLACED ON FILE **RESULT:** 

Officer's 45. 205731

Deputy Director of Communications updating this Board on the status of the Communication Big Apple Circus' licenses and permits.

(ID:18546)

PLACED ON FILE **RESULT:** 

# **NEW BUSINESS**

46. 205732

License/Permit Public Event License, Community Events at the Community Growing Center, May 1-Oct 31, various times.

(ID:18459)

Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 46 through 53 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

47. License/Permit 205733

Public Event License, Taza Chocolate Spring Block Party, Windsor Place from Columbia St to Windsor St, May 5, 9AM-6PM (raindate May 6).

(ID:18461)

RESULT: APPROVED

48.	205734	Public Event License, Open Studios Information Booth, Statue Park, May 5-6, 11:30AM-6:30PM.		
(ID:18460)	RESULT:	APPROVED		
49. License/Permit 205735		Public Event Licen 11AM-6PM (raind	se, Somerville International Family Equality Day, May 6, ate May 20).	
	(ID:18462)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
50.	License/Permit 205736		se, Davis Sq Farmers Market, Day St Parking Lot, 16-Nov 21, 10:30AM-7PM.	
	(ID:18463)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
51.	License/Permit 205737		se, MSPCA Fast and Furriest 5K Run-Walk-Wag, vstic River Reservation, May 20, 5AM-4PM.	
	(ID:18464)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
52.	License/Permit 205738	Public Event Licen Procession, May 20	se, Irmandade do Divinio Espirito Santo, Pentecost Sunday ), 9AM-12:30PM.	
	(ID:18465)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
53.	License/Permit 205739	Public Event License, Holyoke Road Spring Block Party, Jun 2, 11AM-7PM (raindate Jun 3).		
	(ID:18466)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
54.	205740	Public Event Licen 3,10,17, 12:30-5PM	se, Boston Meditation Training Seminar, Statue Park, Jun 1.	
	(ID:18467)	RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION Licenses and Permits Committee	
55.	License/Permit 205741	•	Seating License, Rincon Mexicano, 99 Broadway, om 2 to 4, and seats from 4 to 16.	
	(ID:18468)		ti requested to waive the readings of items 55 through 95 a. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.  APPROVED	
56.	License/Permit	Renewing Drainlay	ver's License, Caruso.	
	205742 (ID:18469)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
57.	License/Permit 205743	Renewing Drainlay RESULT:	ver's License, McCourt Construction.  APPROVED	
	(ID:18470)	RESULT:	ALLKOVED	

58.		Renewing Drainlayer's License, NELM.		
	205744 (ID:18471)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
59.		Renewing Drainla	yer's License, EB Rotondi and Sons.	
	205745 (ID:18472)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
60.		Renewing Drainla	yer's License, PT Kelley.	
	205746 (ID:18473)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
61.	License/Permit	Renewing Drainla	yer's License, Borges Sewer and Drain.	
	205747 (ID:18474)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
62.	License/Permit	Renewing Flamma	ables License, Home Depot, 75 Mystic Ave.	
	205748 (ID:18475)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
63.	License/Permit	Renewing Flamma	ables License, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 259 McGrath Hwy.	
	205749 (ID:18476)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
64.	License/Permit	Renewing Garage	License, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 161 Linwood St.	
	205750 (ID:18477)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
65.	205751	Renewing Garage Linwood St.	License, Mercedes Benz of Boston Commercial Vans, 161	
	(ID:18478)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
66.	License/Permit	Renewing Garage	License, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 19 Joy St.	
	205752 (ID:18479)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
67.	License/Permit 205753 (ID:18480)	Renewing Garage	License, Herb Chambers I-93, 259 McGrath Hwy.	
		RESULT:	APPROVED	
68.	License/Permit	Renewing Garage	License, Herb Chambers I-93, 71 Linwood St.	
	205754 (ID:18481)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
69.	License/Permit 205755	Renewing Garage Rd.	License, Federal Realty Investment Trust, 333 Great River	
	(ID:18482)	RESULT:	APPROVED	

70.	License/Permit 205756	Renewing Garage License, Federal Realty Investment Trust, 479 Canal St.
	(ID:18483)	RESULT: APPROVED
71.	License/Permit 205757	Renewing Garage License, Federal Realty Investment Trust, 355 Artisan Way.
	(ID:18484)	RESULT: APPROVED
72.	License/Permit 205758	Renewing Garage License, Federal Realty Investment Trust, 445 Artisan Way.
	(ID:18485)	RESULT: APPROVED
73.		Renewing Garage License, BBC Auto Repair, 42 Joy St.
	205759 (ID:18486)	RESULT: APPROVED
74.		Renewing Garage License, Partners Healthcare System, 21 Third Ave.
	205760 (ID:18487)	RESULT: APPROVED
75.		Renewing Garage License, Automotive Transport Service, 495 Columbia St.
	205761 (ID:18488)	RESULT: APPROVED
76.		Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Silva Cab, Med #83.
	205762 (ID:18489)	RESULT: APPROVED
77.		Renewing Taxi Medallion License, 32 Summer St Corp, Med #29.
	205763 (ID:18491)	RESULT: APPROVED
78.		Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Elysse Corp, Med #48.
	205764 (ID:18492)	RESULT: APPROVED
79.		Renewing Taxi Medallion License, TR Cab, Med #2.
	205765 (ID:18493)	RESULT: APPROVED
80.		Renewing Taxi Medallion License, ODJ Taxi, Med #1.
	205766 (ID:18494)	RESULT: APPROVED
81.		Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Michael Cab, Med #88.
	205767 (ID:18495)	RESULT: APPROVED

82.		Renewing Taxi Medallion License, LTK, Med #66.
	205768 (ID:18496)	RESULT: APPROVED
83.		Renewing Taxi Medallion License, WWJKK Inc, Med #90.
	205769 (ID:18497)	RESULT: APPROVED
84.		Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Bibi's Cab, Med #20.
	205770 (ID:18498)	RESULT: APPROVED
85.		Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Raymy Inc, Med #59.
	205771 (ID:18499)	RESULT: APPROVED
86.	License/Permit 205772	Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Jolina Taxi, Med #52.
	(ID:18500)	RESULT: APPROVED
87.		Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Yolande Trans, Med #15.
	205773 (ID:18501)	RESULT: APPROVED
88.		Renewing Taxi Medallion License, God's Blessing Cab, Med #60.
	205774 (ID:18502)	RESULT: APPROVED
89.	License/Permit	Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Big Belly Deli, 513 Medford St.
	205775 (ID:18503)	RESULT: APPROVED
90.		Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Domino's Pizza, 201 Elm St.
	205776 (ID:18504)	RESULT: APPROVED
91.	License/Permit	Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Mr. B's, 142 Cross St.
	205777 (ID:18506)	RESULT: APPROVED
92.	License/Permit	Renewing Junk Dealer's License, Talewsky Enterprises, 508 Columbia St.
	205778 (ID:18507)	RESULT: APPROVED
93.	License/Permit	Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Blue Shirt Cafe, 424 Highland Ave.
	205779 (ID:18509)	RESULT: APPROVED

94. License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Rincon Mexicano, 99 Broadway.

205780

**RESULT: APPROVED** (ID:18510)

95. License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Manoa Poke Shop, 296 Beacon St.

205781 (ID:18512)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

96. Public 55 voters requesting a Public Hearing on Tufts University's Payments in Lieu

Communication of Taxes and other benefits provided to the community.

205782 (ID:18548)

LAID ON THE TABLE **RESULT: FOLLOWUP:** Board of Aldermen

97. Public 6 residents submitting comments re: #204954, a Home Rule Petition for a Real Communication Estate Transfer Fee.

205783 (ID:18547)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

#### SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

98. Order By Ald. Davis

> 205784 That the Commissioner of Public Works schedule more frequent cleaning of the trash compactors in Davis Square Statue Park, consider adding more (ID:18544)

> > compactors, and inform the Ward 6 Alderman of the outcome.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

99. Order By Ald. Clingan

That the City Solicitor update this Board on the current status of the draft 205785 (ID:18549) ordinance regulating Airbnb.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

> **FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

Requesting the appropriation of \$97,570 from the Salary Contingency Salaries 100. Mayor's Request Account to various E-911 Personal Services Accounts in order to fund an

205786 agreement with SEIU/Local 888 E911 Call Takers.e (ID:18550)

Alderman White requested to waive the readings of items 100 and 101 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion

was approved.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee 101. Mayor's Request 205787 (ID:18551) Requesting the appropriation of \$48,215 from the Salary and Wage Stabilization Fund to the E-911 Other Lump Sum Benefits Account to fund an agreement with SEIU/Local 888 E-911 Call Takers.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

102. Mayor's Request 205788 (ID:18449)

Requesting acceptance of the 2018-2022 HUD Consolidated Plan and the 2018-2019 1-Year Action Plan for the CDBG, HOME Investment Partnership, and Emergency Solutions Entitlement Grant programs.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

Officer's 103.

Housing Programs Coordinator submitting a summary of the Affordable Communication Housing Trust Fund FY18 activity.

205789 (ID:18458)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

104. Officer's 205790

CPA Manager submitting summary information on the Community Communication Preservation Committee's FY18 recommendations for project funding (#205504-#205511).

(ID:18448)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

105. **Public** 205791

Chamber of Commerce submitting comments re: #204278, the proposed Communication demolition review ordinance.

(ID:18552)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

### LATE ITEMS

106. Resolution 205792 (ID:18553) By Ald. Ballantyne

That the new coalition Somerville Stands Together share with this Board their mission to support workers' rights and other progressive issues in Somerville.

The President introduced Virginia Hussey, a third generation Somerville resident, who spoke to the Board about the mission of Somerville Stands Together. She asked the Board to support local residents and not out-of-town developers. She said that most the City's public service workers don't have a contract and have not had a raise in many years, and, as rents continue to climb, many are being forced out. She said Somerville Stands Together calls on the Board to support new priorities, invest in new and affordable housing, ensure respect and fair contracts for City workers, update and enforce the Fair Labor Ordinance, allow employees to hold union elections at businesses that are given tax breaks by the City, and hire local union workers on construction projects.

**RESULT: APPROVED**  107. Communication By Ald. Rossetti

205793 Conveying information related to prior referenda in Somerville approving (ID:18558) General or Special Laws.

General of Special Laws.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

108. Resolution By Ald. Hirsch, Scott

205794 That, as part of CTY calls going out about the upcoming ResiStat meetings, (ID:18557) residents be informed that 1) the Mayor will lead a presentation on the

proposed Real Estate Transfer Fee at each ResiStat meeting, and 2) the Board

will convene a Public Hearing on the issue at City Hall on May 7.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

109. Order By Ald. Ballantyne

205795 That the Director of SPCD improve the Teele Square traffic signal wait time by reducing the 2 to 3 cycle wait time to on demand or one cycle wait time

during morning and evening rush hours.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:55 PM.

# City of Somerville, Massachusetts Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen

# **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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# **OPENING OF THE MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Ward Seven Alderman Katjana Ballantyne

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

1. Roll Call 205798 (ID:18608) Call of the Roll.

Ald. Rossetti sponsored a moment of silence for Tony Matarazzo.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. Minutes 205799 (ID:18609)

Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting, March 30, 2018, and the Regular Meeting, April 12, 2018.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

#### **CITATIONS**

3. Withdrawn Withdrawn. 205800 (ID:18611)

**PUBLIC HEARINGS** 

# ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

4. Order 205801 (ID:18576)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board

That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance to require voter registration forms to be displayed and available at Libraries, Public Schools, and the Traffic and Parking Department, and to allow high school students to arrive late to school on any election day if they present proof of voting.

Alderman Ewen-Campen said the city should be pushing for 100% voter turnout. Election day should be a holiday, with online voter registration, and everyone who lives here should be allowed to vote. Voter registration forms should be visible at all public places, such as schools, T&P, libraries, etc.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

5. Order 205802 (ID:18575)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin, Scott

That the Director of SPCD report to the Wards 1, 2 and 3 Aldermen and this Board on the plans for any GLX-related closures of Washington Street, near the McGrath Highway underpass.

Alderman Ewen-Campen requested a report from the Director of SPCD on the plans for any GLX-related closures of Washington Street near the underpass. Alderman McLaughlin said the City put up a blinking sign to simply expect delays in the future, which caused concern and confusion. Alderman Niedergang said he submitted an Order about the Broadway Ball Square Bridge which is going to be closed for 12 months. The Traffic and Parking Committee will take up this matter on June 4, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

6. Order 205803 (ID:18577)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Commission of Public Works contact the appropriate utility to replace the dangerously curving telephone pole on Belmont Street across from 125 Lowell Street.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

7. Order 205804 (ID:18578)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Commission of Public Works refill the potholes along Bow Street, west of Summer Street. (2nd request.)

**RESULT:** APPROVED

8. Order 205805 (ID:18579) By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a sign at the mouth of Warren Avenue informing drivers of large trucks that access to Highland Avenue is limited to smaller vehicles due to the turning radius at its intersection with Columbus Avenue. (2nd request)

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

9. Order 205806 (ID:18580) By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the bag from the top of the tree at Properzi Manor.

Alderman Ewen-Campen stated that he saw the bag being removed this morning and he thanked the DPW.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

10. Resolution 205807

(ID:18584)

By Ald. Ballantyne

That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance to establish the city's current green space as a minimum allowed amount, as described within.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

11. Order 205808 (ID:18582)

By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Chief Fire Engineer provide this Board with a list of Fire Department calls in Wards 6 and 7 for the last 5 years.

Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 11 approve it. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

12. Order 205809 (ID:18583)

By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Commissioner of Public Works install a bench in front of the empty lot at the corner of Broadway and Holland Street.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

13. Order 205810 (ID:18585) By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the trees on Claremon, Mead and Moore Streets.

Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 13 and approve it. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

14. Order 205811 (ID:18586)

By Ald. Niedergang, Rossetti, Hirsch, Ballantyne, Scott, Mbah That the Director of Engineering and Superintendent of Inspectional Services report to this Board on the registration of paving contractors pursuant to Ordinance 11-33.

Alderman Niedergang stated that the existing paving contractor registration program is not being implemented by the Administration.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

15. Order 205812 (ID:18587)

By Ald. Niedergang, Rossetti, Ballantyne

That the Director of Engineering and the Superintendent of Inspectional Services explain to this Board in writing, and produce a clear FAQ for, the requirements to expand driveways or increase impervious surfaces on private property.

Alderman Niedergang requested clarification on the regulations for paving over a driveway.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

16. Order 205813 (ID:18588)

By Ald. Niedergang, Rossetti

That the Director of Engineering and the Superintendent of Inspectional Services report to this Board on enforcement of the ordinance on driveway construction and paving over front, back or side yards, with a list of violations and fines levied in 2016 and 2017.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

17. Order 205814 (ID:18589)

By Ald. Niedergang, Ewen-Campen

That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the potholes at 32 and 36 Brastow Avenue.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

18. Order 205815 (ID:18590)

By Ald. Niedergang

That the Director of SPCD, the Director of Engineering, and the Director of Traffic and Parking consider installing a crosswalk on Lowell Street between the bridge and Magoun Square, and report to the Ward 5 Alderman on whether and when it could be done.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

19. Order 205816 (ID:18591)

By Ald. Niedergang

That the Director of SPCD provide to this Board before the submission of the FY19 budget, a description and status of each major commercial development that has applied to, or been permitted by, the Planning Board in FY17 and FY18.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

20. Resolution 205817

(ID:18592)

By Ald. Mbah

That the Administration hire an independent auditor to periodically audit the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

RESULT: APPROVED

21. Resolution 205818 (ID:18593)

By Ald. Mbah

That the Administration have periodic meetings in the wards to educate constituents about the Demolition Review Ordinance.

Alderman Mbah requested that the Administration have periodic meetings in each Ward to educate constituents about the Demolition Review Ordinance. Alderman Niedergang said the Demolition Review Ordinance is in the Legislative Matters Committee which has had two or three substantial discussions already. There are issues still outstanding to be resolved, but the Planning Department held three public meetings and there wasn't a lot of public interest.

RESULT: NOT APPROVED. [1 TO 10]

AYES: Mbah

**NAYS:** Hirsch, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-

Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

22. Resolution 205819 (ID:18594)

By Ald. McLaughlin, and the Entire Board

That the Administration allocate additional FY19 General Fund resources to affordable housing.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

23. Resolution 205820 (ID:18595)

By Ald. McLaughlin, and the Entire Board

That the Administration allocate funding for independent counsel for this Board in the FY19 budget.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

24. Resolution 205821 (ID:18596)

By Ald. McLaughlin, and the Entire Board

That the Administration allocate funding in the FY19 budget to waive field fees for all local youth sports groups.

Alderman McLaughlin asked that the Administration allocate funds to waive the fees for local youth sports groups.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

25. Resolution 205822 (ID:18597)

By Ald. McLaughlin

Encouraging the State Board of Building Regulations and Standards to issue a detailed interpretation on how short-term rentals (30 days or less) are regulated by the State Building Code.

Alderman McLaughlin said that if the city were to regulate AirBnB's, sprinkler systems would possibly be required in every AirBnB home.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

26. Order 205823

By Ald. Scott

205823 (ID:18598) That the Commissioner of Public Works apply mulch and perform maintenance at Osgood Park to accommodate increased usage in light of the closure of Conway Park.

Alderman Scott stated that with the indefinite closure of Conway Park, Osgood Park will be seeing increased usage and could use maintenance.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

27. Resolution 205824 (ID:18599)

By Ald. Hirsch, and the Entire Board

That the Administration implement the 2015 Sustainable Neighborhood Working Group recommendation to include as a preference for inclusionary housing "Families with children in Somerville Public Schools classified as homeless and in temporary out-of-district placements."

Alderman Hirsch would like to see children who are homeless not be excluded from affordable housing.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

28. Resolution 205825 (ID:18600)

By Ald. Hirsch

That the Administration provide an update on the range of projected revenue from recreational marijuana facilities how these funds may be used.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

29. Resolution 205826 (ID:18601)

By Ald. Hirsch

That the Administration consider, as part of its facilities planning process and its ongoing development of programs like 311, libraries, recreation and neighborhood policing, ways to establish multi-purpose neighborhood-based service centers.

Alderman Hirsch would like the City to think about how it can shift customer service functions to neighborhood service centers.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

30. Resolution 205827 (ID:18602)

By Ald. Hirsch

That the Administration update this Board on Styrofoam recycling options for residents.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

31. Resolution 205828 (ID:18603)

By Ald. Hirsch, McLaughlin

That the Administration update this Board on maintaining bus shelters or installing new shelters, such as the #90 bus stop at Assembly Square.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

32. Order By Ald. Hirsch

> 205829 That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and other enforcing (ID:18604)

departments report to this Board on enforcing business signage laws, especially

for alcohol, tobacco or marijuana advertisements.

Alderman Hirsch would like clarity on how signage for alcohol, tobacco,

etc. gets enforced.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

33. Order By Ald. Hirsch

> That the Chief of Police share how decisions are made to notify the public 205830 about public safety events, using 311, CTY, ConnectEd calls and emails, or (ID:18605)

other means.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

34. Order By Ald. Hirsch, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Mbah

205831 That the Director of Engineering share with this Board the feasibility of (ID:18606)

creating a pedestrian crossing on Somerville Avenue, between Belmont and

Spring Streets.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

35. Order By Ald. Hirsch, Scott

205832 That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the plantings along the Elmer

Bumpus Bridge next to the Argenziano School. (ID:18607)

> **RESULT: APPROVED**

36. Order By Ald. Rossetti

> That the Directors of Capital Projects and Engineering work with the City 205833 (ID:18610) Solicitor to craft a DEP-required Storm Water Ordinance as discussed at the

> > April 16, 2015 meeting of the Legislative Matters Committee.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

# 37. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205834 (ID:18581) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on May 9, 2018.

Alderman Scott reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Committee approved several prior meeting minutes and continued discussion of the Procedure Manual the Committee has been working on.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

# 38. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205835 (ID:18572) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on May 8, 2018.

Alderman White reported on the items discussed at the meeting. Most of the time was spent on the Clarendon Hill redevelopment project, with respect to property ownership, land use, relocation of tenants, local and state approvals, financing and construction, occupancy requirements, and project design. The project will cost the City \$10,000,000. The Committee also recommended hiring outside counsel for an opiate-related law suit, voted to accept a Mass General Law for a 3% excise tax on retail sales of marijuana for adult use, approved a \$500,000 bond for ADA improvements, and voted to fund the labor agreement reached with the E911 Operators.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

B. Mayor's Request 205122 (ID:17815) Requesting approval of the services of the law firm Motley Rice LLC to act on the city's behalf regarding the marketing, prescribing, distribution, or sale of opioids.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

C. Mayor's Request 205518 (ID:18219) Requesting approval for a time-only extension of the Millennium Maintenance contract by one month, until 8/31/2017.

D. Mayor's Request 205672

(ID:18389)

RESULT: APPROVED

Requesting the acceptance of MGL c64N s3 re: a local 3% excise tax on retail sales of marijuana for adult use.

**RESULT:** 

APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

E. Mayor's Request 205722 (ID:18045) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$500,000 in a bond for ADA building improvements.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

F. Mayor's Request 205723 (ID:18450) Requesting approval to create the Boynton Yards Stabilization Fund and accept a payment to the Fund of \$60,000 from RECP V Boynton Yards Owner LLC for engineering, planning, legal, and other related expenses.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

**AYES:** Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

G. Mayor's Request 205724 (ID:18434) Requesting approval to increase the Planning & Zoning Notice Revolving Fund expenditure cap from \$35,000 to \$45,000.

RESULT: APPROVED

H. Mayor's Request 205786 (ID:18550) Requesting the appropriation of \$97,570 from the Salary Contingency Salaries Account to various E-911 Personal Services Accounts in order to fund an agreement with SEIU/Local 888 E911 Call Takers.e

**RESULT:** APPROVED

I. Mayor's Request 205787 (ID:18551) Requesting the appropriation of \$48,215 from the Salary and Wage Stabilization Fund to the E-911 Other Lump Sum Benefits Account to fund an agreement with SEIU/Local 888 E-911 Call Takers.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

**AYES:** Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

# 39. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205836 (ID:18568) Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on April, 30, 2018.

Alderman Ewen-Campen reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Committee had a public hearing on the condition of affordable housing units in the City, and whether there is an affordable housing crisis that constitutes a public emergency. The Committee heard from a number of experts and from the public. David Gibbs, Director of the Community Action Agency of Somerville, said that in the past six months, 247 residents sought assistance from them. These are people facing imminent risk of eviction including 70 families with children. The wait list for affordable housing in Somerville is closed. As of March 2018, there were 10,451 people on the Somerville waiting list; 2,269 families are Somerville residents. Somerville's Eviction Court is the sixth busiest eviction court out of 62 in the State, and in that court, 80-90% of the tenants are unrepresented, while 90% of the landlords have counsel. The Committee will gather all of this information and put together a report.

RESULT: APPROVED

#### 40. LAND USE COMMITTEE

Α. Committee Report 205837

(ID:18569)

Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on May 1, 2018.

The Chair did not have a complete report ready yet, and requested that the item be laid on the table until it was ready.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE **FOLLOWUP:** Board of Aldermen

# LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205838 (ID:18570) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on May 2, 2018.

Alderman Niedergang reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Committee recommended approving three ordinances. The first was with regard to stormwater management and infiltration and inflow mitigation, to try to control sewerage inflows. The second was to implement citywide textile and shoe recycling. And the third was to add safeguards for trees on city-owned property, so any public tree that is more then 1 1/2" in diameter couldn't be cut down without a public hearing first. The Committee also received a brief update on the AirBnB situation, and learned that latex paint can be disposed of with the regular trash if it is first dried out.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AS AMENDED

B. Order 204364 (ID:17093) By Ald. Heuston, Sullivan, White Jr.

That the City Solicitor and the Director of SPCD submit to this Board, amendments to the Tree Preservation Ordinance with criteria for removal and notification to add safeguards for street reconstruction projects.

For ordainment of this item, see #205849. **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

C. Order 204750 (ID:17440) By Ald. Connolly

That the City Solicitor prepare a draft ordinance to address Airbnb rentals, including owner occupied properties, as discussed at the November 29, 2017 meeting of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. Public

Green and Open Somerville submitting comments re: #204364, proposed Communication revisions to the Tree Preservation ordinance.

204782 (ID:17516)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

E. Officer's 205043 (ID:17717)

Assistant City Solicitor responding to #204586 with a draft ordinance Communication amending the Ordinances at Chapter 11 Article VII re: stormwater management and infiltration and inflow mitigation.

> For ordainment of this item, see #205908. RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

F. Officer's 205421

Assistant City Solicitor submitting proposed amendments to Ordinances 11-31 Communication and 11-40 re: household trash and rubbish collection and mandatory recycling.

(ID:18093)

For ordainment of this item, see #205848. **RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

#### LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205839 (ID:18571)

Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on May 7, 2018.

Alderman Niedergang reported on the items discussed at the meeting. This was a second Public Hearing on the Real Estate Transfer Fee. The Mayor opened the evening by speaking strongly in favor of the Transfer Fee. Former Mayor Eugene Brune and former Alderman John Connolly spoke against this fee. 39 of the 49 people who signed up to speak in favor actually spoke, and 28 of the 43 people who signed up to speak in opposition actually spoke. The Transfer Fee Home Rule Petition will be taken up next on May 17, 2018, at 6:00 pm at a Committee Meeting of the Whole.

**APPROVED RESULT:** 

#### 43. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205840 (ID:18573) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on May 8, 2018.

Alderman Niedergang reported on the items discussed at the meeting. This meeting focused on the Clarendon Hill redevelopment project. Somerville Housing Authority attorney Dan Rosen reviewed a document summarizing the Home Rule Petition that is required for the project to go forward. The Committee discussed the clause stating that the project would not be subject to public procurement law but would be subject to prevailing wage law only to the extent applicable. A Public Hearing on the matter is scheduled on May 21, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

B. Resolution 205912 (ID:18677) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Administration notify the public, by mail and through the CTY system, about this Board's Public Hearing on the Clarendon Hill redevelopment project.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

# 44. OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY SPECIAL COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205841 Report of the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, meeting on May 9, 2018.

Alderman Mbah reported that the meeting focused on the Director of Parks and Recreation's update of the Fields Master Plan. The demand for field space is greater than the supply. There is currently no timeline on when Conway Park will be open. Lincoln Park renovation is still progressing.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

B. Resolution

By Ald. Ballantyne

202769 (ID:15465)

(ID:18574)

That the Administration present to this Board's Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy the Fields Presentation dated November 15, 2016.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Resolution

By Ald. Hirsch, Rossetti

204872 (ID:17639) That the Administration provide an update on the progress of plans outlined in the Somerville Fields Master Plan.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. Officer's Director of P Communication Master Plan.

Director of Parks and Recreation requesting to update this Board on the Fields

205392 (ID:18108)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

E. Order

By Ald. White Jr., and the Entire Board

205427 (ID:18184) That the Director of Sustainability and the Environment and other appropriate city staff report to this Board on the hazardous waste that was recently found in soil tests at Conway Park.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

F. Resolution

By Ald. Davis, Clingan

205463 (ID:18379) That the Administration put the Conway Park renovation out to bid without delay.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

### COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

45. Mayor's Request 205842 (ID:18614) Requesting to appear before this Board, on May 24, 2018, in executive session, to discuss strategy with respect to the status of all of the City's collective bargaining agreements including proposals for wage and benefit packages as well as working conditions. Note that this Board may meet in Executive Session to discuss this matter.

**RESULT:** LAID ON THE TABLE **FOLLOWUP:** Board of Aldermen

46. Mayor's Request 205843 (ID:18563) Requesting acceptance of a \$32,000 grant with no new match required, from the Metro North Regional Employment Board Summer Youth Works Grant to the Health & Human Services Department for youth employment programming.

Alderman White requested to waive the reading of item 46 and refer it to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:** 

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

47. Mayor's Request 205844 (ID:18562) Requesting acceptance of a \$4,000 grant with no new match required, from Project Bread to the Health & Human Services Department for supplies for the Shape Up Somerville Mobile Market.

Alderman White requested to waive the reading of item 47 and approve it. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

48. Mayor's Request 205845 (ID:18560) Requesting the re-appointment of Dr. Brian Green to the Board of Health.

Alderman Scott requested to waive the readings of items 48 through 50 and refer them to the Confirmation of Appointments Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

49. Mayor's Request 205846 (ID:18561)

Requesting the re-appointment of Robert Ciccia to the Board of Health.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

50. Mayor's Request 205847 (ID:18407) Requesting the re-appointment of Frank Santangelo as Constable.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

# COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

51. Officer's 205848 (ID:18565)

Assistant City Solicitor responding to #205421 with a draft amendment to Communication Ordinance 11-31, household trash and rubbish collection, and Ordinance 11-40, mandatory recycling.

For discussion of this item, see #205421.

Alderman Niedergang stated that this Ordinance introduces textile recycling.

**RESULT:** ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS] **AYES:** 

Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne 52. Officer's 205849

(ID:18566)

Assistant City Solicitor responding to #204364 with a draft replacement of Communication Ordinance 12-106, trees on city-owned property.

For discussion of this item, see #204364.

Alderman Niedergang said that this Ordinance provides protection for trees on City-owned property, with no tree larger then 1 1/2 inches in diameter cut down without a Public Hearing and notices posted on the trees. Alderman Mbah recommended a fine in the Ordinance for violators, and Alderman Niedergang responded that since these are trees on City property, if a private individual cut them down it would be a criminal act, and if it were a City employee, it would be dealt with by the Administration.

**RESULT:** ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS] **AYES:** Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

53. Officer's 205850

(ID:18567)

Assistant City Solicitor responding to #205498 re: the ability to bar a Communication contractor from future city work.

> **RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

54. Officer's DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 4/12/18.

Communication 205851 (ID:18559)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

55. Officer's Communication meeting.

Director of Traffic and Parking responding to items from this Board's 4/12/18

205852 (ID:18556)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

56. Officer's Communication meeting.

Director of Traffic and Parking responding to items from this Board's 03/22/18

205853 (ID:18555)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

# **NEW BUSINESS**

57. 205854 (ID:18615)

License/Permit Public Event License, Second Line Social Aid and Pleasure Society Brass Band Porchfest Concert, Quincy Street Park, May 12, 3:45-6:15PM (raindate May 13).

> Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 57 through 97 and approve them all except item 61, which should be sent to Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

58. 205855 (ID:18616)

License/Permit Public Event License, Arts Council Cinema Somerville Short Film Fest, Union Sq Plaza, May 19, 6:30-10PM.

> **RESULT: APPROVED**

59.	205856	Public Event License, Veterans Memorial Parade, Highland Ave to Holland St to Broadway and adjacent streets, May 20, 8AM-8PM.		
	(ID:18617)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
205857	205857		nse, Redbones Annual Bike Party, Chester St from Elm St to , Noon-10PM (raindate Jun 25).	
	(ID:18618)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
61.	205858		Vendor, the Chef Grill, operating on Grand Union Blvd PM, Thu-Sat 11AM-8PM.	
	(ID:18624)	RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION Licenses and Permits Committee	
62.	License/Permit	New Drainlayer's l	License, SJ Gordon (interim approval granted 5/1/18).	
	205859 (ID:18625)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
63.	License/Permit 205860	New Drainlayer's l	License, Barletta Heavy Division.  APPROVED	
	(ID:18626)	RESULT:	ATROVED	
64.	License/Permit 205861		yer's License, Rhino Construction.	
	(ID:18627)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
65.	License/Permit 205862 (ID:18628)	Renewing Drainla	yer's License, Keash Excavation.	
		RESULT:	APPROVED	
66.		Renewing Drainla	yer's License, JRF Corp.	
	205863 (ID:18629)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
67.	License/Permit 205864 (ID:18630)	Renewing Flamma	ables License, Cumberland Farms, 701 Somerville Ave.	
		RESULT:	APPROVED	
68.	License/Permit 205865	Renewing Flamma St.	ables License, Keolis Commuter Services, 132 Washington	
	(ID:18631)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
69.	205866	Renewing Flamma Rd.	ables License, Keolis Commuter Services, 23R Inner Belt	
	(ID:18632)	RESULT:	APPROVED	

70.	License/Permit 205867 (ID:18633)	Renewing Flammables License, Keolis Commuter Services, 70R Third Ave.  RESULT: APPROVED
71.	License/Permit 205868 (ID:18634)	Renewing Garage License, DM Auto Services, 45 Webster Ave.  RESULT: APPROVED
72.	License/Permit 205869 (ID:18635)	Renewing Garage License, K Professional Auto Detailing, 682 Mystic Ave.  RESULT: APPROVED
73.	License/Permit 205870 (ID:18636)	Renewing Garage License, Sullivan Tire, 263 Beacon St.  RESULT: APPROVED
74.	License/Permit 205871 (ID:18637)	Renewing Garage License, Somerville Housing Group Trust III, 481 Columbia St.  RESULT: APPROVED
75.	License/Permit 205872 (ID:18638)	Renewing Fortune Teller License, Spiritual New Age Boutique, 153 Washington St.  RESULT: APPROVED
76.	License/Permit 205873 (ID:18641)	Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Country Club Transportation, Med #3,4,5,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,46.  RESULT: APPROVED
77.	License/Permit 205874 (ID:18639)	Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Elzira and Luc Inc, Med #6.  RESULT: APPROVED
78.	License/Permit 205875 (ID:18642)	Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Cinema Taxi, Med #14,16,44,47,57,58,63,81,84,85.  RESULT: APPROVED
79.	License/Permit 205876 (ID:18643)	Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Roly Cab, Med #17.  RESULT: APPROVED
80.	License/Permit 205877 (ID:18640)	Renewing Taxi Medallion License, Wilvens Cab, Med #18.  RESULT: APPROVED

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81.		Renewing Taxi M	edallion License, Gardy Inc, Med #19.
	205878 (ID:18644)	RESULT:	APPROVED
205879		Renewing Taxi M #21,22,23,24,25,2	edallion License, Lochmere Taxi, Med 6,79,91.
	(ID:18645)	RESULT:	APPROVED
83.	License/Permit 205880	_	edallion License, Green and Yellow Cab TNC of Somerville, ,36,37,38,53,54,67,68.
	(ID:18646)	<b>RESULT:</b>	APPROVED
84.	License/Permit 205881	Renewing Taxi Me #28,30,31,32,39,4	edallion License, Mt. Pleasant Taxi, Med 0,41,42,43.
	(ID:18647)	RESULT:	APPROVED
85.	License/Permit 205882		edallion License, SJP Taxi, Med #45.
	(ID:18648)	RESULT:	APPROVED
86.	License/Permit 205883		edallion License, Ormond Transportation, Med #49,50,89.
	(ID:18649)	RESULT:	APPROVED
87.	License/Permit	Renewing Taxi M	edallion License, Silcor Transportation, Med #51,77,93.
	205884 (ID:18650)	RESULT:	APPROVED
88.	License/Permit	Renewing Taxi M	edallion License, Talkd Transportation, Med #55.
	205885 (ID:18651)	RESULT:	APPROVED
89.	License/Permit	Renewing Taxi M	edallion License, Ike Inc, Med #61,78,92.
0,7	205886 (ID:18660)	RESULT:	APPROVED
90.	License/Permit 205887 (ID:18652)		edallion License, DLCS Transportation, Med #62.
		RESULT:	APPROVED
91.	License/Permit 205888 (ID:18653)	Renewing Taxi M	edallion License, Madkep Transportation, Med #64.
		RESULT:	APPROVED
92.	License/Permit 205889 (ID:18654)	Renewing Taxi M	edallion License, Alewife Transportation, Med #65,69,80.
		RESULT:	APPROVED
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93.	License/Permit 205890 (ID:18655)	Renewing Taxi Me	edallion License, Sadel and G Transportation, Med #70.
		RESULT:	APPROVED
94.		Renewing Taxi Me	edallion License, Somerville Transportation, Med #71.
	205891 (ID:18656)	RESULT:	APPROVED
95.		Renewing Taxi Me	edallion License, Eastern Transportation, Med #73,87.
	205892 (ID:18657)	RESULT:	APPROVED
96.	License/Permit	Renewing Taxi Me	edallion License, J and J Transportation, Med #74.
	205893 (ID:18658)	RESULT:	APPROVED
97.		Renewing Taxi Me	edallion License, Honey Cab, Med #82.
	205894 (ID:18659)	RESULT:	APPROVED
98.		185 citizens submisswimming pools.	tting a petition to expand access to the Kennedy School
	205895 (ID:18622)	by the Youth Ser Rossetti question Alderman Hirsch budget, along wit	said that Kennedy School pool access would be discussed vices Committee on May 16, 2018 at 5:00 pm. Alderman ed whether this was a School Department issue, and responded that the building and the pool reside in the City th some of the staffing. She said she wants to develop a with the City side.  PLACED ON FILE  Youth Services Committee
99.	Public Communication 205896	submitting commen	truction Trades Council of the Metropolitan District nts re: #205250, a Home Rule Petition for the reconstruction [ill Housing Project.
	(ID:18619)	RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	PLACED ON FILE Legislative Matters Committee
100.			merville submitting comments re: #205250, a Home Rule onstruction of the Clarendon Hill Housing Project.
	205897 (ID:18620)	RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	PLACED ON FILE Legislative Matters Committee
101.	Public Communication		ats United submitting comments re: #205250, a Home Rule construction of the Clarendon Hill Housing Project.
	205898 (ID:18621)	RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	PLACED ON FILE Legislative Matters Committee

102. Public Communication crisis.

5 residents submitting comments re: #205334, a possible affordable housing

205899 (ID:18623)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

Housing and Community Development Committee FOLLOWUP:

#### SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

103. Order By Ald. Clingan

205900 (ID:18661)

That the City Clerk request the MA Opioid Abuse Prevention Collaborative to inform this Board of any regional programs or strategies that involve Somerville.

Alderman Ewen-Campen said that this is MOAPC, the MA Opioid Abuse Prevention Collaborative, a grant-funded 3-City effort, including Watertown, Cambridge and Somerville.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

104. Order By Ald. Clingan, and the Entire Board

That the Director of SPCD consider incorporating wheelchair swings into 205901

future park projects wherever feasible. (ID:18666)

> **RESULT: APPROVED**

105. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

205902 That the City Treasurer and/or the Director of Purchasing provide this Board

with a list of all vendor contracts from 2017 to the present. (ID:18662)

**RESULT:** APPROVED

106. Resolution By Ald. McLaughlin

205903

That the Administration procure an independent audit of all city contracted vendors.

(ID:18663)

Alderman McLaughlin said it's important for people to know how their money is being spent and would like the Administration to procure an independent audit of City-contracted vendors.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

107. Resolution By Ald. McLaughlin

> 205904 (ID:18664)

That the Administration update this Board on all union contracts prior to the FY19 budget deliberations.

**RESULT: APPROVED**  108. Order 205905 (ID:18665) By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Director of SPCD provide to this Board, in conjunction with its FY19 budget review, a list of upcoming commercial development and include the square footage and linkage payment projections, with corresponding payment dates.

**RESULT:** APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

109. Mayor's Request 205906 (ID:18667) Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to authorize the Division of Capital Asset and Maintenance to convey land to the Housing Authority.

Alderman Ballantyne asked that Alderman Niedergang include this item at his May 21, 2018 Legislative Matters Committee meeting.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

110. Mayor's Request 205907 (ID:18613) Requesting the appropriation of \$200,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance to the Law Department's Legal Services Account to fund anticipated outside legal counsel invoices.

Alderman White requested to waive the reading of item 110 and refer it to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

111. Officer's Communication 1
205908
(ID:18668)

Officer's Assistant City Solicitor responding to #204585 with a draft Ordinance for the Communication mitigation of infiltration and inflow in the City's sewer system.

For discussion of this item, see #205043.

Alderman Davis said that the idea is that if a developer adds to a property in a way that increases the flow into the sewer system, then there will be a fee involved. Alderman Scott was concerned that something as simple as an additional toilet would invoke the fee, but Alderman Davis responded that the fee is based on bedroom count and the number of sewer system users. Alderman Mbah asked if there were properties that were exempt, and Alderman Niedergang responsed that any developer would have to have this Board's approval. Alderman Scott asked if the fee was a one-time fee or a continuing annual fee, and Alderman Niedergang said it was a one-time fee, paid with the building permit.

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

# **LATE ITEMS**

112. Resolution By Ald. Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board

205909 That the Administration, MA DEP, and Eversource explain to this Board the (ID:18612) cause of the recent oil spill in the Mystic River near Assembly Square, the plan

to clean it up, and any information residents should be aware of for safety.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

113. Resolution By Ald. Hirsch

205910 That the Administration update this Board on the Sunsetters program, for 2018

(ID:18670) and beyond.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

114. Order By Ald. Ballantyne
205911 By Ald. Ballantyne
That the Committees on Legislative Matters and Finance hold a joint meeting

(ID:18669) on May16 at 6 pm, to deliberate on all matters related to the Clarendon Hill

redevelopment project.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:30 PM.

# City of Somerville, Massachusetts Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen

# **SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

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# **OPENING OF THE MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Ward Seven Alderman Katjana Ballantyne

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

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.

205913 (ID:18687)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

**CITATIONS** 

**PUBLIC HEARINGS** 

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

2. Mayor's Request 205842 (ID:18614) Requesting to appear before this Board, on May 24, 2018, in executive session, to discuss strategy with respect to the status of all of the City's collective bargaining agreements including proposals for wage and benefit packages as well as working conditions. Note that this Board may meet in Executive Session to discuss this matter.

City Solicitor Frank Wright stated that this item was appropriate for discussion in Executive Session.

The Board moved to Executive Session at 6:05 PM. No votes were taken in Executive Session, and the Board reconvened from Executive Session at 7:20 PM.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

**AYES:** Hirsch, Rossetti, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen,

Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

**ABSENT:** Mbah, McLaughlin

# REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

**NEW BUSINESS** 

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

LATE ITEMS

**ADJOURNMENT** 

The meeting was Adjourned at 7:20 PM.

# City of Somerville, Massachusetts Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen

# **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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# **OPENING OF THE MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 PM by Ward Seven Alderman Katjana Ballantyne

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

1. Roll Call 205914 (ID:18719) Call of the Roll.

Alderman McLaughlin sponsored a moment of silence for all veterans who have given their lives for this country.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE** 

2. Minutes 205915 (ID:18721)

Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting, April 26, 2018, and the Regular Meeting, April 26, 2018.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

# **CITATIONS**

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

3. Grant of Location 205916 (ID:18763) Submitted by Eversource to install 49 feet of conduit in Dover St from Pole 195/4 to a point of pickup at 88 Dover St.

The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy with Eversource discussed the details of work to be completed. Tori Antonina requested that Eversource check for gas leaks. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing. Alderman Rossetti said that a different branch of Eversource would have to look into this request. She requested Ms. Duffy provide a written response to the request prior to the next meeting.

# RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

CONDITION:

Work is not to begin before June 15, 2018, so the Board of Aldermen can review Eversource's report on its ability to check for gas leaks when installing underground conduit, which is due by the Board's meeting on June 14, 2018.

4. Grant of Location 205917 (ID:18764) Submitted by Comcast to install 26 feet of conduit in Mt Pleasant St from Pole 243/1 to a point of pickup at 6 Broadway.

The President opened the public hearing. Dave Flewelling with Comcast discussed the details of work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED

5. Public Communication 205782 (ID:18548)

Public 55 voters requesting a Public Hearing on Tufts University's Payments in Lieu Communication of Taxes and other benefits provided to the community.

The President opened the public hearing. Elan Axelbank stated that Tufts pays their full 25% to Boston but doesn't pay it to Somerville. Somerville should mandate that Tufts pay at least 25% of what their property taxes should be. This money should be used for affordable housing. Rand Wilson commented that affordable housing, better jobs, etc. cannot be achieved without additional revenue. Tufts can provide that revenue. John Heymann spoke in favor of Tufts paying 25% of its property tax bill instead of just 4%. This could raise funds for the Green Line Extension, the new high school and affordable housing. It's a better solution than the Transfer Tax, which will cost homeowners and renters money. Ian Adelman stated that Tufts can do much better. There might have been a time when everyone looked at Tufts as helping to create opportunities and investments in Somerville to help bring things up, but that's just not the way things are anymore. Marianne Walles stated that as a resident, she pays her fair share of taxes in order to receive services from the City, and Tufts should, too. Tufts should also allow their employees to have free elections on unionizing. Joe Walles is a lifelong resident and feels that Tufts needs to pay 25% of their tax bill to Somerville. Partners Healthcare pays 25% as part of their Pilot Agreement. Tufts also should hire building trades. Larry Yu lives very close to Tufts and feels that the people of Tufts make great neighbors, but he feels differently about Tufts as an institution. Susan Eldridge stated the annual revenue from Tufts would be \$6.7 million if they paid 25%; now they

only pay \$275,000 which is a wash because the City pays \$300,000 to lease the Tufts Administration Building. Somerville should get an itemized list of benefits received from Tufts. Penelope Taylor commented that Tufts, as one of the largest developers in the City, should offer substantial community benefits as part of its Pilot Agreement. They're the biggest employer in town and their employees deserve the right to organize. Bonny Zeh feels that Tufts should house all of its undergrads in university supported housing, and adopt a residential college model where faculty members reside in the dorms instead of RAs. Tufts should also give a deep discount for adult education to West Somerville residents who are 50+ years old, with better communications via newsletters or emails. Edward Beuchers, on the Board of the West Somerville Neighborhood Association, said that Somerville should match Boston's successful Pilot Agreement for 25% of property taxes, half in services and half in cash. Joyce Shortt called the Tufts campus her backyard. While she enjoys the open space, trees and flowers, Tufts should be and can be a better neighbor. Alex Pirie questioned why Somerville has been willing to settle for so much less then Boston. Nate Krinsky lives on campus at Tufts University. He feels that Tufts is letting down both the student body and the host communities with their lack of oncampus housing for students. As part of the new Pilot Agreement, Tufts should build a new dorm on campus. Right now, undergraduate enrollment is 5,451 but there are only 3,374 on campus beds. Only 62% of students can live on campus. No new dorms have been built since 2006. Rachael White said Tufts has not shared the benefits of its educational services with our public-school students. She would like to see free or reduced tuition, outreach programs and internship programs for local students. Fred Berman said Tufts needs to address housing for their grads and undergrads. Tori Antonino stated that Tufts charges its students \$75,000 per year, and should pay 25% in cash with an additional 15% paid in lieu. Chris Boniotta commented no one wants Tufts to go away but there are costs in the neighborhood, the cost to public safety, the costs of lost revenue on the land that they own and, costs in the housing pressure. Jim Monagle said he was here 30 years ago discussing the same issue. Then, Tufts presented themselves as good neighbors, but since then, they have been buying up homes for housing and transferring them to tax-exempt status. Larry Rich has been thinking about things other than cash and feels that we should ask Tufts to utilize renewable energy more. Jack Zhang spoke in favor of mandating that Tufts pay at least 25% of its property tax bill. Tuition is out of reach for most children growing up in Somerville. Joe Beckmann commented that the most important thing we can get from Tufts is course offerings for our high school students. Susan Fendell supports Tufts paying 25% of its property taxes, addressing its student housing issue, and offering courses to seniors. Alderman Rossetti said she received a list of last year's Police and Fire Department service calls to all non-tax paying institutions, and the Administration should review it before negotiating a new Pilot Agreement. President Ballantyne followed up that the Administration should look back at least five years. Written testimony will be received until May 31, 2018. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

# ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

6. Resolution 205918 (ID:18683)

By Ald. McLaughlin, Davis, Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board That the Administration submit a Home Rule Petition similar to Boston's "Jim Brooks Act," but with less rigid language, to encourage passage by the State.

Alderman McLaughlin explained the "Jim Brooks Act". It requests that any eviction notice be sent to the City, so we gain data on evictions, and can inform tenants of their rights.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

7. Order 205919 (ID:18684)

By Ald. McLaughlin, The Entire Board

That the Director of SPCD promote bicycle-safe infrastructures on all future Assembly Square development.

Ald. McLaughlin stressed that bike access needs to be addressed in all future development.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

8. Order 205920 (ID:18685) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works install a street light on the corner of Grand Union Boulevard and Artisan Way.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

9. Order 205921 (ID:18689)

By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works install trash bins (closed Big Belly bins if possible) on the two corners at Broadway and Cedar Street.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

10. Order 205922 (ID:18690) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the broken light in Junction Park.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

11. Order 205923 (ID:18691)

By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works address the soil erosion at the eastern edge of Junction Park.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

12. Order 205924

By Ald. Niedergang

(ID:18692)

That the Director of Traffic and Parking place two pop-up caution signs on Central Street where they have been previously, near Hoyt Sullivan Park and Rogers Foam, one at Vernon Street, the other at the crosswalk near Albion Street.

#### **RESULT:** APPROVED

13. Order 205925 (ID:18693)

By Ald. Niedergang

That the Director of SPCD cut down the dead tree at 149 Central Street, and if possible, plant a new one in its place.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

14. Order 205926 (ID:18694)

By Ald. Niedergang, Ewen-Campen

That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the large pothole in front of Somerville Hospital again.

#### **RESULT:** APPROVED

15. Order 205927 (ID:18695)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen, Hirsch

That the Directors of Traffic and Parking and SPCD install a bicycle corral in place of the first parking spot on the northeast corner of the intersection of Washington Street and Washington Terrace.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

16. Order 205928 (ID:18696)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen, Scott

That the Director of Traffic and Parking re-paint the NO BICYCLING ON THE SIDEWALK markings in Union Square and all central business districts.

#### RESULT: APPROVED

17. Order 205929 (ID:18697)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Director of Water and Sewer and the Director of Finance include in their upcoming presentation of the proposed Fire Suppression Charge, the fiscal impacts of an owner-occupant exemption, as well as the per-household cost if the fee was evenly split among all households.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

18. Order 205930 (ID:18707) By Ald. Scott

That the Director of Traffic and Parking add an item to the June Traffic Commission meeting requesting a change of the two 2-hour-parking spaces in front of 483 Somerville Avenue to metered parking spaces.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

19. Order 205931

By Ald. Hirsch

205931 That the Director of SPCD inform this Board of any plans to update the (ID:18698) Housing Needs Assessment.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

20. Order 205932 (ID:18699)

By Ald. Hirsch

That the Director of SPCD or the Director of Housing Stability develop an evidenced-based scale of qualifying income levels that reflects the cost of housing, to guide residents' access to subsidies for City or District programming.

Alderman Hirsch said there is a debate about who should qualify for subsidies for after-school care. She wants the City to help develop a more refined scale for people requiring subsidies.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

21. Order 205933 (ID:18700) By Ald. Hirsch, Davis, Ballantyne

That the Director of SPCD inform this Board of plans to regulate or enable dockless bikes, and share information on the City's contractual relationship with Hubway/BlueBikes.

Alderman Hirsch said that dockless bikes could be a tool used to increase mobility but they can also block mobility on sidewalks. She would like to figure out what the Board's role is, if any, in regulating or discouraging this new business model.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

22. Order 205934 (ID:18701) By Ald. Hirsch, Ballantyne

That the City Solicitor inform this Board of any applicable regulations related to the use of drones.

Alderman Hirsch would like to hear from the Police Chief whether drones are fun, annoying, a privacy violation or a safety concern.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

23. Resolution 205935 (ID:18702)

By Ald. Hirsch, McLaughlin, Davis, Ballantyne, Clingan

That the Administration inform this Board of any opportunities to incentivize waste reduction, such as opt-in composting, PAYT, or charges to phone book distributors for disposal costs.

Alderman Hirsch would like to look at waste reduction strategies; recycling rates are up to \$170.00 per ton as compared to \$158.00 per ton for trash disposal. Maybe the Board could look at more incentive-based programs.

RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

24. Resolution 205936 (ID:18703) By Ald. Hirsch

That the Administration work with this Board on a fund for traffic calming and pedestrian/transit infrastructure pilot projects through such sources as demand pricing for meters in business districts and the creation of incentives for residents to forgo residential permits so as to create more business permits.

Alderman Hirsch reported that at the Pedestrian/Transit Working Group has looked at the Cambridge Resident Budgeting Process, where residents can suggest what to spend money on. Many of the projects suggested were transit- or pedestrian-related. She would like to find a way to create a revenue stream that people could experiment with.

RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

25. Order 205937 (ID:18704) By Ald. Hirsch

That the Director of Purchasing inform this Board of how it monitors the gender and ethnicity/race of employees of City contractors in compliance with 'good faith' efforts as specified in the City's procurement guide.

Alderman Hirsch would like to know how this is monitored.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

26. Communication By Ald. Hirsch

205938

Reporting on the recent Community Cabinet "By All Means" conference.

(ID:18705)

Alderman Hirsch informed the Board of the items discussed at the "By All Means" Conference. There were people from the City and the School District who discussed such children and family issues as early childhood out-of-school time and health and human services. The keynote speaker was Angela Glover-Blackwell, CEO of Policy Link.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

27. Communication By Ald. Hirsch

205939

Reporting on the 2018 Block Party Challenge.

(ID:18706)

Alderman Hirsch reported that the Block Party Challenge is underway. There were 36 block parties last year that were run by individual residents. We are trying to get that up to 100.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

28. Committee Report 205837 (ID:18569) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on May 1, 2018.

Alderman Davis reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The report is lengthy and available online at www.somervillezoning.com. The first issue discussed was adult use of cannabis and potential regulations. Next was the proposed minimum mixed use ratio amendment to the zoning ordinance, which would create a 68-32 commercial to residential ratio requirement in certain areas. The last item discussed was the zoning overhaul. The primary topic was discussion of the unit count allowed in the NR Zone and the degree to which the current RA and RB zones allow more then two units, and whether that should continue in the NR Zone.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

# 29. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205940 (ID:18717) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on May 23, 2018.

Alderman Scott reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Committee discussed what it is legally allowed to discuss regarding candidates, including criminal records and financial conflicts. The Committee then considered and recommended the appointment of Joseph P. Lynch, Jr. to the Licensing Commission and Holly Fox to the Women's Commission. Three items on the agenda were kept in Committee because the liaison wasn't present. Finally, the Committee considered and recommended the reappointment of Rona Fishman and Dennis Fishman to the Fair Housing Committee.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**RESULT:** 

B. Mayor's Request 203896 (ID:16543) Requesting the appointment of Holly Fox to the Commission for Women.

C. Mayor's Request 204678 (ID:17434) Requesting the appointment of Joseph P. Lynch, Jr., to the Licensing Commission.

**APPROVED** 

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**RESULT:** APPROVED

D. Mayor's Request 205226 (ID:17870) Requesting the re-appointment of Dennis Fischman to the Fair Housing Commission.

RESULT: APPROVED

E. Mayor's Request 205227 (ID:17871) Requesting the re-appointment of Rona Fischman to the Fair Housing Commission.

#### RESULT: APPROVED

F. Resolution 205941 (ID:18771) By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Administration describe for the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters the relevant law governing financial disclosure for commission members, and the existing remedies for ethical violations.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

# 30. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205942 (ID:18716) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on May 22, 2018.

Ald. Scott recused.

Alderman White reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Committee conducted a Public Hearing on a request for an Administrative Order providing for the appointment of school physicians and nurses by the School Committee. 11 of the 13 school nurses were present, and they did not support the school nurse positions going to the School Department. Next was a discussion as to when the City would receive certain funds from the Federal Realty Investment Trust. There was also discussion on raising the living wage to \$15 per hour. Alderman Rossetti requested that the Administration adopt MGL c58 s8C, which would allow the City to abate a portion of outstanding property taxes to create affordable housing. The Committee also considered the transfer of a City-owned parcel 82D1 (an old parking lot on Somerville Ave.) in the North Prospect Block to the Redevelopment Authority, and the possibility of a lab that might be constructed there.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

B. Order 205816 (ID:18591) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Director of SPCD provide to this Board before the submission of the FY19 budget, a description and status of each major commercial development that has applied to, or been permitted by, the Planning Board in FY17 and FY18.

#### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Mayor's Request 205843 (ID:18563) Requesting acceptance of a \$32,000 grant with no new match required, from the Metro North Regional Employment Board Summer Youth Works Grant to the Health & Human Services Department for youth employment programming.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

D. Mayor's Request 205907 (ID:18613) Requesting the appropriation of \$200,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance to the Law Department's Legal Services Account to fund anticipated outside legal counsel invoices.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

# FINANCE COMMITTEE IN JOINT SESSION WITH THE LEGISLATIVE MATTERS **COMMITTEE**

A. Committee Report 205943 (ID:18711) Report of the Committees on Finance and Legislative Matters, meeting in Joint Session as a Committee of the Whole on May 16, 2018.

Alderman White reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The entire meeting was dedicated to the Clarendon Hill Redevelopment Project.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

# FINANCE COMMITTEE IN JOINT SESSION WITH THE LEGISLATIVE MATTERS **COMMITTEE**

Committee A. Report 205944 (ID:18714)

Report of the Committees on Finance and Legislative Matters, meeting in Joint Session as a Committee of the Whole on May 21, 2018.

Alderman Niedergang reported on the items discussed at the meeting. This was a continuation of the meeting held on May 16, dedicated to the Clarendon Hill Redevelopment Project. The meeting started with a Public Hearing on the subject, including the conditions for a \$10 million award that the City may contribute to it, along with Home Rule Petitions to authorize the Housing Authority to do the reconstruction, and to allow the State to convey land to the Housing Authority as part of the project. About 50 people spoke, with approximately 2/3 speaking in favor and 1/3 speaking against.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

B. **Public** 205326

Our Revolution Somerville Steering Committee submitting comments re: Communication #205250, a proposed Clarendon Hill Public Housing Project Home Rule Petition.

(ID:18074)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

C. **Public** 205327

Preservation of Affordable Housing Inc submitting comments re: #205250, a Communication proposed Clarendon Hill Public Housing Project Home Rule Petition.

(ID:18075)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

D. **Public** 205328

Ronald Cavallo submitting comments re: #205250, a proposed Clarendon Hill Communication Public Housing Project Home Rule Petition.

(ID:18077)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED E. Public

Ronald Cavallo submitting further comments re: #205250, a proposed Communication Clarendon Hill Public Housing Project Home Rule Petition.

205336 (ID:18086)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

F. Public 205407

Clarendon Residents United submitting comments re: #205250, a proposed Communication Clarendon Hill Public Housing Home Rule Petition.

(ID:18157)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

G. Public 205681

Our Revolution Somerville submitting comments re: #205250, a Home Rule Communication Petition for the reconstruction of the Clarendon Hill Housing Project.

(ID:18430)

WORK COMPLETED **RESULT:** 

H. Public

9 unions submitting comments re: #205250, a Home Rule Petition for the Communication reconstruction of the Clarendon Hill Housing Project.

205682 (ID:18432)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

I. Public 205896 (ID:18619)

Building and Construction Trades Council of the Metropolitan District Communication submitting comments re: #205250, a Home Rule Petition for the reconstruction of the Clarendon Hill Housing Project.

**RESULT:** 

WORK COMPLETED

J. Public 205897

Our Revolution Somerville submitting comments re: #205250, a Home Rule Communication Petition for the reconstruction of the Clarendon Hill Housing Project.

(ID:18620)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

K. Public 205898

Clarendon Residents United submitting comments re: #205250, a Home Rule Communication Petition for the reconstruction of the Clarendon Hill Housing Project.

(ID:18621)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

#### LAND USE COMMITTEE 33.

A. Committee Report 205945 (ID:18709)

Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on May 15, 2018.

Alderman Davis reported that the proposed Zoning Overhaul was discussed. The discussion primarily centered on the proposed NR Zone, which essentially combines the existing RA and RB Zones. There are 758 lots in the current RB Zone on which a third unit could be built right now under the existing zoning. The Committee discussed the impact of allowing three units throughout the NR Zone. Concerns were expressed about the stock of family-sized units if existing units were chopped up into three units, and the impact that would have on pricing, although it would increase the supply.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

#### 34. LAND USE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205946

(ID:18718)

Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on May 23, 2018.

The Chair reported that the Committee Report was not yet properly prepared, and asked that the item be laid on the table for the Board's next meeting.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE

**FOLLOWUP:** Board of Aldermen

#### 35. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205947 (ID:18713) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on May 17, 2018.

Alderman Niedergang reported that the Committee discussed the real estate transfer fee. Alderman Davis proposed amending language of the Home Rule Petition for clarity, without making substantive changes. One change was proposed: an owner-occupant with three or fewer units would be exempt, while one with four or more units would not be exempt. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the amendments. Alderman Rossetti explained that she will be supporting the fee, because, with its amendments, it addresses the early concerns of community members. Alderman Niedergang spoke on behalf on Alderman Mbah, who was absent, and expressed his support for the fee. Alderman McLaughlin thanked the Aldermen for their support, and said it demonstrated the fight needed to make progress in this State and Country. Alderman White spoke about the frustration heard during public testimony, but said times have changed and Somerville for the millennials is different from what it was in the 1960's and 1970's. He said the fee would help create a balanced community. Alderman Ewen-Campen expressed his support for the fee, applauding that Somerville is doing something to address the housing crisis.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

B. Mayor's Request 204954 (ID:17693)

Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to authorize the City to impose a Real Estate Transfer Fee.

For the adopted Home Rule Petition, see #206007.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

C. Order 205439 (ID:18202) By Ald. Hirsch

That the Director of SPCD prepare a detailed explanation of how funding from a transfer fee or other local sources could fund housing initiatives.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. Order 205440 (ID:18203) By Ald. Hirsch

That the Director of SPCD share options for establishing the residency status of prospective buyers, as related to exemptions and the proposed transfer fee.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

E. Resolution

By Ald. Scott, Rossetti, White Jr.

205493 (ID:18440)

That the Administration draft the minimally necessary language to amend the Real Estate Transfer Fee Home Rule Petition to allow a separate fee on the buyer and seller based on their status as a resident/owner-occupant, and including estate protection for a decedent who has such status.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

F. Public 5 residents submittin Communication Estate Transfer Fee.

5 residents submitting comments re: #204954, a Home Rule Petition for a Real

205680 (ID:18429)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

G. Public 6 residents submittin
Communication Estate Transfer Fee.

6 residents submitting comments re: #204954, a Home Rule Petition for a Real Estate Transfer Fee

205783 (ID:18547)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

# 36. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205948 (ID:18708) Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on May 14, 2018.

Alderman Clingan reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Committee discussed a request that the Administration refrain from appointing any further candidates to the position of Reserve Firefighter and seek to discontinue use of the Fire Reserve List at the earliest possible opportunity. This was kept in Committee until the Fire Chief can attend a Committee meeting. Next was an update from the City Solicitor on the status of the draft ordinance regulating Air B&Bs. There are concerns around the State Building Code, and the impact on buildings with three or more units that want to offer Air B&Bs. The Committee discussed going forward with the ordinance for one and two unit buildings and waiting for the State's three-plus unit determination. Legislative Liaison Annie Conners said the Administration will sponsor two community meetings in June on the subject.

RESULT: APPROVED

B. Order 203802 (ID:16484) By Ald. Heuston, Davis

That the City Solicitor and the Superintendent of Inspectional Services provide this Board with a plan to address the use of AirBnB for whole house rentals, including communications to residents who report such uses.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Order 204960 (ID:17702) By Ald. McLaughlin, Rossetti

That the Director of SPCD update this Board on plans to renovate the area under I-93, near the Stop & Shop, for pedestrian access to Assembly Square.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. Order 205075 (ID:17830) By Ald. Mbah, Niedergang

That the Director of Water and Sewer report to this Board on whether our municipal tap water is safe to drink.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

#### 37. YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 205949 (ID:18710) Report of the Committee on Youth Services, meeting on May 16, 2018.

Alderman Hirsch reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Committee discussed recycling in schools and why it is not done, whether the City's Summer Youth Program can allow young people to work in nonprofits, whether the Kennedy Pool can be opened for more hours, and why the Kennedy Playground its locked.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

B. Order

By Ald. Hirsch

205359 (ID:18123) That the Director of SPCD share a report on the CDBG program as it relates to inter-division cooperation and the city's larger Health and Human Service goals.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

#### COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

38. Mayor's Request 205950 (ID:18680) Requesting approval of a reciprocal easement over portions of Block 6 in Assembly Row.

Alderman White requested to waive the readings of items 38 through 48 and refer them to the Finance Committee, except for item 41 which should be approved. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

39. Mayor's Request 205951 (ID:18673) Requesting a transfer of \$30,000 from the School Custodian Salary Account to the Electrical OT Labor Account to provide sufficient overtime funding for the Electrical Department.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

40. Mayor's Request 205952 (ID:18545) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$90 using available funds in the Personnel Advertising Account for an advertisement on Idealist.com.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

41. Mayor's Request 205953 (ID:18675) Requesting acceptance of a \$100,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Public Health to the Health and Human Services Department for the Substance Abuse Prevention Collaborative Grant.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

42. Mayor's Request 205954 (ID:18676)

Requesting acceptance of a \$94,622.16 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Public Health to the Health and Human Services Department for Tobacco Control Prevention.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

43. Mayor's Request 205955 (ID:18679) Requesting acceptance of a \$32,354.14 bequeath from the Estate of Mary M. Fontaine to the Council on Aging.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

44. Mayor's Request 205956 (ID:18564)

Requesting acceptance of a rapid deployment vehicle, ballistics helmets, and sunglasses from OEM, with no match required, for the Police Department's Special Response Team.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION RESULT:

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

45. Mayor's Request 205957 (ID:18678)

Requesting approval of a time-only extension of the CBI Consulting House Doctor contract, to June 28, 2019, to allow for the closeout of construction projects.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

46. Mayor's Request 205958 (ID:18682) Requesting approval of a time-only extension to the contract with D&R General Contracting for the 2015 Street Resurfacing Project to April 30, 2019.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

# COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

47. Officer's

Legislative Liaison responding to #200593 with updated reports on Police and Communication Fire services rendered to tax-exempt facilities.

205959 (ID:18686)

PLACED ON FILE **RESULT: FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

48. Officer's

Communication 205960

Legislative Liaison responding to #205477 re: Block 8 payments.

(ID:18720)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE **FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

49. Officer's Communication 205961 (ID:18672)

DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 5/10/18.

Alderman White requested to waive the reading of item 49 and refer it to any appropriate Committees. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

50. 205962 (ID:18727)

License/Permit Public Event License, Lupus Research Alliance Boston Walk with Us to Cure Lupus, Baxter Park and Mystic River Loop, Jun 2, 6AM-1PM.

> Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 50 through 56 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

51. 205963

(ID:18728)

License/Permit Public Event License, Knowlton St Block Party, from Morton St to the dead end, Jun 2, 12Noon-10PM (raindate Jun 3).

> **RESULT: APPROVED**

52. License/Permit 205964 (ID:18729)

Public Event License, Ryan Harrington Foundation Just One Run, Blessing of the Bay Boathouse and Mystic River Loop, Jun 3, 7AM-3PM.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

53. License/Permit 205965 (ID:18730)

Public Event License, Arts Council SomerStreets Carnaval, Broadway from McGrath Hwy to Pennsylvania Ave, Jun 3, 12Noon-8PM (raindate Jun 10).

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

License/Permit 54. 205966

(ID:18731)

Public Event License, Mindful Revolutions Namaste Brunch, Albion Park, Jun 9, 9AM-2:30PM (raindates Jun 16,23).

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

License/Permit 55. 205967

Public Event License, Warwick St Block Party, Jun 9, 2:30PM-7PM (raindates Jun 10,16,17).

(ID:18732)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

56. License/Permit 205968 (ID:18733)

Public Event License, Homeless Coalition Save Our Homes Walk, High School Concourse and area streets, Jun 10, 12Noon-4:30PM.

**RESULT: APPROVED**  57. 205969 (ID:18734)

License/Permit Public Event License, BRAIN Arts Organization New England Underground Music Festival, ArtFarm, Jun 16, 12Noon-1AM.

> Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the reading of item 57 and refer it to Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION RESULT:

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

58. 205970 (ID:18735)

License/Permit Public Event License, Columbus Ave Block Party, from Prospect Hill Pkwy to Bonner Ave, Jun 21, 4:30PM-9PM.

> Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 58 through 66 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**APPROVED RESULT:** 

59. License/Permit 205971 (ID:18736)

Public Event License, Wayside Youth and Family Support Network HIV Free Testing Awareness Day, Statue Park, Jun 23, 11AM-5PM (raindate Jun 24).

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

60. License/Permit 205972

Public Event License, St Anthony Brazilian Festival, 12 Properzi Way, Jun 23, 1PM-1AM.

(ID:18737)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

61. License/Permit 205973

Public Event License, Arts Council Night Market, Union Sq Plaza, Jun 30, 3PM-11:30PM (raindate Jul 7).

(ID:18738)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

62. License/Permit 205974

Public Event License, JCC of Greater Boston PJ Library Family Yoga in the Park, Dickerman Park, Jul 28, 10:30AM-1:30PM.

(ID:18739)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

63. License/Permit 205975

Public Event License, Arts Council August SomerStreets, Holland St from Winter St to Newbury St, Aug 5, 12Noon-8PM.

(ID:18740) **RESULT:** 

**APPROVED** 

64. License/Permit 205976 (ID:18741)

Public Event License, Arts Council Ignite Fire and Food Festival, Union Sq. Plaza, Aug 11, 3PM-12Midnite (raindate Aug 12).

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

65. 205977

License/Permit Public Event License, Garden Club Plant Sale, Statue Park, Sep 15, 7AM-1PM.

(ID:18742)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

66. License/Permit Public Event License, Road Runners Gobble Gobble Road Race, Teele 205978 Sq-Ball Sq-Davis Sq area streets, Nov 22, 6:30AM-12Noon. (ID:18743) **RESULT: APPROVED** 67. License/Permit New Extended Operating Hours License, Lucky Strike, 325 Revolution Dr., 205979 staying open in-store with no alcohol service until 2AM daily. (ID:18744) Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the reading of item 67 and refer it to the License and Permits Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved. **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee 68. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, Jones Contracting. 205980 Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 68 through 84 (ID:18746) and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved. **APPROVED RESULT:** 69. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, McGue Excavating. 205981 **RESULT: APPROVED** (ID:18747) 70. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Good Gas Somerville, 343 Medford St. 205982 **RESULT: APPROVED** (ID:18748) 71. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Valvoline Instant Oil Change, 182 205983 Washington St. (ID:18749) **RESULT: APPROVED** 72. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Good Gas Somerville, 343 Medford St. 205984 **RESULT: APPROVED** (ID:18750) 73. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Valvoline Instant Oil Change, 182 Washington St. 205985 **RESULT: APPROVED** (ID:18751) 74. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Modern Floors, 22 Marshall St. 205986 **RESULT: APPROVED** (ID:18752) 75. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Fellsway Auto Repair, 693 McGrath Hwy. 205987 **RESULT: APPROVED** 

(ID:18753)

76.		Renewing Garage License, Hawkins St Automotive, 9 Hawkins St.			
	205988 (ID:18754)	RESULT:	APPROVED		
77.		Renewing Garage	License, JN Phillips Auto Glass, 47 Webster Ave.		
	205989 (ID:18755)	RESULT:	APPROVED		
78.	License/Permit 205990	Renewing Billiard Ave.	s and Bowling License, Cuisine En Locale, 156 Highland		
	(ID:18756)	RESULT:	APPROVED		
79.	License/Permit	Renewing Livery	License, Mass Cab, 45 Endicott Ave.		
	205991 (ID:18757)	RESULT:	APPROVED		
80.		Renewing Outdoo	r Parking License, Pat's Towing, 160 McGrath Hwy.		
	205992 (ID:18758)	RESULT:	APPROVED		
81.	License/Permit 205993	Renewing Extende Broadway.	ed Operating Hours License, Wang's Fast Food, 509		
	(ID:18759)	RESULT:	APPROVED		
82.	License/Permit	Renewing Outdoo	r Seating License, Union Sq Pizza, 63 Union Sq.		
	205994 (ID:18760)	RESULT:	APPROVED		
83.	License/Permit	Renewing Outdoo	r Seating License, MIke's Restaurant, 8 Davis Sq.		
205995 (ID:18761)		RESULT:	APPROVED		
84.	License/Permit	Renewing Outdoo	r Seating License, Taco Loco, 44 Broadway.		
205996 (ID:18762)		RESULT:	APPROVED		
85. Public Communication		5 residents submitt Estate Transfer Fe	ting comments re: #204954, a Home Rule Petition for a Real e.		
	205997 (ID:18724)		atyne requested to waive the reading of item 85 and place it ing no opposition, the motion was approved.  PLACED ON FILE		

86. Public

3 residents submitting comments re: #205728, a proposed Fire Suppression Communication Charge.

205998 (ID:18725)

Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 86 and place it on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

PLACED ON FILE RESULT: **FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

87. Public 4 residents submitting comments re: dockless bikeshares in Somerville.

Communication 205999 (ID:18726)

Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 87 and place it on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

# SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

88. By Ald. Clingan Order

> 206000 (ID:18767)

That the Director of Engineering report to the Ward 4 Alderman the feasibility of installing a crosswalk on Marshall Street near the Marshall Street

Playground.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

89. Order By Ald. Clingan

206001 (ID:18768)

That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a "THROUGH TRAFFIC FOR ABUTTERS ONLY 7AM-9AM" sign on Governor Winthrop Road at Shore Drive.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

90. Resolution

206002 (ID:18769) By Ald. Rossetti, and the Entire Board

That the Administration consider offering childcare assistance for attendees of ResiStat meetings.

Alderman Rossetti stated that during a recent ResiStat meeting some families with children and had to leave early due to the disruption caused by the children. She asked if child care could be offered during such meetings.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

91. Mayor's Request 206003 (ID:18674) Requesting approval of an Order of Taking for 90 Washington Street.

Alderman White requested to waive the readings of items 91 through 94 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee 92. Mayor's Request 206004 (ID:18766) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$8,745,000 in a bond to purchase land by eminent domain.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

93. Mayor's Request 206005 (ID:18765) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,860,000 in a bond for new Public Safety Building design, architectural, engineering, and owner's and contractual project management services.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

94. Mayor's Request 206006 (ID:18770)

Requesting approval of a Clean Cab Proposal to waive taxi medallion fees for qualifying vehicles.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

95. Officer's 206007

(ID:18776)

Asst. City Solicitor submitting an updated Home Rule Petition to Impose a Communication Real Estate Transfer Fee.

For discussion of this item, see #204954.

**APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] RESULT:** 

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

ABSENT: Mbah

96. 206008

(ID:18778)

License/Permit New Drainlayer's License, The Welch Corp.

Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 96 through 107 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

97. License/Permit 206009

RESULT:

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Jason Anthony.

98. License/Permit Renewing Drainlayer's License, Ferrante Construction.

206010 (ID:18780)

(ID:18779)

**APPROVED** 

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

99. 206011

License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, U-Haul, 600 Mystic Valley Pksy.

(ID:18781)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

100.

206012 (ID:18782)

License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, U-Haul, 151 Linwood St.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

101. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Dewire Family Trust, 387 Washington St. 206013 **RESULT: APPROVED** (ID:18783) License/Permit Renewing Garage License, U-Haul, 151 Linwood St. 206014 **RESULT: APPROVED** (ID:18784) 103. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 387 Washington St. 206015 **RESULT: APPROVED** (ID:18785) 104. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 381 Washington St. 206016 **RESULT: APPROVED** (ID:18786) 105. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 141 Beacon St. 206017 **RESULT: APPROVED** (ID:18787) 106. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Chicken and Shakes Automotive, 6 Beach Ave. 206018 **RESULT:** APPROVED (ID:18788) 107. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Mac's Auto Body, 53 Russell St. 206019

**APPROVED** 

# LATE ITEMS

(ID:18789)

108. Communication By Ald. Ballantyne

**RESULT:** 

206020 (ID:18790) Updating this Board on the Clerks of Committees regarding reporting structure, job description, hiring position vacancy and interim plan moving into FY19.

President Ballantyne updated the Board on the vacant Clerk of Committees position and on all of the Clerks. She has been reviewing the job descriptions. The three Clerks of Committee are currently appointed by the Mayor and report to the President. Over the last month of discussions, the Administration agreed that this structure could change, with the hiring and management of all Clerks of Committee conducted by the Board of Aldermen. President Ballantyne will be working with the Administration to post the vacant position and hire a new Clerk of Committees, hopefully to be hired and trained over the summer.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

109. Order 206021 (ID:18791) By Ald. Ewen-Campen, Davis, Scott, Hirsch

That the City Solicitor draft an amendment to Ordinance 7-46(c) so the non-profit representative on the Fair Housing Commission has to work, but not necessarily reside, in Somerville.

Alderman Ewen-Campen learned at the Confirmation of Appointments Committee meeting that the Fair Housing Commission has not been able to establish a quorum because there is a residency requirement for all of the commissioners.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

# **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:35 PM.

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# **OPENING OF THE MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM by Ward Seven Alderman Katjana Ballantyne

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

1. Roll Call 206022 (ID:18792) Call of the Roll.

Immediately after the roll was called, the Board recessed the meeting so the Joint Session of the Finance and Legislative Matters Committees, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, could continue their deliberations on matters related to the redevelopment of the Clarendon Hill Housing Development.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

**CITATIONS** 

**PUBLIC HEARINGS** 

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** 

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

# 2. FINANCE COMMITTEE IN JOINT SESSION WITH THE LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 206023 (ID:18793) Report of the Committees on Legislative Matters and Finance, meeting in Joint Session as a Committee of the Whole on May 31, 2018.

The Board reconvened at 10:30 PM, immediately after the Joint Session of the Finance and Legislative Matters Committees, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, completed its deliberations and adjourned.

The Chair of the Joint Session, Alderman Mark Niedergang, reported on the Committee meeting. He said that the Committee was exclusively focused on the redevelopment of the Clarendon Hill Housing Development. He said that three items were taken up and acted on.

First, the Committee unanimously approved a Home Rule Petition to convey to the Somerville Housing Authority a small portion of Alewife Brook Parkway, required as part of the project. The text of the Home Rule Petition is attached to #205906.

Second, the Committee approved as amended a Condition of Award letter that the Administration had drafted, setting forth the conditions of the city's \$10,000,000 contribution to the project. The text of the original and amended letter is attached to #205685.

And third, the Committee approved as amended, by a vote of 8 to 3, a second Home Rule Petition to permit the Somerville Housing Authority to reconstruct the Clarendon Hill Housing Development. Alderman Niedergang said that the opponents of this Home Rule Petition all expressed their support for the Clarendon Hill tenants, but argued that the project was not a good deal for the city. The text of the original and amended Home Rule Petition is attached to #205250.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

B. Mayor's Request 205250 (ID:18002) Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to authorize the Housing Authority to reconstruct the state funded Clarendon Hill Public Housing Project.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AS AMENDED. [8 TO 3]

**AYES:** Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., Ewen-Campen,

Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

NAYS: McLaughlin, Scott, Clingan

**AMENDED:** The last clause of the first sentence, "but shall be

subject to Section 26 to 27H, inclusive, of chapter 149 of the General Laws to the extent applicable." is replaced with "Nothing in this act, however, shall affect the determination of whether the prevailing wage requirements set forth in Section 26 to 27H, inclusive, of chapter 149 of the General Laws apply to any phase of the project or to any construction or development activity on the site." The phrase "state-funded," after its first appearance, is also removed from the document.

C. Order 205685 (ID:18431) By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Director of SPCD advise this Board on any conditions to be imposed on the developers of the Clarendon Hill housing project regarding property ownership and land use, relocation of tenants, local and state approvals, financing and construction, occupancy requirements, and project design.

**RESULT:** 

WORK COMPLETED

D. Mayor's Request 205906 (ID:18667) Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to authorize the Division of Capital Asset and Maintenance to convey land to the Housing Authority.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

# COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

**NEW BUSINESS** 

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

LATE ITEMS

**ADJOURNMENT** 

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:40 PM.

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The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Ward Seven Alderman Katjana Ballantyne

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Stephanie Hirsch	Alderman At Large	Present	
Wilfred N. Mbah	Alderman At Large	Present	
Mary Jo Rossetti	Alderman At Large	Present	
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Jesse Clingan	Ward Four Alderman	Present	
Mark Niedergang	Ward Five Alderman	Present	
Lance L. Davis	Ward Six Alderman	Present	
Katjana Ballantyne	Ward Seven Alderman	Present	

1. Roll Call 206024

Call of the Roll.

Ald. Rossetti sponsored a moment of silence for Frank Rinfret.

**RESULT:** 

PLACED ON FILE

**CITATIONS** 

(ID:18812)

**PUBLIC HEARINGS** 

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** 

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

# COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

2. Mayor's Request 206025 (ID:18805) Requesting an appropriation of \$225,971,887 to fund the General Fund Operating Budget for FY19.

The President sponsored Mayor Curtatone, who introduced the FY2019 municipal budget to the Board. He said that the budget is conservative, but supports an equitable economy, a healthy community of opportunity, and a just society. It includes \$800,000 in new investments to promote equity and move the city forward. New investments include:

- More out-of-school time coordination and programming.
- A new Office of Housing Stability, to preserve and expand affordable housing.
- Workforce development through the city's Nibble Culinary Entrepreneurship Program.
- A new public mural program to expand public art.
- Better personal protective equipment for the city's firefighters.
- Traffic enhancements to increase safety for all forms of transportation.
- More funding for school nurses, to relieve the current shortage.

Overall, the budget represents a 3.9% increase over FY2018. 80% of the increase is due to increased fixed costs. Local taxes and state aid account for almost 90% of revenue. The city has become more self-reliant, as state aid has dwindled by \$23,000,000 since 2001. The city benefits from investments, where income has doubled, as well as new growth, hotel and meal taxes, PILOT revenues, and building permit revenues. Use of free cash is reduced by \$250,000, which shows a reduction in any structural deficit. Finally, the Mayor pointed out that over the years, the city has saved over \$34,000,000 in stabilization funds, to be better prepared for the future. The budget proposes spending \$3,022 per capita, compared to Boston at \$4,802, and Cambridge at \$6,190.

Ald. White noted that overall real estate taxes are projected to increase by 8.1%. The Mayor responded that much of the increase is due to projected new growth.

Ald. Rossetti said that the budget leaves city revenue at \$100,000 below the levy limit, and asked what the amount was last year. The Mayor said last year it was \$1,500,000. She said she didn't like this year's amount, and asked for the figures over the last 5 years.

Ald. Ballantyne asked how much of the property tax was projected to come from residential vs. commercial purposes. The Mayor said the proportion was approximately 75% residential and 25% commercial, and exact numbers would be determined when the tax rate is set.

Ald. Hirsch praised the Mayor's staff on all the work that's been done to generate the budget. She pointed out that much spending isn't mandated, but has a major impact on residential life, such as traffic calming.

Ald. Mbah asked whether the budget must be balanced, and the Mayor responded that in only one account, snow removal, can the city close the year with a deficit.

Ald. Niedergang stressed that the budget must be posted online.

Ald. Scott asked how much the Salary Stabilization Fund increased, and the Mayor said a breakout of all stabilization funds would be forthcoming.

Ald. Ballantyne asked where revenue growth might occur over next 5 years. The Mayor responded that Assembly Row, Union Square, Boynton Yards, and the Green Line corridor will all see enhanced growth opportunities in the tourism, lifestyle, green tech, and clean tech sectors.

Ald. White asked the Mayor to provide detailed debt projections to the Finance Committee during its deliberations.

Ald. Hirsch said she wanted to be sure that if revenues came in at greater than projected levels, the Mayor would seek to address municipal needs that aren't met in the budget.

At the conclusion of the budget discussion, Ald. White moved to waive the reading of the remaining items on the agenda, and forward all items to this Board's Finance Committee for consideration. With no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

3. Mayor's Request 206026 (ID:18810) Requesting an appropriation of \$1,750,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to reduce the FY19 Tax Levy.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

4. Mayor's Request 206027 (ID:18801) Requesting to appropriate or reserve \$1,986,473 in estimated FY19 CPA revenue for CPA projects and expenses.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

5. Mayor's Request 206028 (ID:18809) Requesting the appropriation of \$377,622 for the FY19 Cable Television PEG Access Fund Budget.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

6. Mayor's Request 206029 (ID:18811) Requesting an appropriation of \$865,346 to fund the FY19 Veterans Memorial & Founders Ice Rink Enterprise Fund Budget.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

7. Mayor's Request 206030 (ID:18813) Requesting an appropriation of \$41,000 from the Veterans Memorial Ice Rink Retained Earnings Account to subsidize the FY19 Veterans Memorial Ice Rink Enterprise Fund Budget.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

8. Mayor's Request 206031 (ID:18814) Requesting the appropriation of \$205,000 to fund the FY19 Dilboy Enterprise Fund Budget.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

9. Mayor's Request 206032 (ID:18816) Requesting the appropriation of \$17,000 from the Dilboy Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings Account to subsidize the FY19 Dilboy Enterprise Fund Budget.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

10. Mayor's Request 206033 (ID:18807) Requesting approval of an amendment to Ordinance 2-373 to include a Revolving Fund for Community Gardens.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

11. Mayor's Request 206034

Requesting the approval of FY19 expenditure limitations for departmental Revolving Funds.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee** 

# COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

12. Officer's

(ID:18806)

Director of Water and Sewer submitting proposed FY19 Water and Sewer Communication Rates, including updated fire suppression charges.

206035 (ID:18794)

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

# NEW BUSINESS

# SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

13. Mayor's Request Requesting an appropriation of \$22,847,863 to fund the FY19 Sewer

Enterprise Fund Budget.

206036 (ID:18820)

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

14. Mayor's Request 206037 (ID:18817) Requesting an appropriation of \$14,521,861 to fund the FY19 Water Enterprise Fund Budget.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee 15. Mayor's Request 206038 (ID:18819) Requesting the appropriation of \$736,041 from the Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings Account to subsidize the FY19 Water Enterprise Fund Budget.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

# **LATE ITEMS**

# **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was Adjourned at 8:10 PM.

# City of Somerville, Massachusetts Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen

# **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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Lance L. Davis	Ward Six Alderman	Present	
Katjana Ballantyne	Ward Seven Alderman	Present	

1. Roll Call 206039 (ID:18866) Call of the Roll.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. Minutes 206040 (ID:18867)

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, May 10, 2018.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

#### **CITATIONS**

3. Citation 206041 (ID:18392)

By Ald. Davis, the Entire Board and the Mayor Commending Mark Alston-Follansbee, who is retiring after 18 years of distinguished service as Director of the Somerville Homeless Coalition.

Alderman Davis presented Mr. Alston-Follansbee with the Citation. Mr. Alston-Follansbee stated that Somerville is changing and there are people that come into his office every day because they are struggling to stay here. He thanked everyone for the recognition but urged everyone to keep fighting to create more affordable housing.

RESULT: APPROVED

4. Citation 206042 (ID:18896)

By Ald. Ballantyne, Hirsch, Niedergang, the Entire Board and the Mayor Congratulating Oscar Greene on the auspicious occasion of his 100th birthday.

Alderman Hirsch spoke about Mr. Greene's philosophy of being active and engaged in the world.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

5. Grant of Location 206043 (ID:18868) Submitted by Eversource to install 36 feet of conduit in Cedar Street from Pole 55/22 to a point of pickup at 165A Cedar Street. (Interim approval on 6/1.)

The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy with Eversource discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

6. Grant of Location 206044 (ID:18869) Submitted by Eversource to install 46 feet of conduit in Edgar Avenue from Pole 208/4 to a point of pickup at 34 Edgar Avenue.

The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy with Eversource discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

# ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

7. Resolution 206045 (ID:18864)

By Ald. McLaughlin, and the Entire Board, and the Mayor Opposing Donald Trump's Zero Tolerance Policy which separates children from their parents.

Ald. McLaughlin sponsored the Welcome Project's Executive Director, Ben Echevarria, to speak to the Board about the Zero Tolerance Policy. Every day, families are being torn apart at the US-Mexico border, and people don't know where their children are. It is time we all do something. The way we can achieve this is by municipalities like Somerville taking a stand.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

8. Order 206046 (ID:18862)

By Ald. McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Davis, Rossetti, Clingan That the City Solicitor draft a vacant properties ordinance similar to the one in Arlington.

Ald. McLaughlin spoke in favor of setting up a registry for vacant properties, with a fee assessment, since the City is responsible for monitoring these abandoned properties.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

9. Order 206047 By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Director of Traffic and Parking move the STOP lines back at the (ID:18863) intersection of Cross and Pearl Street to address bus and truck turns.

> **RESULT: APPROVED**

10. Order By Ald. Ballantyne

206048 (ID:18772) That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the knocked-down sign at 169

Powderhouse Blvd.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

Order 11.

By Ald. Ballantyne

206049 (ID:18773) That the Director of Traffic and Parking contact the Ward 7 Alderman to discuss changing the DO NOT BLOCK INTERSECTION sign at the

intersection of Clarendon Avenue and Broadway.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

12. Order By Ald. Ballantyne

206050 (ID:18774) That the City Arborist inspect the two dead trees in the back left side of

Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

**APPROVED RESULT:** 

13. Order By Ald. Ballantyne, Hirsch

206051 (ID:18798)

That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Traffic and Parking work with the Ward 7 Alderman on a traffic calming project on Powderhouse Blvd. at the

West Somerville Neighborhood School, including an on-demand traffic signal.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

14. Order By Ald. Ballantyne

206052 (ID:18799) That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect 33-35 Barton Street for vegetation obstructing public ways.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

15. Order By Ald. Ballantyne

206053 (ID:18800) That the Director of Traffic and Parking paint the directional arrow on Holland Street at the traffic lights in middle of Teele Square. (4th request)

**RESULT:** APPROVED

16. Order By Ald. Ballantyne

206054 (ID:18823)

That the Director of Traffic and Parking suggest safety improvements for the crosswalk at Simpson Avenue and Broadway.

17. Order 206055

By Ald. Mbah, Ballantyne

That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance banning plastic straws.

(ID:18839)

RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

18. Resolution 206056 (ID:18840)

By Ald. Mbah

That the Administration report to this Board on what is currently being done regarding suicide prevention.

### **RESULT:** APPROVED

19. Order 206057 (ID:18841)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen, Davis

That the Director of SPCD make the online decision/report database searchable by applicant name.

Alderman Ewen-Campen stated that there is an online portal where people can search Somerville's Planning and Zoning Board decisions. You can currently search by property address, and he urged that it be searchable by applicant name as well.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

20. Resolution 206058 (ID:18842)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board

That the Administration create an easy-to-read "explainer" of the noise ordinance, post it online, and distribute it as part of the New Resident's Guide.

Alderman Ewen-Campen stated that residents are unclear when construction is permitted, and how late at night noise is allowed. He would like an explainer and a web page created so people can quickly understand the noise ordinance.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

21. Order 206059 (ID:18843)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Commissioner of Public Works install a street lamp at Lowell and Belmont Streets, near Bailey Park, to enhance public safety.

RESULT: APPROVED

22. Order 206060 (ID:18844) By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Commissioner of Public Works fix the street lamp on the traffic island outside Brady Towers at 252 Medford Street.

Alderman Ewen-Campen stated that there used to be a street lamp but it was destroyed in a car accident. He would like the DPW to reinstall it.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

23. Order

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

206061 (ID:18845) That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the water feature at the Walnut Street playground so it doesn't spray onto the slide, and replace the deteriorating rubber mat beneath the play structure.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

24. Communication By Ald. Ewen-Campen, Scott

206062 (ID:18846) Reporting on the first two meetings of the Community Land Trust Working Group.

Alderman Ewen-Campen reported on the items discussed by the Community Land Trust Working Group. He said that the city has provided staff support, and the Group's goal is to create a Community Land Trust by the end of the year.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

25. Order 206063

(ID:18854)

By Ald. Rossetti, White Jr., Hirsch, Mbah

That the appropriate city department assist Teen Empowerment with their previously requested removal of old furniture and repairs to the roof.

Alderman Rossetti requested some follow-up on Teen Empowerment's building. Among other things, its roof is leaking and needs repair.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

26. Order 206064

By Ald. Niedergang

206064 That the Director of SPCD report to this Board and the Ward 5 Alderman on plans to expend the \$220,000 contributed by the Maxwell's Green developer for traffic calming in the Lowell Street area.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

27. Order

By Ald. Niedergang, Davis

206065 (ID:18857) That the Director of Traffic and Parking install two CAUTION: CHILDREN AT PLAY signs on either side of Lexington Avenue, immediately to the west of the Lexington Park playground.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

28. Order

By Ald. Niedergang, Davis

206066 (ID:18858) That the Director of Traffic and Parking repaint the faded crosswalk and Neighborways paintings at the intersection of Lexington Avenue and Hancock Street.

29. Order 206067 (ID:18859)

By Ald. Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Hirsch

That the Director of Traffic and Parking install audible pedestrian signals so people can cross safely at the busy intersection of Highland Avenue and Central Street.

Alderman Niedergang said this problem was brought to his attention by a blind person. There need to be audible pedestrian signals so people, especially blind people, can cross safely. Citywide, the audio signals should be made uniform, to make them easier to discern.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

30. Communication By Ald. Niedergang

206068 (ID:18855) Updating this Board on meetings of the Capital Projects Master Planning Working Group in March and April and reporting on initial recommendations and process.

Alderman Niedergang stated that there should be a signifiant report from this Group in about two weeks.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

31. Resolution 206069 (ID:18860)

By Ald. Davis

That this Board recognizes June 18-24 as National Pollinator Week and encourages everyone to learn about what we can do support pollinator species.

Alderman Davis encouraged people to look at www.polinator.org for information about supporting pollination.

RESULT: APPROVED

32. Resolution 206070 (ID:18861)

By Ald. Davis, Ewen-Campen, Hirsch, Scott, McLaughlin, Clingan That the Administration work with interested community groups to implement a pilot program for native street trees.

Alderman Davis said he has received emails regarding areas where trees may be planted, and if the city doesn't have the resources, there are persons who would like to plant native species in those areas. President Ballantyne said there is a fund where you can donate to plant trees and there is also a proposal in the Legislative Matters Committee for a Native Tree Ordinance. If constituents want to get involved, there is the Urban Forestry Committee.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

# UNFINISHED BUSINESS

33. Committee Report 205946 (ID:18718) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on May 23, 2018.

Alderman Davis reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Committee continued discussion of the proposed zoning overhaul. Detailed information is available at www.somervillezoning.com.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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

A. Committee Report 206071 (ID:18849) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on June 5, 2018.

Alderman Scott reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Committee continued its review of the Comprehensive Procedure Manual for reviewing appointments and re-appointments. The Committee learned of the availability of pension and benefits by certain appointed board members who are paid salaries just over \$5,000 per year. The Committee was advised by Mayor's Legislative Liaison Annie Connor that the MA Public Employee's Retirement and Administration Commission allows the practice. Alderman Hirsch requested an explanation, including applicable citations, for the accrual of pension and creditable service for board members, including an explanation of how these positions are adjudicated differently from part-time employees who also earn more then \$5,000 annually. The Committee also discussed their request for certain appointees' resumes, job descriptions, attendance records, and statements of financial interest. The Administration responded that it doesn't collect financial information and that there is no need for the Committee to review it. The Committee is also trying to obtain appointees' complaint histories, but the Administration says it will not provide them.

At the conclusion of the report, Ald. Hirsch spoke about pension and benefit accruals, and said she has learned that board members don't receive benefits, but do accrue time.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

B. Resolution 206072 (ID:18870) By Ald. Hirsch

That the Administration provide a detailed explanation for the accrual of pension or creditable service for Board and Commission members, including how these positions are adjudicated differently from part-time employees who earn more than \$5,000 yearly.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

C. Order 206073 (ID:18871) By Ald. Davis

That the City Solicitor provide an opinion on whether any content of an individual's personnel file may be reviewed by the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters when considering appointments.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

### HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE 35.

A. Committee Report 206074 (ID:18850) Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on June 6, 2018.

Alderman Ewen-Campen reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Committee approved the city's application for CDBG funding and the 2018-2022 HUD Consolidated Plan. Contrary to expectations, the federal government actually increased CDBG funding by 10% this year. The Plan is available online. The Committee also discussed responses to questions raised at the public hearing about the affordable housing crisis. The last item addressed was the creation of a Transit and Pedestrian Advisory Group, a "Bike Committee" for pedestrians.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

B. Mayor's Request 205788 (ID:18449)

Requesting acceptance of the 2018-2022 HUD Consolidated Plan and the 2018-2019 1-Year Action Plan for the CDBG, HOME Investment Partnership, and Emergency Solutions Entitlement Grant programs.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

# LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 206075 (ID:18847) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on May 31, 2018.

Alderman Rossetti reported on the items discussed at the meeting. There was a Public Hearing on Venus Pizza and Grill's application to remain open for deliveries until 2AM. Members of the public spoke in opposition, and the item was left in Committee until further investigation could be done. There was also a Public Hearing for Chef Grill to operate as a mobile food vendor on Grand Union Blvd. No members of the public appeared, and the application was approved by the Committee. A couple of public events were also approved by the Committee.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

B. 205740 (ID:18467)

License/Permit Public Event License, Boston Meditation Training Seminar, Statue Park, Jun 3,10,17, 12:30-5PM.

> **RESULT:** APPROVED AS AMENDED

**AMENDED:** Approved for June 17 and July 8 only.

C. 205858

(ID:18624)

License/Permit New Mobile Food Vendor, the Chef Grill, operating on Grand Union Blvd Sun-Wed 11AM-5PM, Thu-Sat 11AM-8PM.

D. 205969

(ID:18734)

License/Permit Public Event License, BRAIN Arts Organization New England Underground Music Festival, ArtFarm, Jun 16, 12Noon-1AM.

> **RESULT:** APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

**CONDITION:** Applicant must provide proof of General Liability

insurance.

### TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE 37.

A. Committee Report 206076 (ID:18848) Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on June 4, 2018.

Alderman Niedergang reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Committee looked at Green Line Extension-related closures, including the Washington Street underpass, which Transportation Director Brad Rawson said would be closed for about ten months starting in 2019, and the Broadway bridge in Ball Square Bridge, which would be closed for twelve months starting this fall.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

B. Order 203280 (ID:15989) By Ald. Heuston

That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a NO LEFT TURN sign at the corner of Webster Avenue and Newton Street.

#### **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

C. Order 203281 By Ald. Heuston, McWatters

That the Director of Traffic and Parking install NO PARKING FROM HERE TO CORNER signage on Summer Street, at the intersection of Greene Street, to create an adequate line of sight when turning from Greene Street.

#### **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

D. Order 204123 By Ald. Heuston

(ID:16836)

(ID:15990)

That the Director of Traffic and Parking evaluate the intersection of Dimick and Marion Streets for addition STOP signs.

#### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

E. Order 204124 By Ald. Heuston

That the Director of Traffic and Parking establish a loading zone at 223

(ID:16837) Somerville Avenue and extend the hours of the loading zone at 220 Somerville Avenue from 6PM to 8PM.

### **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

F. Resolution 204127 (ID:16848) By Ald. Heuston

That the Traffic Commission create a requirement to notify abutters of pending agenda items which may impact their streets.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED G. Order By Ald. Niedergang

204161 (ID:16858) That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the faded "No Parking Anytime" sign above the "No Parking Loading Zone" sign on the east side of

Lowell Street, north of Albion Street. (2nd request)

WORK COMPLETED **RESULT:** 

Order H.

By Ald. McLaughlin

204267 (ID:16988) That the Director of Traffic and Parking place blinking SLOW - CHILDREN signs on the Cross Street side of the East Somerville Community School.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

I. Order 204382 By Ald. Sullivan, Lafuente, Connolly, Rossetti, White Jr.

That the Director of Traffic and Parking evaluate the new crosswalk signal at Mystic Avenue and Temple Street for safety and timing issues and report back

to this Board.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

Order J.

By Ald. Niedergang

204550 (ID:17285)

(ID:17114)

That the Director of Traffic and Parking and/or the Director of SPCD work with their counterparts in Medford to improve the intersection of Broadway, Albion and Winchester Streets, where there are no street signs or markings, and review other intersections on the Medford-Somerville line before the GLX

opens.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

K. Order By Ald. Niedergang

204619 (ID:17371)

That the Director of SPCD inform the Ward 5 Alderman and this Board no later than November 28, 2017 whether the physical neighborhood traffic calming measures for Broadway at Glenwood Road (plastic bollards, cones, rubber curbs, etc.) will be installed in 2017.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

Officer's L.

Traffic and Parking Director submitting responses to various Board Orders Communication submitted 11/9/17, 11/21/17 and 12/14/17.

204926 (ID:17580)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

M. Order By Ald. Niedergang

205080 (ID:17839)

That the Director of Traffic and Parking stripe the entire street space by the curb at the hydrant at 33 Hudson Street to deter parking there.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED N. Officer's

Director of Traffic and Parking responding to items approved at the January Communication 25, 2018 meeting.

205131 (ID:17808)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

O. Officer's Communication 11, 2018 meeting.

Director of Traffic and Parking responding to items approved at the January

205132 (ID:17807)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

P. Officer's Communication 205236 (ID:17942)

Director of Traffic and Parking responding to Items from the 2/8/18 meeting.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

Q. Officer's

Traffic and Parking Director responding to various Board Orders from the Communication 2/22/18 meeting.

205534 (ID:18085)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

R. Order 205696

(ID:18518)

That the Commission of Public Works, the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Director of Engineering provide this Board with a written policy requiring written notice to abutters of a prolonged street closure related to construction.

WORK COMPLETED **RESULT:** 

S. Order 205805 By Ald. Ewen-Campen

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a sign at the mouth of Warren (ID:18579) Avenue informing drivers of large trucks that access to Highland Avenue is limited to smaller vehicles due to the turning radius at its intersection with

Columbus Avenue. (2nd request)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

Order T. 205815

(ID:18590)

By Ald. Niedergang

That the Director of SPCD, the Director of Engineering, and the Director of Traffic and Parking consider installing a crosswalk on Lowell Street between the bridge and Magoun Square, and report to the Ward 5 Alderman on whether and when it could be done.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

U. Order 205927 (ID:18695) By Ald. Ewen-Campen, Hirsch

That the Directors of Traffic and Parking and SPCD install a bicycle corral in place of the first parking spot on the northeast corner of the intersection of Washington Street and Washington Terrace.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED V. Resolution 206077 (ID:18851) By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Administration work with relevant department heads to create a written policy requiring written notifications to abutters regarding street closings.

RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

# COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

38. Mayor's Request 206078 (ID:18745) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,543,000 in a bond for Water Main Replacement.

Alderman White requested to waive the readings of items 38 through 55 and refer them to the Finance Committee, except for 52 and 56 which had already been acted on. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

39. Mayor's Request 206079 (ID:18832) Requesting a transfer of \$2,576,212 from the Salary Contingency Salaries Account to the Salary & Wage Stabilization Fund.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

40. Mayor's Request 206080 (ID:18797) Requesting an appropriation of \$1,737,203 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the DPW Snow Removal Account to mitigate the Snow Removal deficit.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

41. Mayor's Request 206081 (ID:18834) Requesting the appropriation of \$1,000,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Green Line Extension Stabilization Fund.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

42. Mayor's Request 206082 (ID:18835) Requesting the appropriation of \$1,000,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Facility Construction and Renovation Stabilization Fund.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

43. Mayor's Request 206083 (ID:18836) Requesting an appropriation of \$500,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Community Preservation Act Fund.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

44. Mayor's Request 206084 (ID:18837) Requesting an appropriation of \$500,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

45. Mayor's Request 206085 (ID:18838) Requesting an appropriation of \$500,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Other Post Employment Benefits Trust Fund.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

46. Mayor's Request 206086 (ID:18802) Requesting the appropriation of \$376,387 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the DPW Sanitation Recycling Account to mitigate a Recycling deficit.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

47. Mayor's Request 206087 (ID:18831) Requesting the appropriation of \$607,279 from the Park Stabilization Fund to the General Fund Debt Service Account to pay for incurred debt service for FY18 Parks renovation and construction.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

48. Mayor's Request 206088 (ID:18723) Requesting approval to appropriate \$18,855.55 from the USQ Revitalization Stabilization Fund for legal services.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

49. Mayor's Request 206089 (ID:18828) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$20,000 in the Workers Compensation Department, from various Ordinary Maintenance Accounts to the Workers Compensation Wages Account to eliminate a year end deficit.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

50. Mayor's Request 206090 (ID:18829) Requesting a transfer of \$11,000 from the Veterans Services Professional & Technical Services Account to the Clerk of Committees Salaries Monthly Account to fund clerical support for the remainder of the fiscal year.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

51. Mayor's Request 206091 (ID:18827) Requesting a transfer of \$10,600 from the Pension Accumulation Fund to the Pension-Non-Contributory Fund to eliminate a year end deficit.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

52. Mayor's Request 206092 (ID:18824) Requesting acceptance of a \$13,000,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Office of Housing and Economic Development for Union Square Utility Infrastructure Improvements.

Transportation Director Brad Rawson said that Mayor seeks approval to accept a \$13 million Mass WORKS Grant, which requires a match and helps fund the city's sewer separation project.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

53. Mayor's Request 206093 (ID:18803) Requesting acceptance of a \$133,132.50 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.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

54. Mayor's Request 206094 (ID:18804) Requesting acceptance of a \$120,000 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for expenditures, training and backfill/overtime for the Special Response Team.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

55. Mayor's Request 206095 (ID:18688) Requesting acceptance of a \$900 grant that requires a match, from the MA Council on Aging to the Council on Aging for exercise equipment.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

56. Mayor's Request 206096 (ID:18825) Requesting authorization of a \$400,000 Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities grant application for Prospect Hill Park.

Transportation Director Brad Rawson spoke in favor of authorizing a \$400,000 Parkland Acquisition and Renovations for Communities Park Grant, to be used to renovate Prospect Hill Park.

57. Mayor's Request 206097 (ID:18795) Requesting the appointment of James Stanford to the position of Deputy Police Chief.

Alderman Scott requested to waive the readings of items 57 and 58 and refer them to the Confirmation of Appointments Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

58. Mayor's Requesting the re-appointment of Andrew Haynes as Constable.

Request 206098 (ID:18833)

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

# COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

59. City Solicitor submitting an Ordinance to replace Ordinance 5-32 regarding Officer's Communication Fire Department salaries.

206099

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION (ID:18830)

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

60. Officer's 206100 (ID:18821)

CPA Manager submitting the FY18 CPA Annual Report and FY19 Communication Community Preservation Plan as supporting documents for the CPA FY19 budget.

Alderman White requested to waive the reading of item 60 and refer it to the

Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE **FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

61. Officer's Communication meeting.

Traffic and Parking Director responding to items approved at the 5/24/18

DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 5/24/18.

206101 (ID:18796)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

62. Officer's Communication

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

206102 (ID:18826)

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

### **NEW BUSINESS**

63. 206103

License/Permit Public Event License, Boston Sikh Sangat Society Shabeel Free Drink Distribution, Union Sq Plaza, Jun 16, 8AM-7PM (raindate Jun 23).

(ID:18872)

Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 63 through 82 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**APPROVED RESULT:** 

64. License/Permit 206104 (ID:18873)

Public Event License, Mindful Revolutions Yoga and Brunch, Albion Park, Jun 23, 9AM-2:30PM (raindate Jul 7).

**RESULT:** 

**APPROVED** 

License/Permit 65. 206105 (ID:18874)

Public Event License, Legoland Minifigure 40th Birthday Parade, Assembly Row, Jun 23, 9:30-10:30AM.

**RESULT:** 

**APPROVED** 

66. License/Permit 206106

Public Event License, Family Fun Day, Trum Field, Jun 23, 10AM-5PM (raindate Jun 24).

(ID:18875)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

67. License/Permit 206107

(ID:18876)

Public Event License, Harrison St Block Party, from Mondamin Ct to Kent St, Jun 23, Noon-5PM (raindate Jun 24).

Public Event License, OpenAir Circus Classes, Nunziato Field, Jun 26, Jul

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

68. License/Permit 206108

(ID:18877)

3,10,17,24, 4-8PM.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

69. License/Permit 206109 (ID:18878)

Public Event License, Independence Day Fireworks, Trum Field and Broadway from Boston Ave to Medford St, Jun 28, Noon-Midnight (raindate 7/5).

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

70. 206110

License/Permit Public Event License, OpenAir Circus Classes, Powderhouse Park, Jun 28, Jul 5,12,19,26, 4-8PM.

(ID:18879)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

71. License/Permit 206111 (ID:18880)

Public Event License, Berkeley St Block Party, from School St to Hersey St, Jul 1, Noon-7PM (raindate Jul 8).

**APPROVED RESULT:** 

72. 206112 (ID:18881)

License/Permit Public Event License, SomerMovie Fest, Seven Hills Park on Jul 5,12, Aug 16,23, Nunziato Field on Jul 19, ESCS on 7/26, Powderhouse Park on Aug 2, Baxter Park on Aug 9, 6:30-10:45PM.

> **RESULT: APPROVED**

73. 206113 (ID:18882)

License/Permit Public Event License, Derby St Block Party, from Grant St to Temple St, Jul 7, 8AM-8PM.

> **RESULT: APPROVED**

74. License/Permit 206114 (ID:18883)

Public Event License, Portuguese American Civic League Holy Ghost Feast. Springfield St, Jul 13 6PM-Midnight, Jul 14 7PM-Midnight, Jul 15 9AM-10PM.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

75. License/Permit 206115 (ID:18884)

Public Event License, Gorham St Block Party, Jul 21, 11AM-6PM (raindate Jul 22).

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

76. 206116 (ID:18885)

License/Permit Public Event License, Indiana Ave Block Party, Jul 22, 2-9PM.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

77. 206117 (ID:18886)

License/Permit Public Event License, Alpine St Block Party, from Princeton St to Lowell St, Jul 28, Noon-6PM (raindate Jul 29).

> **RESULT:** APPROVED

78. License/Permit 206118 (ID:18887)

Public Event License, Redbones Pig Pickin Block Party for the Homeless Coalition, Chester St from Elm St to Herbert St. Jul 30, Noon-10PM (raindate Aug 6).

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

79. 206119 (ID:18888)

License/Permit Public Event License, OpenAir Circus Rehearsals, Nunziato Field, Jul 31-Aug 1, 4-9PM.

> **RESULT:** APPROVED

80. License/Permit 206120 (ID:18889)

Public Event License, OpenAir Circus Performances, Nunziato Field, Aug 2-6, various times.

81. 206121 (ID:18890)

License/Permit Public Event License, Menorah Youth Ministries Summer Program Block Party, Chapel St, Aug 10, 4:30-7:30PM.

> **RESULT: APPROVED**

82. License/Permit 206122 (ID:18891)

Public Event License, Puritan Rd Block Party, from Temple Rd to Ten Hills Rd, Sep 15, 11:30AM-4:30PM (raindate Sep 16).

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

83. 206123 (ID:18892)

License/Permit Public Event License, Zombie Apocalypse Game, Union Sq Plaza, Sep 15, 2-4:30PM (raindate Sep 16).

> On Ald. Scott's motion, the Board approved postponing consideration of this item to the Board's June 28, 2018 meeting.

LAID ON THE TABLE **RESULT: FOLLOWUP:** Board of Aldermen

84. 206124 (ID:18893)

License/Permit Public Event License, Sean Collier Kickball Extravaganza, Trum Field and Franey Rd, Sep 22, 8AM-6PM.

> Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 84 through 87 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

85. 206125 (ID:18894)

License/Permit New Drainlayer's License, Capitol Services. (Interim approval on 6/6.)

**RESULT:** 

**APPROVED** 

86. 206126

License/Permit New Drainlayer's License, Kealey Excavation.

(ID:18895)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

87. License/Permit 206127 (ID:18904)

Sign/Awning Permit, Oom Yung Doe, 352 Washington St, 2 signs.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

88. License/Permit New Garage License, ONF Auto Body, 627 Somerville Ave, 33 vehicles inside, none outside, for mechanical repairs, auto body, spray painting, storing 206128 (ID:18905) vehicles.

> Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 88 and 89 and refer them to the Licenses and Permits Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

89. License/Permit New Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Web Motor Sales, 5 Middlesex Ave, no 206129 vehicles stored onsite. (ID:18906) **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee 90. License/Permit New Outdoor Seating and Goods License, Comicazi, 407 Highland Ave, 2 206130 display tables. (ID:18907) Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 90 through 112 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved. **APPROVED** RESULT: 91. License/Permit Amending Livery License, Mass Cab, 45 Endicott Ave, adding 1 vehicle, not 206131 stored in Somerville. (ID:18909) **RESULT:** APPROVED 92. License/Permit Transferring Taxi Medallion License, Medallion #20 from Bibi's Cab to Edelle 206132 Cab. (ID:18908) **RESULT: APPROVED** 93. License/Permit Renewing Automatic Amusement Devices License, Thunder Road, 379 206133 Somerville Ave. (ID:18928) **RESULT:** APPROVED 94. License/Permit Renewing Billiards and Bowling License, Thunder Road, 379 Somerville Ave. 206134 **RESULT: APPROVED** (ID:18927) 95. License/Permit Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Pepi's Pizzeria, 516B Medford 206135 St. (ID:18929) **RESULT: APPROVED** 96. License/Permit Renewing Open Air Vendor License, The Somerville Flea, Buena Vista 206136 Parking Lot. (ID:18926) **RESULT:** APPROVED 97. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Faulkner Brothers, 13 Alpine St. 206137 **RESULT: APPROVED** (ID:18919) 98. License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Pearl St Auto Sales, 182 Pearl St. 206138 **RESULT:** APPROVED

(ID:18918)

99.		Renewing Flammables License, Union Gulf Service, 231 Washington St.		
	206139 (ID:18921)	RESULT: APPROVED		
100.	License/Permit 206140 (ID:18920)	Renewing Flammables License, Winter Hill Yacht Club, 500 Artisan Way.		
		RESULT: APPROVED		
101.	License/Permit 206141 (ID:18917)	Renewing Garage License, Brazil Auto Repair, 621 Somerville Ave.		
		RESULT: APPROVED		
102.	License/Permit 206142 (ID:18910)	Renewing Garage License, Faulkner Brothers, 13 Alpine St.		
		RESULT: APPROVED		
103.	License/Permit 206143 (ID:18912)	Renewing Garage License, Fred Susan Auto Body, 269 Somerville Ave.		
		RESULT: APPROVED		
104.	License/Permit 206144 (ID:18914)	Renewing Garage License, GE Auto Repair, 631 Somerville Ave.		
		RESULT: APPROVED		
105.	License/Permit 206145 (ID:18913)	Renewing Garage License, Gene Automotive Repair, 56 Joy St.		
		RESULT: APPROVED		
106.	License/Permit 206146 (ID:18916)	Renewing Garage License, Pearl St Auto Sales, 182 Pearl St.		
		RESULT: APPROVED		
107.	License/Permit 206147 (ID:18915)	Renewing Garage License, Teddy's Foreign Motors, 68 Joy St.		
		RESULT: APPROVED		
108.	License/Permit 206148 (ID:18911)	Renewing Garage License, Union Gulf Service, 231 Washington St.		
		RESULT: APPROVED		
109.	License/Permit 206149 (ID:18922)	Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Ball Square Cafe and Breakfast, 708 Broadway.		
		RESULT: APPROVED		
110.	License/Permit	Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Five Horses Tavern, 400 Highland Ave.		
	206150 (ID:18925)	RESULT: APPROVED		

111. License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, La Brasa, 124 Broadway.

206151

(ID:18923)

**RESULT:** APPROVED

112. License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Reliable Market, 45 Union Sq.

206152 (ID:18924)

RESULT: APPROVED

113. Public KP Law requesting this Board's consent to represent Powderhouse Studios, Communication including its development of the new innovation school.

Communication 206153

(ID:18897) **RES** 

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

114. Public Union Square Neighborhood Council Board submitting comments re: US2's Communication proposed development of the D2 parcel in Union Square.

206154 (ID:18898)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

115. Public 6 residents submitting comments re: #205782, a Tufts Pilot Agreement.

Communication 206155 (ID:18899)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

116. Public 1 resident submitting comments re: #204954, a Home Rule Petition for a Real Communication Estate Transfer Fee.

206156 (ID:18900)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

117. Public Eric Shaw submitting comments re: funding after-school programs with the Communication local tax on recreational marijuana.

206157 (ID:18901)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

118. Public Rodrigo Quiroz submitting comments re: dockless bikeshare.

Communication 206158

(ID:18902)

(ID:18932)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

# SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

119. Mayor's Requesting approval to amend Ordinances 2-322 and 2-323 re: municipal salary ranges.

206159

Alderman White requested to waive the reading of item 119 and refer it to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

120. Mayor's Request 206160 (ID:18933) Requesting the appropriation of \$196,760 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Parks Stabilization Account for further environmental testing at Conway Park.

Transportation Director Brad Rawson spoke in favor of this appropriation of \$196,760 in Free Cash to the Parks Stabilization account.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

**AYES:** Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

121. Officer's Communication 206161 (ID:18853)

Special Counsel submitting a revised Community Benefits Ordinance.

Alderman Niedergang reported that this is a Neighborhood Council Designation Ordinance, not a Community Benefits Ordinance. It was drafted to formally designate a Neighborhood Council. He updated the Board on meetings he has planned for June and July to discuss this item. He said the Legislative Matters Committee would meet on June 21 to consider the Ordinance, and on July 9 there could be a Public Hearing for consideration of the Union Square Neighborhood Council's application. At the July 12 meeting, the Board could possibly designate a Neighborhood Council to begin negotiating with US2 for a Community Benefits Agreement.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

122. Officer's Communication 206162 (ID:18852)

Officer's Director of SPCD responding to #204982 re: possible financial incentives and Communication a community benefits agreement in the city's Amazon bid.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

123. Officer's Director of Communication since 2017.

Director of Purchasing responding to #205902 re: a list of vendor contracts since 2017

(ID:18903)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

# **LATE ITEMS**

124. Order 206164 (ID:18950) By Ald. Scott

That, pursuant to Ordinance 2-121, this Board authorizes and requires the employment of other counsel to issue legal opinion and assist in resolving the questions of the Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee around sequencing of appointments and confirmation, and on release of requested information from the Administration for consideration by the Committee.

Alderman Scott urged the Board to authorize outside counsel to assist the Confirmation of Appointments Committee's attempts to meaningfully review various Mayoral appointments and re-appointments.

**RESULT:** APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

125. Order

206165 (ID:18930) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with an update on apartment vacancies in the 100 Homes Program.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

126. Order

By Ald. Ballantyne

206166 (ID:18931) That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect, replace and secure the slide and stanchions at North Street Veterans Playground Park as multiple screws are missing.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

127. Order

By Ald. Clingan, White Jr.

206167 (ID:18934) That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a NO THRU TRAFFIC EXCEPT RESIDENTS 7AM-9AM sign on Governor Winthrop Road at Shore Drive.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

128. Order

By Ald. Clingan

206168 (ID:18935) That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inform the owner and tenants of 106-108 Thurston Street to place trash and recycling receptacles on the sidewalk so they don't restrict the passage of pedestrians or wheelchairs. (Photo attached)

**RESULT:** APPROVED

129. Order

By Ald. Clingan

206169 (ID:18936) That the Director of SPCD deploy traffic calming measures on Marshall Street.

RE

RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

130. Order

By Ald. Clingan

206170 (ID:18937) That the Director of Traffic and Parking examine possible traffic pattern changes to calm traffic on Marshall Street.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

131. Order 206171

By Ald. Clingan

(ID:18938)

That the Director of SPCD address and perhaps assist businesses with the removal of metal grates on store fronts along Broadway from Main Street to Walnut Street.

132. Order

By Ald. Clingan

206172 (ID:18939)

That the Director of Engineering add the following streets to the repaving list: Stickney Avenue, Ash Avenue and Sycamore Street from Richdale Avenue to

Medford Street.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

133. Order By Ald. Clingan

206173 (ID:18940)

That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a STOP sign on Temple Road at Governor Winthrop Road.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

134. Order By Ald. Niedergang

206174 (ID:18941) That the Director of SPCD cut down the two tiny dead trees in the median on Broadway near Hinckley Street, and consider planting sea grass there.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

Order 135. 206175 (ID:18942) By Ald. Niedergang, Ewen-Campen

That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the remaining large pothole in front of the Somerville Hospital parking lot.

**APPROVED RESULT:** 

136. Order By Ald. Niedergang

206176 (ID:18943)

That the Director of SPCD extend the solid green bike lane that runs on the south side of Broadway between Powderhouse Square and Cedar Street, all the way to McGrath Highway, or as far up and over Winter Hill as possible.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

137. Order By Ald. Niedergang

206177 (ID:18944)

That this Board discharge #205683 from the Legislative Matters Committee as the item it refers to (#203365) is in the Open Space, Environment and Energy

Committee.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

Order 138.

By Ald. Niedergang

206178 (ID:18945) That the Chief of Police enforce the state law requiring a white light on the front of a bicycle and a red reflector or light on the back when operated from ahalf hour after sunset to a half-hour before sunrise.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee 139. Order
206179
(ID:18948)

By Ald. White Jr., Davis, Rossetti, Hirsch, Mbah
That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the raised crosswalk at 13
Foskett Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

Order By Ald. White Jr., Clingan, Rossetti, Hirsch, Mbah
 206180 That the Chief of Police direct patrols in the vicinity of Temple Road and Bailey Road for STOP sign enforcement.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

141. Public Eversource Gas Maintenance Manager responding to a Condition on the Communication Approval of #205916, a Grant of Location for 88 Dover St, re: checking for 206181 gas leaks when installing underground conduit.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

142. Public MA Attorney General issuing a determination re: #205259, an Open Meeting Communication Law complaint filed against this Board by Sgt. Michael Kiely on 2/20/18.

206182 (ID:18947) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE** 

143. Public Tori Antonino submitting comments re: #203365, calling for a native planting Communication ordinance.

205683 (ID:18433)

Discharged from the Committee on Legislative Matters.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

# **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:15 PM.

# City of Somerville, Massachusetts Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen

# **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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# **OPENING OF THE MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM by Ward Seven Alderman Katjana Ballantyne

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

1. Roll Call 206183 (ID:19003) Call of the Roll.

Alderman Hirsch sponsored a moment of silence for Maureen James.

Alderman Rossetti sponsored a moment of silence for John William

McDonald. Alderman Davis sponsored a moment of silence for Evelyn

Gilmore. Alderman Clingan sponsored a moment of silence for Mary

Distosio. Alderman Ewen-Campen sponsored a moment of silence for the

victims of the mass shooting at the Capital Gazette newspaper in Maryland.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. Minutes 206184 (ID:19004)

Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting, May 24, 2018, and the Regular Meeting, May 24, 2018.

### **CITATIONS**

3. Citation 206185 (ID:19005)

By Ald. White Jr., McLaughlin, the Entire Board and the Mayor Commending Maria LoRusso on the happy occasion of her 75th birthday.

Alderman White honored Maria LoRusso on her 75th birthday, and her family thanked the Board for the Citation.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

4. Grant of Location 206186 (ID:19008) Submitted by Comcast to install 576 feet of conduit in Pennsylvania Ave, starting at a Verizon Manhole in front of 63 Pennsylvania Ave and travelling 9 feet to a new Vault #1, then continuing 567 feet to a point of pickup at 67 Broadway.

The President opened the public hearing. Dave Flewelling with Comcast discussed the details of the project to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED

# ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

5. Resolution 206187 (ID:18951)

By Ald. Mbah, and the Entire Board

Calling on the government of Cameroon to address the humanitarian crisis plaguing its English-speaking region.

Alderman Mbah spoke about the atrocities that are plaguing his hometown and other English-speaking areas of Cameroon, and he asked that the Board sign a petition urging the Secretary of State to help stop this humanitarian crisis. He sponsored two Cameroonians who spoke about the history and gravity of the crisis.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

6. Resolution 206188

By Ald. Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Hirsch, Mbah, Ballantyne, and the Entire Board

(ID:18960)

That the Administration update this Board prior to July 12, 2018, on providing public restrooms at public parks, including parks that will be used by programs that would otherwise use Conway Park, including Dickerman Park.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Youth Services Committee

7. Order 206189 (ID:18961)

By Ald. 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.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

8. Withdrawn 206190 (ID:18962)

Withdrawn.

# RESULT: WITHDRAWN

9. Resolution 206191 (ID:18963)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board

That this Board hereby joins the National Geographic Society, the Audubon Society and others in declaring 2018 the Year of the Bird and in celebrating the 100-year anniversary of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, the most important bird-protection law ever passed.

Alderman Ewen-Campen celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, which prohibits the over-hunting of wild birds. He said that locally, residents could work to create healthy bird habitats by focusing on trees and green space.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

10. Communication By Ald. Niedergang

206192 (ID:18978) Reporting to this Board and submitting a summary report, attached, on the Capital Projects Master Planning Working Group with Ward 5 School Committee Member Laura Pitone.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE FOLLOWUP: Board of Aldermen

11. Order 206193 (ID:18979)

By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the broken light in Junction Park. (2nd request)

Alderman Niedergang requested to waive the readings of items 11 through 13 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

12. Order 206194 (ID:18980)

By Ald. Niedergang

That the Director of SPCD replace the small dead tree at 235 Lowell Street with a healthy sapling.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

13. Order 206195 (ID:18981)

By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the light on the short black lamppost in front of Albion Park, that is making a loud buzzing noise and disturbing neighbors.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

14. Order 206196 (ID:18986)

By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Director of SomerPromise share with this Board, the meeting notes of the Out of School Time Taskforce.

15. Order

206197 (ID:18987) By Ald. Clingan

That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a NO THRU TRAFFIC 7–9AM AND 4-6PM EXCEPT FOR ABUTTERS sign on Fenwick Street at Broadway.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

16. Order 206198

By Ald. Clingan

That the Director of Engineering address the drainage problem at the bottom of Dartmouth Street near Evergreen Avenue.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

17. Order

206199 (ID:18989)

(ID:18988)

By Ald. Hirsch

That the Director of SPCD share how decisions are made regarding the placement of bike racks.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

18. Order 206200 (ID:18990)

By Ald. Hirsch

That the Commissioner of Public Works share the policy for removing items that are blocking sidewalks.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

19. Order 206201 (ID:18991)

By Ald. Hirsch

That the Director of SomerStat share an update on implementing a work order system for asset management, CRM requests, preventive maintenance, and related functions, for departments like Public Works, Engineering, and Urban Forestry.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

20. Order 206202 (ID:18992) By Ald. Hirsch

That the Director of Traffic and Parking share how it enforces the prohibition of cars and trucks parked in bus lanes and bike lanes.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

21. Order 206203 (ID:18993) By Ald. Hirsch, Ewen-Campen

That the Director of SPCD assess the pedestrian crossing at Bow and Summer Streets for safety, in terms of visibility and length of crossing.

22. Order 206204 (ID:18994)

By Ald. Hirsch, Ewen-Campen

That the Commissioner of Public Works report on the feasibility of extending yard waste pickup later in the season.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

23. Order 206205 (ID:18995) By Ald. Hirsch, Scott

That the Director of SPCD install a pedestrian signal at Calvin and Washington Streets.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

24. Order 206206

By Ald. Scott

That the Director of SPCD submit a proposal for improving the pedestrian crossings at the intersection of Dane and Washington Streets.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

25. Resolution 206207

(ID:18996)

By Ald. Scott

That the Administration proceed immediately, pursuant to Ord 12-100, to present candidates for appointment to the Urban Forestry Committee.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

26. Order

By Ald. Scott

206208 (ID:18998)

(ID:18997)

That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services respond to the Ward 2 Alderman, in writing, with the action taken to address the rat problem at 40 Lake Street.

RESULT: APPROVED

27. Order

By Ald. Scott

206209 (ID:18999) That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services cite the Star Market at 275 Beacon Street for a rat problem and advise them on rat abatement.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

28. Order 206210

By Ald. Scott

206210 (ID:19000) That the Director of Traffic and Parking update the Ward 2 Alderman on the traffic calming petition that was presented by residents of Lake Street in July 2017.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

29. Order 206211 (ID:19001)

By Ald. Scott

That the Director of SPCD install a raised crosswalk at Calvin Street, near the intersection of Dimick Street.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

30. 206123

License/Permit Public Event License, Zombie Apocalypse Game, Union Sq Plaza, Sep 15, 2-4:30PM (raindate Sep 16).

(ID:18892)

**RESULT:** APPROVED

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE 31.

A. Committee Report 206212 (ID:18966) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on June 6, 2018.

Alderman White requested to waive the readings of items 31 through 42 and consolidate them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved. Alderman White reported on the items discussed at the meetings. The Finance Committee spent approximately 48 hours in discussion going over each line item in the budget. The final votes were taken this evening to approve the budget. The General Fund Appropriation was originally \$225,971,887, and was cut \$1,132,866. The amended appropriation of \$224,839,021 was unanimously approved by the Committee. The original Sewer Appropriation was \$22,847,863, and was cut \$461. The amended appropriation of \$22,847,402 was unanimously approved by the Committee. The original Water Appropriation was \$14,521,861, and was cut \$461. The amended appropriation of \$14,521,400 was unanimously approved by the Committee. No other cuts were made.

RESULT: **APPROVED** 

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE** 32.

A. Committee Report

206213 (ID:18967)

Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on June 7, 2018.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

### 33. **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

A. Committee Report

Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on June 11, 2018.

206214 (ID:18968)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

#### 34. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 206215 (ID:18969)

Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on June 12, 2018.

### 35. **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

A. Committee

Report 206216 (ID:18970) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on June 13, 2018.

**RESULT:** 

APPROVED

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE** 36.

A. Committee Report 206217

Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on

June 19, 2018.

**RESULT:** 

**APPROVED** 

### FINANCE COMMITTEE 37.

(ID:18971)

A. Committee

Report 206218 (ID:18972) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on June 20, 2018.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

### FINANCE COMMITTEE 38.

A. Committee Report

206219 (ID:18973) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on June 21, 2018.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

### 39. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 206220

Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on June 25, 2018.

(ID:18974)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

### FINANCE COMMITTEE 40.

A. Committee Report

Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on June 26, 2018.

206221 (ID:18975)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

B. Officer's

Director of Water and Sewer submitting proposed FY19 Water and Sewer Communication Rates, including updated fire suppression charges.

206035 (ID:18794)

**RESULT:** APPROVED AS AMENDED

**AMENDED:** Fire Suppression Charges were eliminated.

# 41. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 206222 (ID:18976) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on June 27, 2018.

**RESULT:** 

APPROVED

B. Mayor's Request 206078 (ID:18745) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,543,000 in a bond for Water Main Replacement.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

**AYES:** Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

C. Mayor's Request 206088 (ID:18723) Requesting approval to appropriate \$18,855.55 from the USQ Revitalization Stabilization Fund for legal services.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

**AYES:** Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Ewen-

Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

ABSENT: Scott

D. Mayor's Request 206093 (ID:18803) Requesting acceptance of a \$133,132.50 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.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

E. Mayor's Request 206094 (ID:18804) Requesting acceptance of a \$120,000 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for expenditures, training and backfill/overtime for the Special Response Team.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

F. Mayor's Request 206095 (ID:18688) Requesting acceptance of a \$900 grant that requires a match, from the MA Council on Aging to the Council on Aging for exercise equipment.

RESULT: APPROVED

G. Mayor's Request 205952 (ID:18545) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$90 using available funds in the Personnel Advertising Account for an advertisement on Idealist.com.

H. Mayor's Request 205954 (ID:18676) Requesting acceptance of a \$94,622.16 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Public Health to the Health and Human Services Department for Tobacco Control Prevention.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

I. Mayor's Request 205955 (ID:18679) Requesting acceptance of a \$32,354.14 bequeath from the Estate of Mary M. Fontaine to the Council on Aging.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

J. Mayor's Request 205957 (ID:18678) Requesting approval of a time-only extension of the CBI Consulting House Doctor contract, to June 28, 2019, to allow for the closeout of construction projects.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

K. Mayor's Request 205958 (ID:18682) Requesting approval of a time-only extension to the contract with D&R General Contracting for the 2015 Street Resurfacing Project to April 30, 2019.

RESULT: APPROVED

# 42. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 206223 (ID:18977) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on June 28, 2018.

RESULT:

APPROVED

B. Mayor's Request 206025 (ID:18805) Requesting an appropriation of \$225,971,887 to fund the General Fund Operating Budget for FY19.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AS AMENDED AMENDED: \$1,132,866 was cut from the budget.

C. Mayor's Request 206026 (ID:18810) Requesting an appropriation of \$1,750,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to reduce the FY19 Tax Levy.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

D. Mayor's Request 206027 (ID:18801) Requesting to appropriate or reserve \$1,986,473 in estimated FY19 CPA revenue for CPA projects and expenses.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

E. Mayor's Request 206028 (ID:18809) Requesting the appropriation of \$377,622 for the FY19 Cable Television PEG Access Fund Budget.

F. Mayor's Requesting an appropriation of \$865,346 to fund the FY19 Veterans Memorial Request & Founders Ice Rink Enterprise Fund Budget. 206029 **RESULT:** APPROVED (ID:18811) G. Mayor's Requesting an appropriation of \$41,000 from the Veterans Memorial Ice Rink Request Retained Earnings Account to subsidize the FY19 Veterans Memorial Ice Rink 206030 Enterprise Fund Budget. (ID:18813) **APPROVED RESULT:** H. Mayor's Requesting the appropriation of \$205,000 to fund the FY19 Dilboy Enterprise Request Fund Budget. 206031 **RESULT:** APPROVED (ID:18814) I. Mayor's Requesting the appropriation of \$17,000 from the Dilboy Enterprise Fund Request Retained Earnings Account to subsidize the FY19 Dilboy Enterprise Fund 206032 Budget. (ID:18816) **RESULT: APPROVED** J. Requesting approval of an amendment to Ordinance 2-373 to include a Mayor's Revolving Fund for Community Gardens. Request 206033 **RESULT:** ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS] (ID:18807) Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, AYES: Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne K. Mayor's Requesting the approval of FY19 expenditure limitations for departmental Request Revolving Funds. 206034 **RESULT: APPROVED** (ID:18806)

L. Mayor's Request 206036 (ID:18820) Requesting an appropriation of \$22,847,863 to fund the FY19 Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AS AMENDED \$461 was cut from the budget.

M. Mayor's Request 206037 (ID:18817) Requesting an appropriation of \$14,521,861 to fund the FY19 Water Enterprise Fund Budget.

**AMENDED:** APPROVED AS AMENDED \$461 was cut from the budget.

N. Mayor's Request 206038 (ID:18819) Requesting the appropriation of \$736,041 from the Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings Account to subsidize the FY19 Water Enterprise Fund Budget.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

O. Mayor's Request 206079 (ID:18832) Requesting a transfer of \$2,576,212 from the Salary Contingency Salaries Account to the Salary & Wage Stabilization Fund.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

P. Mayor's Request 206080 (ID:18797) Requesting an appropriation of \$1,737,203 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the DPW Snow Removal Account to mitigate the Snow Removal deficit.

RESULT: APPROVED

Q. Mayor's Request 206081 (ID:18834) Requesting the appropriation of \$1,000,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Green Line Extension Stabilization Fund.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

R. Mayor's Request 206082 (ID:18835) Requesting the appropriation of \$1,000,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Facility Construction and Renovation Stabilization Fund.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

**AYES:** Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

S. Mayor's Request 206083 (ID:18836) Requesting an appropriation of \$500,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Community Preservation Act Fund.

RESULT: APPROVED

T. Mayor's Request 206084 (ID:18837) Requesting an appropriation of \$500,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

U. Mayor's Request 206085 (ID:18838) Requesting an appropriation of \$500,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Other Post Employment Benefits Trust Fund.

V. Mayor's Request 206086 (ID:18802) Requesting the appropriation of \$376,387 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the DPW Sanitation Recycling Account to mitigate a Recycling deficit.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

W. Mayor's Request 206087 (ID:18831) Requesting the appropriation of \$607,279 from the Park Stabilization Fund to the General Fund Debt Service Account to pay for incurred debt service for FY18 Parks renovation and construction.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

X. Mayor's Request 206089 (ID:18828) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$20,000 in the Workers Compensation Department, from various Ordinary Maintenance Accounts to the Workers Compensation Wages Account to eliminate a year end deficit.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

Y. Mayor's Request 206090 (ID:18829) Requesting a transfer of \$11,000 from the Veterans Services Professional & Technical Services Account to the Clerk of Committees Salaries Monthly Account to fund clerical support for the remainder of the fiscal year.

RESULT: APPROVED

Z. Mayor's Request 206091 (ID:18827) Requesting a transfer of \$10,600 from the Pension Accumulation Fund to the Pension-Non-Contributory Fund to eliminate a year end deficit.

RESULT: APPROVED

AA. Mayor's Request 206159 (ID:18932) Requesting approval to amend Ordinances 2-322 and 2-323 re: municipal salary ranges.

**RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED.** [UNANIMOUS] **AYES:** Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-

Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

**ABSENT:** Rossetti

AB. Resolution 206224 (ID:19053)

By Ald. McLaughlin, Hirsch

That the Administration present a revised job description for the Environmental Health Liaison that requires candidates to have rodent extermination experience and the ability to implement the city's rodent eradication strategy, including monitoring and neighborhood meetings.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Rodent Issues Special Committee

AC. Resolution 206225

(ID:19054)

By Ald. Hirsch

That the Administration create a Waste Reduction Coordinator responsible for staffing a Waste Reduction Task Force to reduce household and business waste through education, incentives, packaging-free retail options, and legislation.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

AD. Resolution 206226 (ID:19055) By Ald. Hirsch

That the Administration staff a contracted or salaried person with experience in systems architecture and coding, to integrate and link existing and new systems so they can support wrap-around services.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

AE. Resolution 206227 (ID:19056) By Ald. Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board

That the Administration fund a full-time legal services position to provide free on-site legal assistance to anyone seeking it at Somerville's District Housing Court.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

AF. Resolution 206228 (ID:19057) By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Administration re-allocate \$20,000 of the Enroot High School Out of School Program from the Economic Development budget to the SomerPromise budget.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

AG. Resolution 206229 (ID:19058)

By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Administration add \$250,000 to the FY19 budget to purchase additional trees.

**RESULT:** APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

AH. Resolution 206230 (ID:19059) By Ald. Niedergang, Ballantyne

That the Administration create and fund an Open Space Acquisition Fund, separate from the Community Preservation Act, to acquire more open space towards the SomerVision goal of adding 125 acres of open space.

RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

AI. Resolution 206231

(ID:19060)

By Ald. Niedergang, Ballantyne

That the Administration develop an open space acquisition plan to achieve the city's SomerVision goal of adding 125 acres of open space.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

AJ. Resolution 206232 (ID:19061) By Ald. Niedergang, and the Entire Board

That the Administration install portable toilets at playgrounds and the following parks: Albion, Dickerman, North Street, Lincoln (when it reopens), Marshall Street, Chuckie Harris, Kenney, Grimmons, Healey, Hoyt-Sullivan (when it reopens) and Conway, no later than July 2018.

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RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Youth Services Committee

AK. Order 206233 (ID:19062) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Director of SPCD develop an affordable housing program targeted especially at city employees whose income is below a certain threshold level.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

AL. Resolution 206234 (ID:19063)

By Ald. Clingan

That the Administration launch a smart traffic flow overhaul, reconsidering the direction of every street in the city.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

AM. Order 206235 (ID:19064) By Ald. Rossetti

That this Board discuss with the Administration and appropriate personnel, the implementation of an annual Municipal Revenue Growth Factor Report.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

AN. Order 206236 (ID:19065) By Ald. Rossetti, Ballantyne

That this Board discuss with the Administration and appropriate personnel, the implementation of a Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account for proceeds earmarked for particular purposes.

**RESULT:** APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

AO. Order

206237 (ID:19066) By Ald. Rossetti, and the Entire Board

That the Director of SPCD finalize the long-awaited formation of the Urban Forestry Committee.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

AP. Order 206238 (ID:19067) By Ald. Rossetti

That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and the Director of SomerStat review with this Board, the statistics of repeat offender building violations.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

AQ. Resolution 206239 (ID:19068)

By Ald. Rossetti

That the Administration increase the annual salary of the Director of the Council On Aging to align with the numerous other Directors who oversee a similar number of staff and contribute to the well-being of thousands in our Community.

**RESULT:** APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

AR. Resolution 206240 (ID:19069)

By Ald. Mbah

That the Administration establish an independent task force to look into hiring more minorities in various departments, most especially the Fire and Police Departments.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

# 43. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 206241 (ID:18965) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on June 21, 2018.

Alderman Niedergang reported on the only item discussed, a Revised Community Benefits Ordinance. He said the Ordinance should really be called the "Neighborhood Council Designation Ordinance" but "Community Benefits Ordinance" is the term used in the Development Covenant signed with the Union Square Master Developer. The Board discussed various amendments, and recommended approval of the amended Ordinance. Alderman Niedergang said that if the Ordinance is approved by the Board tonight, a Public Hearing would be scheduled for July 9 on a proposal submitted by the Union Square Neighborhood Council (#206293). Alderman Davis said that the Board's legislative intent is that nothing would preclude a Neighborhood Council from negotiating any type of community benefits.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED

**AMENDED:** #206161 was replaced with #206244, which incorporates

all amendments.

B. Officer's

Communication 206161

(ID:18853)

Special Counsel submitting a revised Community Benefits Ordinance.

For the adopted Ordinance, see #206244.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

### COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

Mayor's 44. Request 206242 (ID:18722)

Requesting the acceptance of certain Assembly Row streets as Public Ways, including portions of Great River Road, Revolution Drive and Grand Union Boulevard.

Alderman White requested to waive the readings of items 44 and 45 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee** 

45. Mayor's Request 206243

Requesting acceptance of the fee interest in portions of Great River Road, Revolution Drive and Grand Union Boulevard.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

### COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

46. Officer's

(ID:18953)

Special Counsel submitting a Community Benefits Ordinance to establish a Communication Neighborhood Council designation process.

206244 (ID:18957)

For discussion of this item, see #206161.

By a vote of 9-2, the Board did not approve an amendment to require that a previously-designated neighborhood council comply with any future amendment to the designation process within one year. Voting in favor were Ald. Davis and Hirsch.

**RESULT:** ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS] Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, **AYES:** 

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

47. Officer's 206245 (ID:18954)

Special Counsel submitting Notice of a Settlement in the matter of Prospect Communication Iron v. the Somerville Redevelopment Authority.

> Alderman White requested to waive the reading of item 47 and place it on file with a copy to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE **FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

48. Officer's Communication 206246

(ID:18777)

Chief Fire Engineer responding to #205808 re: calls for Wards 6 and 7.

Alderman White requested to waive the reading of item 48 and place it on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

### **NEW BUSINESS**

49. 206247

(ID:19009)

License/Permit Public Event License, Berkeley St Block Party, Adding Berkeley St Hersey St to Central St to the previously-approved portion from School St to Hersey St (#206111), Jul 1, Noon-7PM (Raindate Jul 8).

> Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 49 through 65 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

50. 206248 (ID:19010)

License/Permit Public Event License, Monmouth St 4th of July Block Party, closing 2 parking spaces at 16 Monmouth St only, Jul 4, 5-10:15PM.

> **RESULT: APPROVED**

51. License/Permit 206249

(ID:19011)

Public Event License, ArtBeat, Davis Sq area, Jul 14, 8AM-11PM (raindate Jul 15).

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

52. License/Permit 206250

Public Event License, Skehan St Block Party, from Hanson St to Durham St, Jul 14, 10AM-11PM (Raindate Jul 15).

(ID:19012)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

53. License/Permit 206251

Public Event License, Endicott Ave Block Party, Jul 15, 2:30-7:30PM (Raindate Jul 28).

(ID:19013)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

54. License/Permit 206252

Public Event License, Hancock St Block Party, from Summer St to Highland Ave, Jul 29, 2-9PM (Raindate Aug 11).

(ID:19014)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

55. License/Permit 206253

Public Event License, Norwood Ave Block Party, Aug 4, 1-7:30PM (Raindate Aug 5).

(ID:19015)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

56. License/Permit 206254 (ID:19016)

Public Event License, Munroe St Block Party, from Greenville St to Bigelow St, Aug 4, 2:30-8PM (Raindate Aug 5).

**RESULT:** 

**APPROVED** 

57. License/Permit Public Event License, Church St Block Party, from Summer St to Somerville 206255 Ave, Aug 4, 3-7PM (Raindate Aug 11). (ID:19017) **RESULT: APPROVED** 58. License/Permit Public Event License, Thorpe St Presents Summer Fest, ArtFarm, Aug 18, 206256 10AM-7PM (raindate Aug 19). (ID:19018) **RESULT: APPROVED** 59. License/Permit Public Event License, Radcliffe Rd Block Party, Aug 25, 2-8PM (Raindate 206257 Aug 26). (ID:19019) **RESULT: APPROVED** 60. License/Permit Public Event License, Franklin Ave Block Party, Aug 26, 2-7PM. 206258 **RESULT: APPROVED** (ID:19020) 61. License/Permit Public Event License, Pleasant Ave/Summit Ave Block Party, Pleasant Ave, 206259 Sep 8, 3-7:30PM (Raindate Sep 9). (ID:19021) **RESULT: APPROVED** 62. License/Permit Public Event License, Electric Ave Block Party, from Packard Ave to Mason 206260 St, Sep 15, Noon-5PM. (ID:19022) **RESULT: APPROVED** 63. License/Permit Public Event License, Homeless Coalition Somerville 5K Road Race, Davis Sq 206261 area streets, Oct 6, 6AM-12:30PM. (ID:19023) **RESULT: APPROVED** 64. License/Permit Renewing Garage License, M. Korson and Company, 91 Washington St. 206262 **RESULT: APPROVED** (ID:19024) 65. License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Forge Baking Company, 626 Somerville 206263 (ID:19025) **RESULT: APPROVED** 66. **Public** Chris Dwan submitting comments re: the trees removed on Beacon Street. Communication Alderman Ballantyne waived the readings of items 66 and 67 and place them 206264 on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved. (ID:19006) **RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

67. Public

Chris Dwan submitting comments re: the Urban Forestry Committee.

Communication 206265 (ID:19007)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

### SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

68. Order

By Ald. Hirsch

206266 (ID:19027) That the Director of SPCD, the Director of Housing Stability, or the City Solicitor explain under what circumstances a current resident could be given preference for a deed-restricted unit.

Alderman Hirsch explained that the preference after development should be given to the people who were living there originally, or they should be housed nearby, perhaps in a deed-restricted unit. She wants to explore ways to reduce neighborhood-level displacement.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

69. Order 206267 (ID:19028)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen, Hirsch

That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion discuss with this Board's Committee on Traffic and Parking, the city's policies regarding flashing street signs and their effects on residents with certain neurological conditions.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

70. Order 206268 (ID:19038)

By Ald. Davis

That the City Arborist prune or perform other maintenance as needed on the trees in Seven Hills Park to ensure public safety and optimal tree health.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

71. Resolution

By Ald. Davis

206269 (ID:19039) That the Administration work with the Ward 6 Alderman and the community to devise an accelerated plan to replace the brick sidewalks in Davis Square with something that ensures pedestrian safety while maintaining a connection to the familiar character of the bricks.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

72. Resolution 206270 (ID:19040)

By Ald. Davis

That the Administration and the Traffic Commission implement an extensive 20mph Safety Zone across all of Ward 6.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

73. Resolution 206271 (ID:19041)

By Ald. Davis

That the Administration and the Traffic Commission make any changes possible to the traffic patterns and signal timing at the Powderhouse Circle intersection in advance of the closing of the Broadway bridge at Ball Square.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

74. Mayor's Request 206272 (ID:19035) Requesting the appropriation of \$1,528,787 from the Sewer Retained Earnings Account to the Water/Sewer Stabilization Fund in order to accumulate capital for planned infrastructure projects.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

**AYES:** Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

75. Mayor's Request 206273 (ID:19032) Requesting the appropriation of \$500,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Salary and Wage Stabilization Fund.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

**AYES:** Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., Ewen-Campen,

Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

**ABSENT:** McLaughlin, Scott

76. Mayor's Request 206274 (ID:19034) Requesting the appropriation of \$300,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Capital Stabilization Fund.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

**AYES:** Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen,

Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

**ABSENT:** McLaughlin

77. Mayor's Request 206275 (ID:18952) Requesting the appropriation of \$60,000 from the Boynton Yards Stabilization Fund for engineering and design work.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

78. Mayor's Request 206276 (ID:19029) Requesting to rescind \$344,747 of \$553,378 in CPA funds appropriated for the Somerville Hispanic Association for Community Development, to replace a portion of the roof on the historic Grace Baptist Church.

Community Preservation Manager Kristen Stelljes said the Community Preservation Committee met on Tuesday to consider some emergency requests. Grace Baptist Church is home to the Somerville Hispanic Association, a food pantry, a family homeless shelter, and a bi-lingual daycare center. They received CPA funds in 2017 to repair the roof, but discovered related pressing construction problems that left the roof in risk of collapse. The Committee recommended that the funding that was going to be used to complete the roof be used instead for the structural issues. This would involve rescinding and re-appropriating the existing grant.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

79. Mayor's Request 206277 (ID:19030)

Requesting to appropriate \$344,747 in CPA funds for the Somerville Hispanic Association for Community Development to use for emergency structural improvements and window restoration at the Grace Baptist Church.

### **RESULT:** APPROVED

80. Mayor's Request 206278 (ID:19033) Requesting the appropriation of \$210,000 from the CPA Fund Open Space/Recreational Land Reserve to the Somerville Community Corporation for the purchase of 35 Richardson Street as perpetual open space.

Community Preservation Manager Kristen Stelljes said the Somerville Community Corporation is hoping to purchase both 31 and 35 Richardson Street, then donate 35 Richardson Street to the City for open space in perpetuity. To put the package together, they have requested \$210,000.00 in CPA funds, and the Community Preservation Committee recommended approval of the request.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

81. Mayor's Request 206279 (ID:19031) Requesting the reallocation of \$1,352 in cost savings from the CPA Fund's FY16 grant to the Somerville Museum to expand the scope of security improvements to include the purchase and installation of a fire panel.

Ald. White recused.

Community Preservation Manager Kristen Stelljes stated that the Somerville Museum realized through its security upgrades that it desperately needs a new fire panel. They requested that the cost savings from the security project to be reprogrammed to the fire panel, and the Community Preservation Committee recommended approval of the request.

82. Mayor's Request 206280 (ID:18955) Requesting approval to enter into a net-metering agreement with Sunwealth.

Alderman White requested to waive the readings of items 82 through 85 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

83. Mayor's Request 206281 (ID:18959) Requesting approval to enter into a tax agreement with Sunwealth for a solar energy system at 1 Maxwells Green.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

84. Mayor's Request 206282 (ID:18956) Requesting acceptance of a \$350,000 grant that requires an in-kind match to the Office of Sustainability and Environment from the MA Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs for stormwater system modeling and climate change planning.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

85. Mayor's Request 206283 (ID:18865) Requesting acceptance of an \$11,000 grant with no new match required, from the Cambridge Public Health Department to the Health and Human Services Department for participation in the regional prevention collaborative grant.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

86. Officer's Communication Establishments. 206284

City Solicitor submitting an Ordinance regarding Adult Use Marijuana

(ID:19046)

Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 86 and refer it to the Legislative Matters Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

87. Officer's 206285 (ID:19047)

City Solicitor submitting Zoning Ordinance Amendments regarding Adult Use Communication Marijuana Establishments.

> Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 87 and send it to the Land Use Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved. The item was also referred to the Planning Board for a joint public hearing.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION RESULT:

**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee 88. Officer's 206286 (ID:19026)

Director of Capital Projects and Planning submitting the Public Safety Communication Feasibility Study/Programming and Site Evaluation Report (related to #s 206003, #206004, and #206005).

> Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 88 and place it on file with a copy to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE **FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

89. 206287 (ID:19042)

License/Permit New Dog Kennel License, Elliots House Pet Care and More, 230 Somerville Ave, 60 dogs for day care and training only.

> Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 89 through 92 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

90. 206288 (ID:19043)

License/Permit Renewing Billiards and Bowling License, On the Hill Tavern, 499 Broadway.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

91. 206289 (ID:19044)

License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, On the Hill Tavern, 499 Broadway.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

92. License/Permit 206290

Renewing Garage License, Jim's Heavy Duty Service, 40 Joy St.

(ID:19045)

**APPROVED RESULT:** 

### LATE ITEMS

93. Resolution 206291 (ID:19050) By Ald. Davis

That this Board commends the MA Senate on passing Senate Bill 2562 "An Act Relative to Gender Identity on MA Identification" which allows a person to designate "X" for gender on an application for a driver's license and other official identification and further, that this Board encourages the MA House of Representatives to advance similar legislation.

**APPROVED RESULT:** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

94. Resolution 206292 (ID:19051) By Ald. Davis

That the Administration review all City applications and other filings on which a gender designation is required and, if not already provided, make revisions to allow a person to designate a gender other than "Male" or "Female" and to report to the Ward 6 Alderman the results of such review.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee 95. Public

206293

Submitting the Union Square Neighborhood Council's application for Communication designation as the negotiating entity for a Community Benefits Agreement for the Union Square neighborhood.

(ID:19049)

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

96. **Public** Communication Benefits Ordinance.

Rob Buchanan submitting comments re: #206161, the revised Community

206294 (ID:19052)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

# **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was Adjourned at 12:15 AM.

# City of Somerville, Massachusetts Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen

# **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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# **OPENING OF THE MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Ward Seven Alderman Katjana Ballantyne

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

1. Roll Call 206295 (ID:19097) Call of the Roll.

Alderman McLaughlin sponsored a moment of silence for Mary Caruso.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. Minutes 206296 (ID:19098)

Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meetings of May 31, 2018 and June 6, 2018, and the Regular Meeting of June 14, 2018.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

### **CITATIONS**

3. Citation 206297 (ID:19101)

By Ald. Ballantyne, the Entire Board and the Mayor Commending Barbara Rubel, who is retiring after 45 years as Tufts University's Director of Community Relations.

President Ballantyne recognized Barbara Rubel for her 45 years of service as Tufts University's Director of Community Relations. Ms. Rubel reviewed her career and thanked the Board for the recognition.

4. Citation 206298 (ID:19102)

By Ald. Mbah, the Entire Board and the Mayor

Commending Jean Parker, on the auspicious occasion of her 99th birthday.

Alderman Mbah recognized Jean Parker, and she thanked everyone responsible for this recognition.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

5. Citation 206299 (ID:19103)

By Ald. White Jr., the Entire Board and the Mayor Commending Evelyn Battinelli for her outstanding stewardship of the Somerville Museum for more than 25 years.

Alderman White recognized Evelyn Battinelli for keeping the Somerville Museum going for more than 25 years. The Mayor spoke about Ms. Battinelli and thanked her for her service. She thanked everyone for the recognition.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

6. Citation 206300 (ID:19105)

By Ald. White Jr., the Entire Board and the Mayor Commending Michael O'Connell for his outstanding accomplishments as Director of Exhibitions at the Somerville Museum from 1988 to 2017.

Alderman White acknowledged Michael O'Connell's outstanding work on behalf of the Somerville Museum. He thanked everyone for the recognition.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

7. Grant of Location 206301 (ID:19106) Submitted by Eversource to install 1,428 feet of multiple conduits in Somerville Ave, Bow St, and Washington St, all in the vicinity of their intersection, as part of the City's Union Sq infrastructure upgrade.

The President opened the public hearing. Jackie Duffy with Eversource discussed the details of work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

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

8. Order 206302 (ID:19077)

By Ald. Hirsch, Ballantyne

That the Director of Parks and Recreation report on how often the public outdoor pools reach capacity and what, if any, pool staffing or policy changes may enable more people to access pools on hot days.

Alderman Hirsch would like a report on pool usage and capacity from the Director of Parks and Recreation. She believes it could be helpful to try to maximize the number of different users, perhaps by limiting each user's time at the pool.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Youth Services Committee

9. Order 206303

(ID:19078)

By Ald. Hirsch, Davis

That the Director of Engineering share how pedestrian detours are required for planned street work resulting in sidewalk closures.

Alderman Hirsch would like the Director of Engineering to explain how pedestrian detours are designed on streets with planned street work that closes sidewalk usage.

RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

10. Order 206304

(ID:19079)

By Ald. Hirsch, Clingan

That the Community Preservation Act Manager share information about how public access agreements get arranged with CPA fund recipients.

Alderman Hirsch would like to see what the City can do to make sure that when there is a public access agreement, that it is workable for the building owner and the people trying to use the building.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

11. Communication By Ald. Hirsch

206305 (ID:1908 Providing an update on the 2018 Block Party Challenge.

(ID:19080)

Alderman Hirsch reported that there is a significant increase in block parties compared to last summer.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

12. Communication By Ald. Hirsch

206306 (ID:19081) Providing an update on the Housing Hackathon, now known as the Housing Challenge.

Alderman Hirsch reported that after months of planning the group has decided to go ahead with a pilot on Sunday, July 15 from 1 to 5 PM at the Somerville Community Corporation.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

13. Resolution 206307 (ID:19082)

By Ald. Niedergang, Davis

That the Administration and the Director of Communications work with the Somerville Garden Club on their "Pod Patrol: Spread the word…not the weed" educational campaign to control the invasive Black Swallow-wort vine that is spreading rapidly and is harmful to songbirds, monarch butterflies and native plants.

Alderman Niedergang stated that the Somerville Garden Club has produced an excellent brochure as part of their public campaign on the danger of the invasive Black Swallow Wort plant, which threatens Monarch Butterflies and Song Birds and displaces native plants.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

14. Order 206308 (ID:19083)

By Ald. McLaughlin, Rossetti, Ballantyne

That the City Solicitor draft a food truck ordinance amendment to permit food trucks with minimal disruption to current businesses.

Alderman McLaughlin would like to see the Food Truck Ordinance amended to permit food trucks with minimal disruption to current businesses.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

15. Order 206309 (ID:19084)

By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the hole in the sidewalk behind Circuit City.

Alderman McLaughlin requested to waive the readings of items 15 through 22 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

16. Order 206310 (ID:19085)

By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a blinking STOP sign at the intersection of Aldrich and Gilman Streets.

RESULT: APPROVED

17. Order 206311

(ID:19086)

By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the pothole at 74-76 Gilman Street.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

18. Order 206312 (ID:19087)

By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works clean up the underpasses beneath I-93, by Kensington Avenue and Mt. Vernon Street.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

19. Order

By Ald. McLaughlin

206313 (ID:19088) That the Director of Traffic and Parking move the stop lines at the intersection of Cross and Pearl Streets back, to create more space for buses and large vehicles.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

20. Order 206314 (ID:19089) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Director of Traffic and Parking move the proposed handicapped parking sign at 46 Glen Street 10 inches away from the driveway.

21. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

206315 (ID:19090)

That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the weeds along the train line

fence on Chester Avenue.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

22. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

206316 (ID:19091) That the Director of Engineering place a crosswalk at Grand Union Blvd. and

Mystic Avenue.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

# **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

23. Communication By Ald. Niedergang

> 206192 (ID:18978)

Reporting to this Board and submitting a summary report, attached, on the Capital Projects Master Planning Working Group with Ward 5 School

Committee Member Laura Pitone.

Alderman Niedergang said that in the fall, Capital Projects Director Rob King will present the report's findings to this Board and the School Committee. He then gave a very brief overview of the report and urged the Board Members to read it.

PLACED ON FILE **RESULT:** 

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

# CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

Committee A. Report 206317 (ID:19094)

Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on July 10, 2018.

Alderman Scott reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Committee approved three appointments at the July 10 meeting: Vincent Lampley to Deputy Fire Chief, James Stanford to Deputy Police Chief and Andrew Haynes to Constable.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

В. Mayor's Request 205521 (ID:18367)

Requesting the appointment of Vincent Lampley to the position of Deputy Fire Chief.

**RESULT:** 

**APPROVED** 

C. Mayor's Request 206097 (ID:18795)

Requesting the appointment of James Stanford to the position of Deputy Police Chief.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

D. Mayor's Request 206098 (ID:18833) Requesting the re-appointment of Andrew Haynes as Constable.

# 25. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 206318 (ID:19095) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on July 10, 2018.

Alderman Scott was recused.

Alderman White reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Committee focused on Union Square redevelopment: a settlement in the eminent domain taking of Prospect Iron, the transfer of City-owned Parcel 82-D1 in the North Prospect block to the SRA, and the Union Square Neighborhood Council's comments on US2's proposed development at the D2 Block. Alderman Scott recused himself from these three items. Special Counsel Eileen McGettigan discussed the four lawsuits that were filed in connection with properties taken by the SRA as part of the Union Square redevelopment plan, including Prospect Iron and three others. A Court ruled that the SRA owes Prospect Iron an additional \$5 million, in addition to the \$3.1 million paid when the property was taken. As part of the SRA-US2 Land Disposition Agreement, when US2 purchases the properties from the SRA, the purchase price will include all amounts paid by the City. If for some reason US2 does not close on the properties, the City will be responsible for those costs. Alderman Niedergang asked why the settlement for this parcel was so much greater than the original purchase price, and Ms. McGettigan said there was an initial deduction for possible environmental contamination, but the actual contamination was less than anticipated. On the transfer of Parcel 82-D1, SPCD Director Michael Glavin said it's the last parcel US2 needs before it can close on the redevelopment land. The Committee approved Alderman Rossetti's motion to take this item up again at a Finance Committee Meeting of the Whole on September 12. The Committee also discussed the taking of 90 Washington St. for a Public Safety Building, but took no action.

RESULT: APPROVED

B. Order 205260 (ID:18010) By Ald. White Jr.

That the Director of Finance update this Board's Finance Committee, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on the mid-year status of the city budget.

### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Resolution 205477 (ID:18436) By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Administration report to this Board when the city will receive payment installments from Federal Realty Investment Trust relevant to the affordable housing waiver.

## RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. Officer's Direct Communication FY19.

Director of Water and Sewer submitting proposed water and sewer rates for

205727 (ID:18456)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

E. Officer's Direct Communication FY19.

Director of Water and Sewer submitting proposed fire suppression charges for EY19

205728 (ID:18457)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

F. Order 205929 (ID:18697) By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Director of Water and Sewer and the Director of Finance include in their upcoming presentation of the proposed Fire Suppression Charge, the fiscal impacts of an owner-occupant exemption, as well as the per-household cost if the fee was evenly split among all households.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

G. Mayor's Request 205951 (ID:18673) Requesting a transfer of \$30,000 from the School Custodian Salary Account to the Electrical OT Labor Account to provide sufficient overtime funding for the Electrical Department.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

H. Mayor's Request 206275 (ID:18952) Requesting the appropriation of \$60,000 from the Boynton Yards Stabilization Fund for engineering and design work.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Ewen-

Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

**ABSENT:** Scott

I. Mayor's Request 206280 (ID:18955)

Requesting approval to enter into a net-metering agreement with Sunwealth.

RESULT: APPROVED

J. Mayor's Request 206281 (ID:18959) Requesting approval to enter into a tax agreement with Sunwealth for a solar energy system at 1 Maxwells Green.

RESULT: APPROVED

K. Mayor's Request 206282 (ID:18956) Requesting acceptance of a \$350,000 grant that requires an in-kind match to the Office of Sustainability and Environment from the MA Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs for stormwater system modeling and climate change planning.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

L. Mayor's Request 206283 (ID:18865) Requesting acceptance of an \$11,000 grant with no new match required, from the Cambridge Public Health Department to the Health and Human Services Department for participation in the regional prevention collaborative grant.

#### 26. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 206319 (ID:19093) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on July 9, 2018.

Alderman Niedergang reported on the two items discussed at the meeting: the Demolition Review Ordinance, and the designation of the Union Square Neighborhood Council as the bargaining entity for the Union Square Community Benefits Agreement. There were Public Hearings on each of these items. On Demolition Review, Director of Planning George Proakis led a PowerPoint presentation, which can be found at www.somervillema.gov/dro, and no action was taken. As for Union Square CBA designation, members of the Union Square Neighborhood Council discussed its formation, the meetings they've held, the work they've done, and why they should be designated as the bargaining entity. Approximately eight people spoke, and all were in favor of the Council's application. The Committee recommended approval unanimously on a voice vote.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

B. Resolution 205201 (ID:17974) By Ald. Scott, Davis, Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board That the Administration work with US2 to amend the Development Covenant to allow this Board to recognize a Neighborhood Council to negotiate a CBA and discuss the amendment with this Board prior to execution.

#### WORK COMPLETED **RESULT:**

C. Resolution 205483 (ID:18438) By Ald. Davis

That the Administration vigorously renegotiate the Development Covenant with U2, consistent with the request of this Board and without additional material provisions that favor US2.

#### **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

D. Resolution 205484

By Ald. Rossetti

(ID:18439)

That the Administration draft an ordinance to designate a Neighborhood Council as soon as possible.

#### WORK COMPLETED **RESULT:**

E. **Public** 206293 (ID:19049)

Submitting the Union Square Neighborhood Council's application for Communication designation as the negotiating entity for a Community Benefits Agreement for the Union Square neighborhood.

> **RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

**AYES:** Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

#### LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE 27.

A. Committee Report 206320 (ID:19096) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on July 11, 2018.

Alderman Rossetti reported on the items discussed at the meeting. There were two Public Hearings. The first was on a new Garage License for ONF Auto Body at 627 Somerville Avenue, which would house 33 vehicles inside and no vehicles outside, for mechanical repairs, auto body work with spray painting, and storing vehicles. Without any expressed opposition, the Committee recommended approval. The second was on a new Used Car Dealer License for Web Motor Sales at 5 Middlesex Avenue. No vehicles would be stored on site; all transactions would be conducted online and delivered to the purchaser. Any vehicles needing storage would be stored in Lynn. The Committee recommended approval. The Committee also took up an application for a new Extended Operating Hours License for Venus Pizza and Grill at 1293 Broadway. Ward Alderman Katjana stated that she does not support this application, because of the concerns expressed by many abutters that there are cooking fumes and a lot of noise coming from the business, and that nearby driveways are being blocked by customers and employees. The Committee recommended that the Board Not Approve this request.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

B. Order 205007 (ID:17794) By Ald. Rossetti, Mbah, Scott

That the City Clerk confer with the City Solicitor on a policy to review prior infractions for any business applying to renew a license.

#### WORK COMPLETED **RESULT:**

C. License/Permit 205545 (ID:18406)

New Extended Operating Hours License, Venus Pizza and Grill, 1293 Broadway, remaining open nightly to 2:30AM for delivery service only.

NOT APPROVED **RESULT:** 

D. Order 205717 (ID:18446) By Ald. Rossetti

That the Chief Fire Engineer inform the Committee on Licenses and Permits how the Fire Prevention Bureau reviews applications and issues licenses for the storage of flammables.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

E. 206128 (ID:18905)

License/Permit New Garage License, ONF Auto Body, 627 Somerville Ave, 33 vehicles inside, none outside, for mechanical repairs, auto body, spray painting, storing vehicles.

> **RESULT: APPROVED**

F. 206129 (ID:18906)

License/Permit New Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Web Motor Sales, 5 Middlesex Ave, no vehicles stored onsite.

# 28. YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 206321

(ID:19092)

Report of the Committee on Youth Services, meeting on July 2, 2018.

Alderman Hirsch reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Committee discussed recycling and other matters in the city's schools. In prior meetings, DPW Commissioner Stan Koty stated that they planned to begin plastic milk bottle recycling this fall, but now it sounds like it's not going to happen. The Committee also discussed after-school programming, and possibly unlocking the Kennedy School Playground. The Kennedy Pool is a coordination challenge across different departments. Finally, the Committee discussed placing porta potties in city parks.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

B. Order 205358

By Ald. Hirsch, Clingan, Davis

That the Director of Health and Human Services share a draft plan, organizational chart and budget for the formation of an Out-of-School-Time Division, to coordinate across city departments and nonprofit and volunteerrun organizations.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Order 205442

By Ald. Hirsch, Clingan

(ID:18382)

(ID:18122)

That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Health and Human Services share an update on options and plans for municipal and school building usage for summer youth programs, including any capacity challenges for this summer.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

### COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

29. Mayor's Request 206322 (ID:19072) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$47,940 to the DPW School Custodians Salaries Account to fund a Jr. Custodian position.

Alderman White requested to waive the readings of items 29 through 32 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

30. Mayor's Request 206323 (ID:19071) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$34,000 to the Parks and Recreation Budget Ordinary Maintenance Fee Account to fund a license payment for the DCR Boathouse.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

31. Mayor's Request 206324 (ID:19073) Requesting approval to appropriate \$250,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the purchase of IT computer equipment.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

32. Mayor's Request 206325 (ID:19075) Requesting approval to appropriate \$200,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the purchase of Firefighter Protective Bunker Gear.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

33. Mayor's Request 206326 (ID:19070) Requesting approval to appropriate \$196,760 from the Parks Stabilization Fund to fund Conway Park remediation.

Finance Director Ed Bean stated that in the month of June there was a request to transfer free cash to the Parks Stabilization Fund, which was approved. A separate vote is needed now to appropriate funds from that Fund to fund the Conway Park remediation.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

**AYES:** Hirsch, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-

Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

**ABSENT:** Mbah

34. Mayor's Request 206327 (ID:19074) Requesting approval to appropriate \$150,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for tree planting.

Alderman White requested to waive the readings of items 34 through 35 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

35. Mayor's Request 206328 (ID:19100) Requesting approval to appropriate \$35,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for Nibble kitchen equipment.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

36. Mayor's Request 206329 (ID:18808) Requesting acceptance of a \$38,000 grant that requires a match, from the Harvard Graduate School of Education to the Health & Human Services Department for a student residency from July 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019.

Director of Health and Human Services Doug Kress stated that this money is a grant that is being received from Harvard University's Graduate School of Education, to pay for a Doctoral Resident's research in the city. The grant requires a match of \$30,000 that has been allocated in the budget.

37. Mayor's Request 206330 (ID:19048) Requesting acceptance of a \$3,000 grant with no new match required, from the Somerville Housing Authority to the Arts Council for support of the Mystic Mural program.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

38. Mayor's Request 206331 (ID:19036) Requesting the re-appointment of John McKenna to the Licensing Commission.

Alderman Scott requested to waive the reading of item 38 and refer it to the Confirmation of Appointments Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

# **COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

39. Officer's Traffic and Parking Director responding to Items from this Board's 6/14/18 Communication meeting.

206332 (ID:19037)

Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the readings of items 39 through 40 and place them on file with a copy to the Traffic and Parking Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

40. Officer's Traffic a Communication meeting.

Traffic and Parking Director responding to Items from this Board's 5/24/18 meeting.

206333 (ID:19002)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

# **NEW BUSINESS**

41. License/Permit 206334 (ID:19107)

Public Event License, Belmont St-Spring Hill Terrace Block Party, from Summer St to Highland Ave, Jul 26, 5-9:30PM (raindates Jul 27,28).

Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 41 through 48 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

42. License/Permit 206335 (ID:19108)

License/Permit Public Event License, ESMS Movie Nights in the Park, Chuckie Harris Park, 206335 Jul 27, Aug 31, Sep 28, 5-11PM (raindates Jul 28, Sep 1, Sep 29).

43. 206336 (ID:19109)

License/Permit Public Event License, 7ate9 Bakery National Cheesecake Day, 199 Highland Ave, Jul 28, 8AM-6PM (raindate Jul 29).

**RESULT:** 

**APPROVED** 

44. License/Permit 206337

(ID:19110)

Public Event License, Ivaloo St Block Party, from Harrison St to Park St, Jul 28, Noon-5PM (raindate Jul 29).

**RESULT:** 

**APPROVED** 

45. 206338 (ID:19111)

License/Permit Public Event License, Bolton-Houghton-Oak Sts Block Party, Oak St from Houghton St to Bolton St, Jul 28, 1-7PM (raindate Jul 29).

**RESULT:** 

**APPROVED** 

46. 206339 (ID:19112)

License/Permit Public Event License, Newbury St Block Party, Jul 29, 11AM-9PM (raindate Aug 5).

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

47. License/Permit 206340

Public Event License, Hudson St Block Party, in the vicinity of 140 Hudson St only, Aug 1, 5:30PM-8:30PM (raindate Aug 8).

(ID:19113)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

48. 206341

License/Permit Public Event License, Bow St Place Block Party, Aug 4, 3-7PM (raindate Aug 11).

(ID:19114)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

49. License/Permit 206342

Public Event License, The Burren's Keep it Country Music Festival, Grove St Parking Lot, Aug 5, 8AM-10PM (raindate Aug 12).

(ID:19115)

Alderman Davis stated that there were two questions on the application that need clarification. The application was approved pending answers satisfactory to the Fire and Traffic and Parking Departments.

**RESULT:** APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

CONDITION: Approval is contingent upon final approval by the Fire and Traffic and Parking Departments.

50. 206343 (ID:19116)

License/Permit Public Event License, Lexington St Block Party, Aug 5, 3:30-8PM (raindate Aug 19).

> Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 50 through 68 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

51. License/Permit Public Event License, Parkdale-Lewis Sts Block Party, Parkdale St and Dead 206344 End of Lewis St, Aug 12, 5-10PM (raindate Aug 19). (ID:19117) **RESULT:** APPROVED 52. License/Permit Public Event License, Waldo-Dimick-Marion Block Party, Waldo Ave and 206345 Dimick St from Calvin St to Marion St, Aug 18, 7AM-6PM (raindate Aug 19). (ID:19118) **RESULT: APPROVED** 53. License/Permit Public Event License, Pembroke Ct Block Party, Aug 19, 1-7PM (raindate Aug 206346 26). (ID:19119) **RESULT: APPROVED** 54. License/Permit Public Event License, Teen Empowerment Block Party, Cross St East and 206347 Chuckie Harris Park, Aug 22, 11AM-6PM (raindate Aug 23). (ID:19120) **RESULT: APPROVED** 55. License/Permit Public Event License, Grand View Ave Block Party, Sep 8, 2-8:30PM 206348 (raindates Sep 7 3:30-8:30PM, Sep 9 3:30-8:30PM). (ID:19121) **RESULT: APPROVED** 56. License/Permit Public Event License, Race to the Row, Assembly Row area, Aug 26, 7AM-206349 2PM. (ID:19122) **RESULT: APPROVED** 57. License/Permit Public Event License, Brastow Ave Block Party, Sep 8, Noon-10PM (raindate 206350 Sep 9). (ID:19123) **RESULT: APPROVED** 58. License/Permit Public Event License, Bartlett-Adams Sts Block Party, Bartlett St from Broadway to Medford St, Sep 9, 11AM-5PM (raindate Sep 16). 206351 (ID:19124) **RESULT:** APPROVED 59. License/Permit Public Event License, Society of Cosmas and Damian Procession, Rossmore-206352 Mansfield-Medford-South-Harding Sts area, Sep 9, 3-5PM (raindate Sep 10). (ID:19125) **RESULT:** APPROVED License/Permit Public Event License, Somerville Overcoming Addiction Vigil, Trum Field 60. 206353 Bandstand, Sep 12, 4-9PM. (ID:19126) **APPROVED RESULT:** 

61.	206354	Public Event License, Hudson St Block Party, from Waldo St to Central St, Sep 15, 3-7PM (raindate Sep 16).			
(ID:19127)		RESULT:	APPROVED		
206355		Public Event License, ESMS Halloween Block Party, Chuckie Harris Park, Oct 27, Noon-8PM (raindate Oct 28).			
	(ID:19128)	RESULT:	APPROVED		
63.	License/Permit 206356	New Drainlayer's	License, Galway Excavation.		
	(ID:19129)	RESULT:	APPROVED		
64.		New Drainlayer's License, Hercules C & G Drain.			
	206357 (ID:19130)	RESULT:	APPROVED		
65. License/Permit		Renewing Flammables License, Shield Broadway, 620 Broadway.			
206358 (ID:19131)		RESULT:	APPROVED		
66.		Renewing Garage	License, Green Automotive, 600 Windsor Pl.		
	206359 (ID:19132)	RESULT:	APPROVED		
67.	License/Permit	Renewing Garage	License, Mike's Auto Services, 6 Beach Ave.		
206360 (ID:19133)		RESULT:	APPROVED		
68.		Renewing Garage	License, A Plus Autobody, 295 Medford St.		
	206361 (ID:19134)	RESULT:	APPROVED		
69.		•	eral closing the record re: #205402, an Open Meeting Law ainst this Board by Sgt. Michael Kiely on 3/16/18.		
	206362 (ID:19135)		on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.  PLACED ON FILE		
70.		MA Attorney General closing the record re: #205661, an Open Meeting Law complaint filed against this Board by Sgt. Michael Kiely on 4/6/18.			
	206363 (ID:19136)	RESULT:	PLACED ON FILE		
71.		Matt Griesbach submitting comments re: #204954, a Home Rule Petition for a Real Estate Transfer Fee.			
	206364 (ID:19137)	RESULT:	PLACED ON FILE		

72. Public

4 businesses submitting comments re: #205858, the Chef Grill Mobile Food Communication Vendor operating on Grand Union Blvd.

206365 (ID:19138)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

# SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

73. Resolution 206366 (ID:19139) By Ald. Niedergang, Clingan, Hirsch, Rossetti, Ewen-Campen, Davis, Scott, White Jr., Mbah, Ballantyne

That the City observe a moratorium on all National Grid new and replacement gas line work until National Grid puts their qualified employees back to work.

Ald. McLaughlin was recused.

Alderman Niedergang stated that the Administration issued a news release today to all city staff establishing a moratorium. Only emergency work will be allowed.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

74. Order 206367 (ID:19140) By Ald. Niedergang, Ewen-Campen

That the Director of Traffic and Parking temporarily deploy pop-up caution signs to protect pedestrians at intersections where there were crosswalks on Lowell Street, as there are currently no street markings following the repaving of the street.

Alderman Niedergang stated that Administration has deployed at least half of these pop up caution signs as of today.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

75. Order 206368 (ID:19141)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen, Davis, Hirsch, Mbah, Niedergang, Clingan That the Administration present this Board with legal options for granting noncitizen residents the right to vote in local elections.

Alderman Ewen-Campen strongly supported non-citizens voting in local elections, and would like this matter considered by the Board. Aldermen Davis, Mbah, Niedergang, Clingan and Hirsch also strongly supported the idea, and Alderman Hirsch said that one in three people in Somerville have voted in zero elections due to lack of citizenship.

**APPROVED RESULT:** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

76. Order 206369 (ID:19142) By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Director of SPCD immediately explore both short- and long-term strategies to increase pedestrian accessibility to the Central Library, particularly for seniors and others with mobility concerns.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee 77. Resolution 206370

(ID:19143)

(ID:19144)

By Ald. Hirsch, Mbah

That the Administration strongly encourage the MBTA to develop a fare structure that discounts fares based on income.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

78. Resolution 206371

By Ald. Hirsch, Mbah

That the Administration pilot a local transit discount, such as through a City services pass.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

79. Mayor's Request 206372 (ID:19099) Requesting approval to appropriate \$180,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the Central Hill Campus Plan.

Alderman White requested to waive the reading of item 79 and refer it to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

80. Mayor's Request 206373 (ID:19104) Requesting the appointment of Alan Bingham as a Member of the Historic Preservation Commission.

Alderman Scott requested to waive the reading of item 80 and refer it to the Confirmation of Appointments Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

81. Officer's

Director of Engineering submitting a Staff Memorandum on reviewing Communication National Grid permits during the lockout.

206374 (ID:19148)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

### LATE ITEMS

(ID:19149)

82. Order 206375 By Ald. Niedergang, Hirsch, Ewen-Campen

That the Commissioner of Public Works install audible pedestrian signals so people can cross safely at the busy intersection of Highland Avenue and

Central Street.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

83. Order 206376 (ID:19150) By Ald. Ballantyne

That the City's Arborist inspect the health of the tree at 146 Powderhouse Blvd.

84. Order By Ald. Ballantyne

206377 That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect 33-35 Barton Street

(ID:19151) for vegetation growing into and obstructing a public way.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

85. Communication By Ald. Hirsch, Clingan

206378 Sharing the intention to promote an opioid overdose public awareness

(ID:19152) campaign.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

86. Communication By Ald. Ballantyne

206379 Acting as President, cancelling the Regular meetings of this Board that were

(ID:19153) scheduled for July 26, 2018, and August 9, 2018.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

# **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:55 PM.

# City of Somerville, Massachusetts Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen

# **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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# **OPENING OF THE MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Ward Seven Alderman Katjana Ballantyne

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

1. Roll Call 206380 (ID:19280) Call of the Roll.

Alderman White and Alderman Rossetti sponsored a moment of silence for John O'Leary.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. Minutes 206381 (ID:19281)

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, June 28, 2018.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

### **CITATIONS**

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

3. Grant of Location 206382 (ID:19238) Submitted by Eversource to install 6 feet of conduit from Pole 246/4 to a point of pickup at 27 Murdock St.

The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy with Eversource discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

# ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

4. Resolution 206383 (ID:19279)

By Ald. Clingan, Hirsch, Ballantyne, McLaughlin, the Entire Board and the Mayor

Supporting Somerville Overcoming Addiction and other community groups by Resolving that September, 2018 shall be Recovery Month in Somerville.

Alderman McLaughlin sponsored Jo-Ann Rivieccio and Robert Reed, who shared their stories about addiction and promoted addiction awareness. Alderman Hirsch reported that Thursday, August 30, at 5:30 PM, in front of City Hall, 156 purple flags will be placed in the lawn to acknowledge the 156 people who have been lost since 2000. Everyone is encouraged to mark their own property purple, with lights, flags, or ribbons. Somerville's "Overcoming Addiction" event is on September 12 at Trum Field, at 6 PM. The Harrington Foundation's Corn Toss Tournament is on September 15.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

Statement

By Ald. Ballantyne

President Ballantyne reported to the Board the plans for filling the vacant Assistant Clerk of Committees position. She also asked the Board to prioritize Orders in their Committee queues, and to schedule any Committee that would like to meet, do so by mid-October. From this meeting going forward, she announced, as the Clerk reads the Orders, the Board will approve them without them being forwarded to a Committee, unless an Alderman so requests the Director of SPCD update this Board on the status of the Urban Forestry Committee.

5. Order 206384 (ID:19174)

By Ald. Rossetti, Scott, Hirsch, Mbah, Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Davis, White Jr., Ballantyne

That the Director of SPCD update this Board on the status of the Urban Forestry Committee.

Alderman Rossetti said she has requested an update several times, but has not received a response. She wants this addressed at the next Board meeting.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE FOLLOWUP: Board of Aldermen

6. Order 206385 (ID:19172)

By Ald. Rossetti

That the Director of Finance update this Board of all state funding (anticipated vs. actual) for this Fiscal Year.

Alderman Rossetti said she would like an update to find out what monies are anticipated and what it means for the budget.

RESULT: APPROVED

7. Resolution 206386 (ID:19176)

By Ald. Rossetti, Ballantyne

That the Administration update this Board on the status of the Tufts PILOT Negotiations Committee.

Alderman Rossetti requested an update on the Tufts Pilot Negotiations Committee and its work.

RESULT: APPROVED

8. Order 206387 (ID:19173) By Ald. Rossetti, McLaughlin

That the Chief Assessor provide this Board with the number of retail vacancies citywide.

Alderman Rossetti said she learned at a meeting of the Porter Square Neighborhood Association that Cambridge residents are concerned about vacant storefronts, some of which have been vacant for more than 6 years. She learned that Arlington instituted a vacancy fee which has proven to be very effective. Cambridge's Assessor is now working on a Home Rule Petition to allow lower-than-assessed tax rates for owners of these properties if they lease them at below-market rates. This could be an option in Somerville. Alderman McLaughlin said he has submitted an Order to draft an Ordinance similar to Arlington's. Arlington creates a registry of all vacant buildings, and all owners of those buildings pay a fee since the town is responsible for monitoring them. There is a fine of \$100 per day for any property that doesn't register. Alderman Hirsch hopes that the zoning overhaul can include an inclusionary unit for retail or non-profit space as an option for developers.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

9. Resolution 206388 (ID:19177)

By Ald. Rossetti

That the Administration consider revising the process of notice for unpaid noncriminal violations, paying particular attention to the second notice which is mailed more than 6 months later indicating potential liens on properties.

Alderman Rossetti heard from a constituent that they recently received a noncriminal violation notice that mentioned a potential lien to be placed on their property. This constituent, after paying the \$50 fine, found out that the ticket was issued in December 2017 and said she never received the original ticket in the mail. Alderman Rossetti said offenders should get a second notice of violation soon after the first, without being threatened with a lien on their property.

10. Communication By Ald. Rossetti

206389 (ID:19175) Reporting on the High School Building Committee meetings on July 16 and August 13.

Alderman Rossetti reported that everything is currently on schedule. The bricks from the demolished buildings will be offered for sale by the High School Scholarship Foundation, with the proceeds used for scholarships. The CTE classrooms will be moved in April 2019. Suffolk Construction reported that some of the subcontracting bids have been higher then anticipated. The most critical over-budget items are related to site improvements, landscaping, drywall and concrete.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

11. Order 206390 (ID:19178)

By Ald. Niedergang, Hirsch

That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Traffic and Parking report to this Board on plans to improve traffic signalization and flow at problem intersections such as Powderhouse Circle, Magoun Square, and others.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

12. Resolution 206391 (ID:19179)

By Ald. Niedergang, and the Entire Board

That the Administration submit an update to this Board on efforts to create a Municipal ID, including a plan for dealing with the encryption of information that appears to be holding back progress.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

13. Order 206392 (ID:19180)

By Ald. Niedergang, and the Entire Board

That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on the depletion of the City's tree canopy due to development and infrastructure projects, and present the Administration's response to mitigate the harm from these lost trees.

Alderman Niedergang commented that everyone is upset about the loss of trees.

RESULT: APPROVED

14. Order 206393 (ID:19181)

By Ald. Niedergang

That, in the interest of tree preservation, the City Solicitor draft a revision of the Tree Ordinance to include restrictions and regulations on cutting trees of at least six inches in diameter on private property, and explain how the proposed revision differs from the ones that Cambridge, Lexington and Newton that have already passed to protect trees on private property.

Alderman Niedergang said that other communities Newton, Cambridge and Lexington have protections in place for trees on private property.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

15. Order 206394

By Ald. Niedergang

206394 That the City Solicitor provide update this Board on drafting a home rule (ID:19182) petition to change the name Alderman to City Councilor.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

16. Order 206395 (ID:19183)

By Ald. Niedergang, Scott

That the Director of SPCD update this Board on the Administration's traffic calming program, including a report on the traffic petition program and responses to and implementation of petition requests for traffic calming interventions on specific streets.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

17. Order 206396 (ID:19184)

By Ald. Niedergang, Hirsch, Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne

That the Director of SPCD and other City staff report to this Board on the Bird electric dockless scooter program and how the Administration plans to deal with it.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

18. Order 206397 (ID:19185)

By Ald. Niedergang

That this Board discharge #205807 from the Legislative Matters Committee: "That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance to establish the city's current green space as a minimum allowed amount, as described within."

See Agenda #187.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

19. Order 206398 (ID:19186)

By Ald. Niedergang

That this Board discharge #202258 from the Legislative Matters Committee: "Planning Board conveying its recommendations re: #200102 (inclusionary housing), with respect to Tenancy Preservation."

See Agenda #188.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

20. Order 206399 (ID:19187) By Ald. Niedergang

That this Board discharge #202259 from the Legislative Matters Committee: "Planning Board conveying its recommendations re: #200102 (inclusionary housing), with respect to Waiting Lists."

See Agenda #189.

21. Order 206400

(ID:19188)

By Ald. Niedergang

That this Board discharge #205445 from the Legislative Matters Committee: "That the Administration establish a dedicated fund within the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to provide direct housing assistance for municipal employees struggling to remain in Somerville, which could be funded through revenue from a real estate transfer Fee."

See Agenda #190.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

22. Order 206401 (ID:19189)

By Ald. Niedergang

That this Board discharge #205446 from the Legislative Matters Committee: "That the Administration establish a dedicated fund within the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to support community land trusts in Somerville, which could be funded through revenue from a real estate transfer fee."

See Agenda #191.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

23. Order 206402 (ID:19190) By Ald. Niedergang

That this Board discharge #204532 from the Legislative Matters Committee: "That the City Solicitor determine whether the City may issue a parking citation to vehicles parked on private property in violation of zoning provisions that prohibit such parking."

See Agenda #192.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

24. Order 206403 (ID:19191)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin, Davis, Hirsch, Mbah That the City Solicitor draft a home rule petition to grant Permanent Residents the right to vote in municipal elections.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

25. Resolution 206404 (ID:19192)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Administration update this Board on the State's recent passage of Automatic Voter Registration, and what it will mean for residents.

Alderman Ewen-Campen put in an Order a few months ago about expanding access to voter registration around the City. The State recently passed automatic voter registration, and he would like an update on what this means for residents.

26. Order 206405 (ID:19193)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Scott

That the Director of SPCD, the City Engineer, and the Commissioner of Public Works report in writing to this Board, their response to the concerns raised by the Somerville Bicycle Committee on August 17, 2018, regarding the ongoing unsafe conditions on Beacon Street.

Alderman Scott stated that this is not just about bike safety, it's about safety for pedestrians, motorists and cyclists. Beacon Street is a project that has gone on for far too long.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

27. Resolution 206406 (ID:19194)

By Ald. 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:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

28. Order 206407 (ID:19195) By Ald. 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.

Alderman Ewen-Campen stated that there is a long delay from when the street is paved to when the safety markings are painted. He recommended that whenever paving is happening, safety cones, etc., should automatically be installed at all intersections, crosswalks, etc.

RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

29. Order 206408 (ID:19196) By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Director of SPCD provide the Ward 3 Alderman with traffic calming and pedestrian safety interventions for Trull Lane, in advance of any proposed development there.

Alderman Ewen-Campen requested to waive the readings of items 29 through 31 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

30. Order 206409 (ID:19197)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Director of SPCD provide the Ward 3 Alderman with traffic calming and pedestrian safety interventions for the intersections of Summer and Belmont Streets, and Summer and Lowell Streets, in advance of any proposed development there.

31. Order By Ald. Ewen-Campen

206410 That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a VERY SLOW - CHILDREN (ID:19198)

PLAYING sign, or other appropriate safety sign, facing west towards Belmont

Street, at the entrance to Spring Hill Terrace.

**APPROVED RESULT:** 

32. Order By Ald. Davis

> 206411 (ID:19202)

That additional signage be placed in Seven Hills Park clearly indicating when the park closes and advising that Police take notice.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

33. Order By Ald. Davis

> 206412 (ID:19203)

That the Police Department increase regular patrols in Seven Hills Park after the park closes, and particularly after the Davis Square bars close, to encourage people to move along and stop causing noise disturbances.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

34. Order By Ald. Davis

206413 (ID:19200)

That the sign at the corner of College and Kidder Avenues, indicating no left turn onto Kidder Avenue at certain times, be re-set to be clearly visible to traffic traveling south on College Avenue.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

35. Order By Ald. Davis

206414 (ID:19207)

That the City Arborist and the Tree Warden inspect the trees at the lower end of Nathan Tufts Park and remove the large dead branches, particularly on the oak trees.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

Order 36. By Ald. Davis

> 206415 (ID:19208)

That the Director of Public Works fill the pothole at 34 Liberty Avenue.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

37. Resolution By Ald. Davis

> 206416 (ID:19201)

That the Administration advise the Ward 6 Alderman on any plans to make improvements to Seven Hills Park.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

38. Order By Ald. Davis

> 206417 (ID:19199)

That the Director of Capital Projects advise this Board on the status of the West Branch Library renovation.

**RESULT: APPROVED**  39. Order

206418 (ID:19206) By Ald. Davis

That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Traffic and Parking advise the Ward 6 Alderman on any efforts to improve pedestrian safety at the intersection of Elm Street with Willow Avenue and Beech Street.

# **RESULT:** APPROVED

40. Order 206419

By Ald. Davis

That the City Solicitor and Chief of Police advise the Ward 6 Alderman on the enforcement of and relationship between the Noise Ordinance and the Street Performers Ordinance.

# **RESULT:** APPROVED

41. Order

By Ald. Davis

206420 (ID:19205)

(ID:19204)

That the City Solicitor advise the Ward 6 Alderman on the scope of the Noise Ordinance to the extent it applies to day time hours.

## **RESULT:** APPROVED

42. Order 206421 (ID:19211)

By Ald. Hirsch, Davis, Ballantyne

That the Director of Health and Human Services develop a FAQ about the local implementation of medical and recreational marijuana sales.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

43. Resolution 206422

(ID:19212)

(ID:19213)

By Ald. Hirsch, Clingan

That the Administration consider establishing a permanent memorial sculpture or garden to recognize residents whose lives have been lost to opioid overdoses or related conditions.

#### RESULT: APPROVED

44. Resolution 206423

By Ald. Hirsch, McLaughlin

That the Administration provide an update on the June budget resolution to add a staff person who can meet with neighborhoods to implement rodent control recommendations.

## **RESULT:** APPROVED

45. Resolution 206424 (ID:19215)

By Ald. Hirsch

That the Administration consider reducing the use of t-shirts for give-aways, given the large number that end up not getting worn.

Alderman Hirsch suggested that instead of t-shirts, the city could give away reusable bags or other such items.

RESULT: APPROVED

46. Resolution 206425

(ID:19219)

By Ald. Hirsch, Davis, Mbah

That the Administration and this Board convene several meetings with residents who have expertise in waste reduction strategies to explore our recycling and solid waste disposal model, to see if better options exist, both in terms of labor and environmental impact.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

47. Order 206426 (ID:19218)

By Ald. Hirsch, Ballantyne

That the Chief of Police report on the placement of crossing guards and how the location assignments get prioritized.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

48. Order 206427 (ID:19220)

By Ald. 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.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

49. Order 206428 (ID:19216)

By Ald. Hirsch

That the Commissioner of Public Works explain the method of monitoring whether or not new curb cuts are built in accordance with driveway apron specifications.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

50. Order 206429

By Ald. Hirsch

206429 (ID:19217) That the Chief of Police and the Director of Health and Human Services share ways that the City or School Department can help teens or children who have witnessed a crime, trauma, or an arrest, to process the information after the event.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

51. Communication By Ald. Hirsch, Mbah, Ewen-Campen

206430

Sharing information about the Housing Challenge held on July 15, 2018.

(ID:19209)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

52. Communication By Ald. Hirsch, Niedergang

206431 Sharing updates on the work of the Pedestrian/Transit Resident Advocacy (ID:19210) group.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

53. Communication By Ald. Hirsch, Niedergang

206432 (ID:19214) Sharing information about a possible car-light challenge and inviting this Board to participate as a sponsor.

Alderman Hirsch explained the car-light challenge, which is a program for people to try living without a car. Lyft would be the primary sponsor of this program. Alderman Rossetti warned that before going forward, the City Solicitor should weigh in on partnering with a particular private company.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

54. Order 206433 (ID:19224)

By Ald. Scott, Davis, Clingan, Rossetti, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, White Jr., Ballantyne, Mbah, McLaughlin

That the Director of Personnel provide this Board with aggregate data for sexual harassment complaints, as noted within.

Alderman Scott stated that he filed some FOIA requests and learned that there is no tracking of sexual harassment cases involving city employees. He sponsored Cristina Deweese, Co-Chair of the Commission for Women, who asked that the city put in place a tracking system for these cases, omitting names but including departments and outcomes. This would provide additional accountability and ensure a safe space for all.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

55. Order 206434 (ID:19225)

By Ald. Scott

That the Director of SPCD advertise and staff the Urban Forestry Committee without further delay. (2nd request–see #206207 and #206237)

**RESULT:** APPROVED

56. Resolution 206435 (ID:19226)

By Ald. Scott

That the Administration report in writing on the net change in total trees and tree inches (plantings-removals) from all city projects in 2017. (2nd request-see #205704)

Alderman Scott expressed concerned about tree removals in the City. President Ballantyne shared that the Board's work in the past has led the City to hire an Arborist, or Urban Forestry Planner. Prior to that, all tree removals and trimmings were handled by the DPW.

RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

57. Resolution

By Ald. Scott

206436 (ID:19227) That the Administration report in writing on the net change in tree inches (plantings - removals) based on all city projects planned for 2018. (2nd request–see #205705)

**RESULT:** APPROVED

58. Order

By Ald. Scott

206437 (ID:19232)

(ID:19228)

That the Director of Traffic and Parking install NO TRUCKS signage at the intersection of Durham and Beacon Streets.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

59. Order 206438

By Ald. Scott

That the Director of SPCD address this Board regarding traffic congestion on Oak and Houghton Streets resulting from recent traffic pattern changes in Union Square.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

60. Order 206439 (ID:19229)

By Ald. Scott

That the Director of SPCD address this Board regarding safety along Beacon Street, given the continuing incomplete state of construction and the unofficial moratorium on signage and safety enhancements.

Alderman Scott said that due to incomplete signage and incomplete construction on Beacon Street, there are serious safety issues there.

RESULT: APPROVED

61. Order 206440 (ID:19230) By Ald. Scott

That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with a detailed report of current contractual obligations regarding Beacon Street reconstruction, including costs incurred, work still outstanding on the current contracts, and the implications of cancellation of the outstanding contracts.

Alderman Scott said it is clear that the City does not have a hold on the Beacon Street project and he would like the Director of SPCD to provide the Board with a detailed report of current contractual obligations for the project.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

62. Order 206441 (ID:19231)

By Ald. Scott, McLaughlin

That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services report to this Board on the current homeowner assistance policy on rodent abatement relative to the underspend of our annual rodent control budget.

Alderman Scott would like to see the money that is sitting in the budget for rodent control be put to work on the rodent problem.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Rodent Issues Special Committee

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

# COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

63. Mayor's Request 206442 (ID:19161) Requesting the appropriation of \$6,000 from the CPA Fund Open Space and Recreational Land Reserve budget to Groundwork Somerville, for the conservation restriction fee for the 5 Palmer parcel.

Alderman White requested to waive the readings of items 63 through 65 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

64. Mayor's Request 206443 (ID:19156) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$15,000 in the Police Department, from the Detention Attendants Account to the Salary and Wages Temporary Account, to fund Matron Salaries.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

65. Mayor's Request 206444 (ID:19169) Requesting approval to pay two prior year invoices totaling \$3,550 using available funds in the FY2019 Communications Department Professional Services and Employee Training Courses Accounts.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

66. Mayor's Request 206445 (ID:19163) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$307.59 using available funds in the Police Department Office Supply Account for office supplies from W.B. Mason.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

67. Mayor's Request 206446 (ID:19154) 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.

Alderman White requested to waive the reading of item 67 and refer it to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

68. Mayor's Request 206447 (ID:19159) Requesting acceptance of a \$187,801 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Energy Resources to the Office of Sustainability & Environment, for the installation of energy-efficient lighting in City buildings and an electric vehicle charging station.

Alderman White sponsored Mayor's representative Annie O'Connor to speak on this item. She requested immediate consideration to satisfy a timeline issue with a rebate program through Eversource. This grant, requiring no matching funds, offers a rebate of 30%.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

69. Mayor's Request 206448 (ID:19147) 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.

Alderman White requested to waive the readings of items 69 through 73 and refer to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

70. Mayor's Request 206449 (ID:19146) Requesting acceptance of a \$12,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Office of Public Safety and Security to the Police Department for the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over and Click It or Ticket Mobilization Programs.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

71. Mayor's Request 206450 (ID:19145) Requesting acceptance of a \$3,750 grant with no new match required, from the MA Office of Public Safety and Security to the Police Department for pedestrian and bicycle safety enforcement.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

72. Mayor's Request 206451 (ID:19160) Requesting acceptance of a \$3,100 grant with no new match required, from the MA Attorney General to the Health and Human Services Department, for summer youth jobs.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

73. Mayor's Request 206452 (ID:19076)

Requesting acceptance of a \$2,000 grant with no new match required, from the Mount Auburn Hospital to the Health & Human Services Department for health equity training.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

74. Mayor's Request 206453 (ID:19167) Requesting an Exemption Under Section 20(b) of Chapter 268A on behalf of employee David Capuano.

Alderman Rossetti asked Mayor's representative Annie Connor about this request. She said it was a request for an employee to hold two jobs in the City. The employee is currently a Parking Control Officer and now wants to be a Crossing Guard as well.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION RESULT:

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

75. Mayor's Request 206454

Requesting the re-appointment of Michael A. Capuano to the Planning Board.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

## COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

76. Officer's

(ID:19221)

Special Counsel submitting D2 Block Acquisition and Legal Costs.

Communication 206455 (ID:19166)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE **FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

77. Officer's 206456

Community Preservation Manager responding to #206304 re: current practices Communication on public access agreements for CPA funded sites.

(ID:19164)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

78. Officer's

Parks and Recreation Director responding to #206302 re: outdoor pool Communication utilization and capacity.

206457 (ID:19155)

PLACED ON FILE **RESULT: FOLLOWUP:** Youth Services Committee

79.	Officer's Communication 206458 (ID:19157)	Traffic and Parking Director responding to Items from the 6/28/18 Board meeting.		
		RESULT:	PLACED ON FILE	
80.	Officer's Communication 206459 (ID:19158)		g Director responding to Items from the 7/12/18 Board	
		RESULT:	PLACED ON FILE	
	NEW BUSINES	SS		
81.	License/Permit 206460	New Drainlayer's I	License, Dewcon Inc.	
	(ID:19239)		ti requested to waive the readings of items 81 through 101 n. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.  APPROVED	
82.	License/Permit	Renewing Drainlay	yer's License, Environic Solutions.	
	206461 (ID:19240)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
83.	License/Permit	Renewing Flammables License, Broadway Gulf, 212 Broadway.		
	206462 (ID:19241)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
84.	License/Permit 206463 (ID:19242)	Renewing Flamma Ave.	bles License, Cambridge Health Alliance, 230 Highland	
		RESULT:	APPROVED	
85.	License/Permit 206464 (ID:19243)	Renewing Billiards	s and Bowling License, Diesel Cafe, 257 Elm St.	
		RESULT:	APPROVED	
86.	License/Permit 206465 (ID:19244)	Renewing Extende Highland Ave.	ed Operating Hours License, Dumpling Kitchen, 217	
		RESULT:	APPROVED	
87.	License/Permit 206466 (ID:19245)	Sign/Awning Perm	nit, Comicazi, 407 Highland Ave, 1 sign.	
		RESULT:	APPROVED	
88.	License/Permit 206467 (ID:19246)	Public Event Licer approval granted.)	nse, Indiana Ave Block Party, Jul 29, 2-9PM. (Interim	
		RESULT:	APPROVED	

89.	License/Permit 206468 (ID:19247)	Public Event License, Great Urban Campout, Nunziato Field, Aug 25 11AM-Aug 26 Noon (raindate Aug 24-25).			
		RESULT:	APPROVED		
90.	License/Permit 206469 (ID:19249)	Public Event License, Murdock St Block Party, Aug 25, 12:30-5:30PM.			
		RESULT:	APPROVED		
91. License/Pern 206470 (ID:19250)			ense, Arts Council Puppet Palooza, Chuckie Harris Park, Aug 9AM-4PM, Sep 11 & 13 show, 4-7:30PM (raindates Sep 12 &		
		RESULT:	APPROVED		
92.	206471		ense, Fremont/Bowdoin/Parker/Washington Block Party, ad end, Aug 26, 2-8PM (raindate Sep 9).		
	(ID:19251)	RESULT:	APPROVED		
93.	License/Permit 206472 (ID:19252)		ense, Arts Council East Somerville Mural Celebration, 44 eding to 112 Broadway and East Branch Library, Aug 30,		
		RESULT:	APPROVED		
94.	License/Permit 206473 (ID:19253)	Public Event Lic (raindate Sep 9).	ense, FRIT Riverfest, Assembly Row, Sep 8, 10AM-10PM		
		RESULT:	APPROVED		
95.		Public Event Lic	ense, Arts Fairfax St Block Party, Sep 8, 11AM-7PM.		
	206474 (ID:19258)	RESULT:	APPROVED		
96.	License/Permit 206475 (ID:19254)		ense, Ward 2 Democratic Committee Voter Registration coln Park dead end, Sep 8, 2-6:30PM (raindate Sep 15).		
		RESULT:	APPROVED		
97.	License/Permit 206476 (ID:19255)		ense, Gibbens St Block Party, from Benton Rd to Central St, PM (raindate Sep 15).		
		RESULT:	APPROVED		
98.	License/Permit 206477 (ID:19256)	Public Event Lic	ense, Somerville Dog Festival, Trum Field, Sep 9, 6AM-9PM.		
		RESULT:	APPROVED		

99. 206478

License/Permit Public Event License, Arts Council Rock and Roll Yard Sale, Union Sq Plaza, Sep 9, 8AM-7PM (raindate Sep 16).

(ID:19257)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

100. License/Permit 206479

Public Event License, St James/Windom/Elston/Summer Block Party, St James Ave from Elm St to Summer St, Sep 9, Noon-8PM.

(ID:19259)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

101. 206480

(ID:19260)

License/Permit Public Event License, Thayna's Birthday Party/Indiana Ave Block Party, Indiana Ave, Sep 9, 1-9PM (raindate 9-16).

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

102. Public 206481

18 registered voters submitting a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to Communication add a new Section 17.8 re: open space requirements for mid-rise and high-rise buildings.

(ID:19237)

Also referred to the Planning Board.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

103. **Public** 

Cameroon US Ambassador responding to #206187 re: the humanitarian crisis Communication in Cameroon's English-speaking regions.

206482 (ID:19261)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

104. **Public** 

Somerville YIMBY Committee submitting comments re: #204278, the Communication Demolition Review ordinance.

206483

**RESULT:** (ID:19262)

PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

105. **Public** Communication ordinance.

Justin Rank submitting comments re: #204278, the Demolition Review

206484

(ID:19263)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

## SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

106. Withdrawn Withdrawn.

206485 (ID:19233)

**RESULT:** WITHDRAWN 107. Order 206486 (ID:19293)

By Ald. Scott

That the City take by eminent domain for a public purpose the property at 217 Somerville Ave, for the sum of \$1,200,000.

Alderman Scott reported that this property is abandoned and overgrown and has rodents, and could be made into a park. It was recently purchased by a developer and does not have a current use or any current plans. Alderman Ballantyne said a park would be wonderful, but there needs to be a negotiation before acquiring the property. Alderman Scott responded that this is not a negotiation, it's how eminent domain works, using fair market value. Alderman Niedergang said the city should take every step possible to get more open space, and he would like to explore this proposal further.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

108. Resolution 206487 (ID:19292)

By Ald. Scott

That the Administration discuss with this Board a plan to create a permanent space for the Groundworks Somerville program, currently known as the South Street Farm, which is planned for displacement.

Alderman Scott requested that this item be discussed at the Board's next meeting.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE FOLLOWUP: Board of Aldermen

109. Order 206488 (ID:19320)

By Ald. Rossetti, Hirsch, White Jr.

That this Board revisit the Assistant City Solicitor's 2014 language of the attached Draft Ordinance relating to the discontinuance of Globe Direct deliveries.

Alderman Rossetti said the city needs an Ordinance addressing the distribution of Globe Direct advertising circulars.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

110. Ordinance 206489 (ID:19321)

By Ald. Niedergang

Proposing a Zoning Ordinance amendment for Slope Protection to require a Special Permit for developments on steeply sloped parcels, as attached.

Also referred to the Planning Board.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

111. Order 206490 (ID:19322) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the large sinkhole next to the curb cut at 9 Rogers Avenue.

RESULT: APPROVED

112. Order

By Ald. Niedergang

206491 (ID:19323) That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the small sinkhole in the center of the intersection of Highland Avenue and Lowell Street.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

113. Order

By Ald. Ballantyne, and the Entire Board

206492 (ID:19291) That the Director of SPCD prioritize zoning, planning and ordinance work for the "transformative districts."

Alderman Ballantyne said that the city's Transform Areas need to be prioritized when the Board works on zoning.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

114. Order 206493

(ID:19290)

By Ald. Ballantyne, and the Entire Board

That the Director of SPCD update this Board on the MMUR consultant's work.

RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

115. Order 206494 (ID:19289) By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Commissioner of Public Works clear away the high weeds, tree wells, trash etc., in Teele Square.

Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 115 and approve it. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

116. Order 206495 (ID:19288) By Ald. 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.

RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

117. Order 206496 (ID:19287) By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Director of SPCD update this Board on the plan in the "Equity Talent Playbook for Somerville".

Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 117 approve it, with a copy to the Housing and Community Development Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

118. Order 206497 (ID:19286) By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Director of SPCD stripe directional arrows on Holland Street, next to the island in Teele Square, indicating whether to turn left onto Broadway or continue straight onto Curtis Street.

Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 118 and approve it. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

119. Order 206498 (ID:19285) By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Director of Engineering explain to the Ward 7 Alderman why the 40-unit Cambridge housing development at the end of Elmwood Avenue is allowed to tie into Somerville's combined sewer system, since Elmwood Avenue and Howard Street experience severe flooding and backflow problems.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

120. Order 206499 (ID:19284) By Ald. Ballantyne, Scott

That the Director of SPCD advise when the 2018 fall tree planting plan will be published.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

121. Order 206500 (ID:19283) By Ald. Ballantyne, Scott

That the Director of SPCD and the City Arborist develop a tree planting and tree trimming "look ahead plan" similar to the Pavement and Sidewalk Management Program.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

122. Order 206501 (ID:19282) By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect 33-35 Barton Street for overgrowth along Hamilton Street. (3rd request in 2018)

Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 122 and approve it. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

123. Mayor's Request 206502 (ID:19171) Requesting appropriation of \$272,795.10 from the Receipts Reserved-Transportation Network Company Revenue Fund to the Transportation Network Company Special Revenue Fund, for Vision Zero road safety efforts.

Alderman White requested to waive the readings of items 123 through 128 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

124. Mayor's Request 206503 (ID:19236) Requesting approval to appropriate \$241,390 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the construction of the Nibble Kitchen.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

125. Mayor's Request 206504 (ID:19234) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$61,691 to the SPCD Transportation & Infrastructure Salaries Account, to establish the Sr. Urban Forestry & Landscape Planner position.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

126. Mayor's Request 206505 (ID:19235)

Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$47,175 to the Health & Human Services Salaries Account to establish the position of Environmental Health Liaison.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

127. Mayor's Request 206506 (ID:19168)

Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice of \$10,700 using available funds in the Planning and Zoning Professional Services Account for Central Hill Campus planning services.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

128. Mayor's Request 206507 (ID:19223) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$34,185 using available funds in the DPW Snow Account for snow removal services.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

129. Officer's 206508 (ID:19165)

Planning Board conveying its recommendations re: #204953, requesting Communication adoption of a new Zoning Ordinance to supersede the current Zoning Ordinance as originally adopted on March 23, 1990.

> Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 129 and place it on file, with a copy to the Land Use Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

PLACED ON FILE **RESULT: FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

130. 206509 (ID:19248)

License/Permit Public Event License, Meet and Greet with Candidate Jimmy Tingle, Powderhouse Park, Aug 25, 11AM-4PM (raindate Aug 26).

> Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 130 through 183 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

License/Permit Public Event License, Mayor's 9/11 Vigil Walk, Community Path from Cedar 131. St to the Davis Sq slip lane and island, Sep 11, 5:30-7:30PM. 206510 (ID:19324) **RESULT:** APPROVED 132. License/Permit Public Event License, Ryan Harrington Corn Toss Tournament, Trum Field, 206511 Sep 15, 8AM-6PM (raindate Sep 16). (ID:19325) **RESULT: APPROVED** License/Permit Public Event License, Boston Comedy Festival Family Fun Day, Seven Hills 206512 Park, Sep 15, 11AM-6PM. (ID:19326) **RESULT: APPROVED** 134. License/Permit Public Event License, Irving St Block Party, Sep 15, 11AM-8PM (raindate Sep 206513 16). (ID:19327) **RESULT: APPROVED** 135. License/Permit Public Event License, Oxford St Block Party, from School St to Hersey St, Sep 206514 15, 1-11:30PM (raindate Sep 16). (ID:19328) **RESULT: APPROVED** 136. License/Permit Public Event License, Josephine Ave Block Party, from Kidder Ave to 206515 Morrison Ave, Sep 15, 2-8PM (raindate Sep 16). (ID:19329) RESULT: **APPROVED** 137. License/Permit Public Event License, Gilman Sq Block Party, Richdale Ave from School St to 206516 Sycamore St, Sep 15, 2-9PM (raindate Sep 16). (ID:19330) **RESULT:** APPROVED 138. License/Permit Public Event License, Chandler St Block Party, from Chapel St to Park Ave, 206517 Sep 15, 3-7PM (raindate Sep 16). (ID:19331) **RESULT:** APPROVED 139. License/Permit Public Event License, Prospect Hill Block Party, Munroe St from Greenville St 206518 through Prospect Hill Ave, and Prospect Hill Park, and Prospect Hill Tower (ID:19332) opened for neighbors, Sep 15, 3-8PM (raindate Sep 16). **RESULT:** APPROVED 140. License/Permit Public Event License, Holyoke Rd Block Party, "bottom" of Holyoke Rd 206519 parallel to Elm St, Sep 15, 4-10PM (raindate Sep 16). (ID:19333) **RESULT:** APPROVED

141.	License/Permit 206520 (ID:19334)	Public Event License, Kingston St Block Party, from 40 Kingston St to Campbell Park, Sep 15, 4:30-10PM (raindate Sep 22).		
		RESULT:	APPROVED	
142.	License/Permit 206521 (ID:19335)	Public Event License, SomerStreets, Highland Ave from School St to Lowell St, Sep 16, Noon-8PM.		
		RESULT:	APPROVED	
143.	License/Permit 206522 (ID:19336)	Public Event License, Virginia St Block Party, Sep 16, 2-5PM.		
		RESULT:	APPROVED	
144.	206523	Public Event Lice Noon-10PM.	ense, Greene St Block Party, dead end section only, Sep 22,	
	(ID:19337)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
145.	License/Permit 206524 (ID:19338)	Public Event License, Arts Council What the Fluff Festival, Union Sq including Somerville Ave from Bow St to Prospect St, Sep 22, 1-9PM (raindate Sep 23).		
		RESULT:	APPROVED	
146.	License/Permit 206525		ense, Humane League Vegan Ice Cream Social, Powderhouse M-7PM (raindate Oct 6).	
	(ID:19339)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
147.	License/Permit 206526 (ID:19340)	it Public Event License, Ball Sq Business Association Ball for Squares, Broadway from Lowden Ave to Boston Ave, Sep 30, 10AM-6PM (rainday Oct 21).		
		RESULT:	APPROVED	
148.		Renewing Lodgin	ng House License, Tufts University, 100 Talbot Ave.	
	206527 (ID:19267)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
149.	License/Permit 206528 (ID:19268)	Renewing Lodgin	ng House License, Tufts University, 101 Talbot Ave.	
		RESULT:	APPROVED	
150.	License/Permit 206529 (ID:19269)	Renewing Lodgin	g House License, Tufts University, 106 Professors Row.	
		RESULT:	APPROVED	

151.	License/Permit 206530 (ID:19270)	Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 12 Dearborn Rd.  RESULT: APPROVED
152.		Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 125 Powderhouse Blvd.  RESULT: APPROVED
153.	License/Permit 206532 (ID:19272)	Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 13 Sawyer Ave.  RESULT: APPROVED
154.	License/Permit 206533 (ID:19273)	Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 13-15 Talbot Ave.  RESULT: APPROVED
155.	License/Permit 206534 (ID:19274)	Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 136 Curtis St.  RESULT: APPROVED
156.	License/Permit 206535 (ID:19275)	Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 14 Professors Row.  RESULT: APPROVED
157.	License/Permit 206536 (ID:19276)	Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 15 Whitfield Rd.  RESULT: APPROVED
158.	License/Permit 206537 (ID:19277)	Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 17 Latin Way.  RESULT: APPROVED
159.	License/Permit 206538 (ID:19278)	Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 176 Curtis St.  RESULT: APPROVED
160.	License/Permit 206539 (ID:19294)	Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 21 Whitfield Rd.  RESULT: APPROVED
161.	License/Permit 206540 (ID:19295)	Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 28 Professors Row.  RESULT: APPROVED
162.	License/Permit 206541 (ID:19296)	Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 29 Latin Way.  RESULT: APPROVED

163.	License/Permit 206542	Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 32 Dearborn Rd.
	(ID:19297)	RESULT: APPROVED
164.		Not used - duplicate item.
	206543 (ID:19298)	RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
165.		Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 37 Sawyer Ave.
	206544 (ID:19299)	RESULT: APPROVED
166.		Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 39R Latin Way.
	206545 (ID:19300)	RESULT: APPROVED
167.		Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 40A-F Latin Way.
	206546 (ID:19301)	RESULT: APPROVED
168.		Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 43 Latin Way.
	206547 (ID:19302)	RESULT: APPROVED
169.		Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 45 Sawyer Ave.
	206548 (ID:19303)	RESULT: APPROVED
170.	License/Permit	Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 45 Talbot Ave.
	206549 (ID:19304)	RESULT: APPROVED
171.	License/Permit	Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 56-64 Professors Row.
	206550 (ID:19305)	RESULT: APPROVED
172.	License/Permit	Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 73 Powderhouse Blvd.
	206551 (ID:19306)	RESULT: APPROVED
173.	License/Permit	Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 75-85 Packard Ave.
	206552 (ID:19307)	RESULT: APPROVED
174.	License/Permit	Renewing Lodging House License, Tufts University, 8 Professors Row.
_ ,	206553 (ID:19308)	RESULT: APPROVED

175.	License/Permit 206554 (ID:19309)	Renewing Lodging RESULT:	House License, Tufts University, 8 Whitfield Rd.  APPROVED
176.	License/Permit 206555 (ID:19310)	Renewing Lodging RESULT:	House License, Tufts University, 90-92-94 Curtis St.  APPROVED
177.	License/Permit 206556 (ID:19311)	Renewing Lodging RESULT:	House License, Tufts University, 9-11 Sunset Rd.  APPROVED
178.	License/Permit 206557 (ID:19312)	Renewing Lodging RESULT:	House License, Tufts University, 92 Professors Row.  APPROVED
179.	License/Permit 206558 (ID:19313)	Renewing Lodging RESULT:	House License, Tufts University, 98 Packard Ave.  APPROVED
180.	License/Permit 206559 (ID:19314)	Renewing Lodging 25 Whitfield Rd.  RESULT:	House License, Walnut Hill Properties Alpha Omicron Pi,  APPROVED
181.	206560		House License, Walnut Hill Properties Alpha Phi, 14
	(ID:19315)	RESULT:	APPROVED
182.	License/Permit 206561 (ID:19316)	Renewing Lodging Packard Ave.	House License, Walnut Hill Properties Theta Chi, 100
		RESULT:	APPROVED
183.	License/Permit 206562 (ID:19317)	Renewing Lodging Packard Ave.	House License, Walnut Hill Properties Zeta Beta Tau, 126
		RESULT:	APPROVED
184.	Public Communication 206563 (ID:19341)		overnment and Community Relations submitting comments license application for 123 Packard Ave.
		on file with a copyoposition, the me	Type requested to waive the reading of item 184 and place it y to the Licenses and Permit Committee. There being no otion was approved.
		RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	PLACED ON FILE Licenses and Permits Committee

185. Public

23 residents requesting new tree plantings during the Community Path Communication improvement project.

206564 (ID:19342)

Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the readings of items 185 and 186 and place them on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

PLACED ON FILE **RESULT:** 

186. **Public** 

Paul Connolly submitting comments re: the proposed closure of Broadway Communication Bridge for one year.

206565 (ID:19343)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

# LATE ITEMS

187. Resolution By Ald. Ballantyne

205807 (ID:18584)

That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance to establish the city's current green space as a minimum allowed amount, as described within.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

188. Officer's

Planning Board conveying its recommendations re: #200102 (inclusionary Communication housing), with respect to Tenancy Preservation.

202258 (ID:14939)

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

189. Officer's 202259

(ID:14940)

Planning Board conveying its recommendations re: #200102 (inclusionary Communication housing), with respect to Waiting Lists.

> **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

190. Resolution 205445

By Ald. Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board

That the Administration establish a dedicated fund within the Affordable (ID:18341) Housing Trust Fund to provide direct housing assistance for municipal employees struggling to remain in Somerville, which could be funded through

revenue from a real estate transfer fee.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

191. Resolution 205446 (ID:18342) By Ald. Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board

That the Administration establish a dedicated fund within the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to support community land trusts in Somerville, which could be funded through revenue from a real estate transfer fee.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION

**Finance Committee FOLLOWUP:** 

192. By Ald. White Jr. Order

> 204532 That the City Solicitor determine whether the City may issue a parking citation to vehicles parked on private property in violation of zoning provisions that (ID:17258)

> > prohibit such parking.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION **FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

193. Resolution By Ald. Davis, and the Entire Board

206566 That this Board offers its thanks to those involved in procuring and installing (ID:19344)

new computers around this horseshoe, which will help the Board reduce

printing and paper waste, in particular, the IT staff.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

# **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:05 PM.

# City of Somerville, Massachusetts Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen

# **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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# **OPENING OF THE MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Ward Seven Alderman Katjana Ballantyne.

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

1. Roll Call 206567

(ID:19385)

Call of the Roll.

Alderman Hirsch sponsored a moment of silence for Bob Snow, Rich Cheney and Dennis Lennon.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. Minutes 206568 (ID:19386)

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, July 12, 2018.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

## **CITATIONS**

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

3. Withdrawn 206569 (ID:19391)

Withdrawn.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

4. Grant of Location 206570 (ID:19392)

Submitted by LIghtower Fiber Networks to install 252 feet of conduit from Manhole 5A in New Washington St southerly in Cobble Hill Rd to a point of pickup at 32 Cobble Hill Rd. (Interim approval granted.)

The President opened the public hearing. Chris Finneran with Lightower Fiber Networks discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

5. Grant of Location 206571 (ID:19393) Submitted by LIghtower Fiber Networks to install 274 feet of conduit from Manhole 8653 in Somerville Ave southerly in Merriam Ave to a new Handhole at the intersection of Merriam Ave and Merriam St, then continuing with 38 feet of conduit to a point of pickup at 35 Charlestown Rd. (Interim approval granted.)

The President opened the public hearing. Chris Finneran with Lightower Fiber Networks discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

6. Grant of Location 206572 (ID:19394) Submitted by Eversource to install 66 feet of conduit in Highland Ave from Manhole 14703 to a point of pickup at 117 Highland Ave. (Interim approval granted.)

The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy with Eversource discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

7. Grant of Location 206573 (ID:19395) Submitted by Eversource to install 57 feet of conduit in Thorpe St from Manhole 334/2 to a point of pickup at 18 Highland Ave.

The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy with Eversource discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

8. Grant of Location 206574 (ID:19396) Submitted by Eversource to install 33 feet of conduit in Medford St from Manhole 4781 to a point of pickup at 44 Medford St, and 38 feet of conduit in Ward St from 44 Medford St to a point of pickup at 46 Medford St.

The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy with Eversource discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

9. Withdrawn 206575 (ID:19397)

Withdrawn.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

# ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

10. Resolution

By Ald. Davis, and the Entire Board

206576 (ID:19381) Supporting the "Yes on 3 Coalition" and re-affirming this Board's commitment to equal protection under the laws for all people.

Alderman Davis read the text of the Resolution, and sponsored Sage Fotis, who spoke about the importance of the protections that are currently enshrined in law. Alderman Scott also expressed his support for the Resolution.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

11. Order

By Ald. Niedergang

206577 (ID:19367) That the Director of SPCD explain to this Board why not a single tree was spared when they were cut along the commuter rail line, including trees far from the tracks, and what the GLX Team's plans are to replant trees to prevent erosion on the hills.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

12. Order 206578 (ID:19379)

By Ald. Niedergang

That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on whether the City plans to plant trees by the fence at the north edge of Junction Park to replace the nearby trees lost when they were cut down recently for the GLX project.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

13. Order 206579 (ID:19365)

By Ald. Niedergang

That the Director of Traffic and Parking install 2 CAUTION: CHILDREN CROSSING signs on both sides of Lowell Street around 294 Lowell Street to accommodate the daycare center there.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

14. Order 206580 (ID:19366)

By Ald. Niedergang

That the Director of SPCD install a crosswalk on Lowell Street at the Wilton Street bumpouts, as there is no crosswalk on Lowell Street between Magoun Square and the bridge.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

15. Home Rule Petition

By Ald. White Jr.

Petition 206581 (ID:19376)

Increasing the membership of the Redevelopment Authority from 5 to 7, with one new member an Alderman appointed by the President, and the other new member appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by this Board.

Alderman White proposed increasing the membership of the Redevelopment Authority to add an Alderman appointed by the President. This would insure better communication between the Board and the Authority.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

16. Order 206582 (ID:19377)

By Ald. White Jr., Ballantyne

That the Chief of Police report to this Board the number of times the Chief has sent a notice to landlords whose tenants have violated the provisions of Ordinance 9-97, and whether such a notice was sent to the owner of 38 Chetwynd Road for the incident on September 1, 2018.

Alderman White expressed interest in knowing if any notices were sent out pertaining to Ordinance 9-97, particularly for an incident at 38 Chetwynd Road on September 1.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

17. Order 206583 (ID:19378)

By Ald. White Jr.

That this Board amend the Rules of the Board as noted in the attached list.

Alderman White proposed several minor revisions, primarily to clarify the Rules with respect to Committee meetings.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Rules Special Committee

18. Resolution 206584 (ID:19380)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Administration explain to this Board why the new textile recycling contract was not subject to the city's Living Wage ordinance, and inform this Board when that contract will be re-negotiated.

**RESULT:** APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

19. Resolution 206585 (ID:19382)

By Ald. Hirsch

That the Administration share a more comprehensive set of goals related to air quality based on CAFEH study results, when or if available.

Alderman Hirsch asked for different ways the Board could act regarding the CAFEH study results with respect to air quality.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

20. Order

206586 (ID:19383) By Ald. Hirsch

That the Commissioner of Public Works provide information on challenges with recycling items that go into recycling bins in parks and on streets.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

21. Order 206587 (ID:19384) By Ald. Hirsch, and the Entire Board

Thanking the Department of Public Works, the Superintendent of Schools Office, and the Office of Sustainability and the Environment for implementing a pilot composting and recycling program in the Public School cafeterias.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

22. Communication By Ald. Ballantyne

206588 (ID:19390) In her capacity as President, Rescheduling this Board's 2nd regular meeting in October to Tuesday, October 23, 2018, at 7PM, in order to accommodate the early voting that will be occurring in the Aldermanic Chambers on Thursday,

October 25.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

23. Order 206384

By Ald. Rossetti, Scott, Hirsch, Mbah, Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Davis,

White Jr., Ballantyne

(ID:19174)

That the Director of SPCD update this Board on the status of the Urban Forestry Committee.

The Board noted that the Administration has begun recruiting applicants for the Urban Forestry Committee.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

24. Resolution 206487 (ID:19292)

By Ald. Scott, and the Entire Board

That the Administration discuss with this Board a plan to create a permanent space for the Groundworks Somerville program, currently known as the South Street Farm, which is planned for displacement.

Alderman Scott noted that the South Street Farm is a project of Groundworks Somerville and he would like the Administration to create more permanent space for the program. He sponsored Executive Director Kat Rutkin, who explained that Groundworks Somerville is a non-profit that focuses on environmental justice, economic justice and food justice. The South Street Farm in the only urban farm in Somerville, where food gets systematically redistributed to the community. The farm produces about 2,000 lbs of produce per year. Members of the Green Team, which farms the South Street Farm, spoke on behalf of their organization.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

# REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

25.	CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE		
A.	Committee Report 206589 (ID:19368)		mmittee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel as a Committee of the Whole on August 28, 2018.
		that the re-appo	t reported on the Committee's recommendations, and noted bintments of Nancy Busnach and Joseph Favaloro were not that Richard Rossetti and Pooja Phaltankar withdrew.  APPROVED
B.	Mayor's Request	Requesting the re Authority.	e-appointment of Nancy Busnach to the Redevelopment
	204649 (ID:17340)	RESULT:	NOT APPROVED
C.	Mayor's Request	Requesting the re	e-appointment of Joseph Favaloro to the Planning Board.  NOT APPROVED
	204652 (ID:17354)	KESUL1.	NOT ATTROVED
D.	Mayor's Request	Requesting the re Appeals	e-appointment of Richard Rossetti to the Zoning Board of
	204654 (ID:17356)	RESULT:	WITHDRAWN
E.	Mayor's Request 204655 (ID:17357)		e-appointment of C. Anne Brockelman as an Alternate Coning Board of Appeals.
		RESULT:	APPROVED
F.	Mayor's Request 205224 (ID:17946)	Requesting the re Appeals.	eappointment of Elaine Severino to the Zoning Board of
		RESULT:	APPROVED
G.	Mayor's Request 205225 (ID:17945)	Requesting the rethe Zoning Board	e-appointment of Pooja Phaltankar as an Alternate Member to d of Appeals.
		RESULT:	WITHDRAWN

#### 26. **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Α. Committee Report 206590 (ID:19371) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on September 12, 2018.

Alderman White reported that Alderman Scott recused himself from all matters pertaining to the Redevelopment Authority in Union Square. The Committee discussed the transfer of the City-owned parcel in North Prospect block to the Redevelopment Authority. A public hearing is scheduled on this matter for October 22. The Committee also discussed the \$5,000,000 settlement agreement that the Redevelopment Authority executed in connection with an eminent domain action, as well as the taking of 90 Washington Street by eminent domain. The Committee recommended referring Item #204582 to the Youth Services Committee. Finally, multiple appropriations were approved.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

B. Officer's 204582

Director of Parks & Recreation and City Solicitor responding to #204160, Communication #203889, and #203733 re: nonprofit soccer and football organizations' use of Dilboy Field.

(ID:17311)

REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION **RESULT:** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Youth Services Committee

C. Mayor's Request 206327 (ID:19074) Requesting approval to appropriate \$150,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for tree planting.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-**AYES:** 

Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

**ABSENT:** Rossetti

D. Mayor's Request 206328 (ID:19100) Requesting approval to appropriate \$35,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for Nibble kitchen equipment.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [8 TO 2]

Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-AYES:

Campen, Niedergang, Davis

NAYS: Clingan, Ballantyne

Rossetti ABSENT:

E. Mayor's Request 206372 (ID:19099) Requesting approval to appropriate \$180,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the Central Hill Campus Plan.

This item was replaced by #206651.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE F. Mayor's Request 206502 (ID:19171) Requesting appropriation of \$272,795.10 from the Receipts Reserved-Transportation Network Company Revenue Fund to the Transportation Network Company Special Revenue Fund, for Vision Zero road safety efforts.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

G. Mayor's Request 206503 (ID:19236) Requesting approval to appropriate \$241,390 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the construction of the Nibble Kitchen.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [8 TO 2]

**AYES:** Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-

Campen, Niedergang, Davis

**NAYS:** Clingan, Ballantyne

**ABSENT:** Rossetti

H. Mayor's Request 206504 (ID:19234) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$61,691 to the SPCD Transportation & Infrastructure Salaries Account, to establish the Sr. Urban Forestry & Landscape Planner position.

RESULT: APPROVED

I. Mayor's Request 206505 (ID:19235) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$47,175 to the Health & Human Services Salaries Account to establish the position of Environmental Health Liaison.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

J. Mayor's Request 206506 (ID:19168) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice of \$10,700 using available funds in the Planning and Zoning Professional Services Account for Central Hill Campus planning services.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

K. Mayor's Request 206507 (ID:19223) Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices totaling \$34,185 using available funds in the DPW Snow Account for snow removal services.

RESULT: APPROVED

## 27. LAND USE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 206591 (ID:19372) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting in Joint Session with the Planning Board on September 6, 2018.

Alderman Davis reported that the Committee held three public hearings on proposed zoning amendments. The first, submitted by residents, would amend the Assembly Square mixed use districts to create new open space requirements. The second, also submitted by residents, would address air quality concerns in certain buildings near heavily trafficked roadways. The third, submitted by the Administration, would create a Zoning Overlay District for adult use Marijuana establishments.

RESULT: APPROVED

# 28. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 206592 (ID:19369) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on August 30, 2018.

Alderman Niedergang reported that three Ordinances and a Home Rule Petition were passed. The Home Rule Petition would change the name from Alderman to City Counselor. There are hopes it will be passed at the Statehouse by the end of the year. The Committee also approved amending the City's Fair Housing Commission Ordinance to allow the non-profit representative to live or work in Somerville, amending the Noise Ordinance relative to construction, and passing a new Ordinance to require voter registration forms in certain public buildings. The Committee also took up the approval of real estate licenses that the City enters into with a term of more then three years, but the Board sent the item back to resolve a question about the number of votes needed to approve the licenses.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

B. Mayor's Request 199603 (ID:12160) Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition authorizing the City to appropriate funds to assist commercial properties in maintaining and improving exterior storefronts.

# **RESULT: WITHDRAWN**

C. Order 200625 (ID:13267) By Ald. Rossetti, McWatters, Heuston, Ballantyne, Niedergang That the City Solicitor review the recently approved Home Rule Petitions for Natick and Framingham re: double pole removals and utility company fines, and report back to this Board.

## RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. Officer's Communication 202313 (ID:14987)

Officer's Assistant City Solicitor responding to #201997 with a proposed amendment of Communication Ordinance 11-71(a) regarding requirements for the construction of conduits and lines.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

E. Order

202401 (ID:15085)

(ID:15918)

By Ald. Heuston, McWatters

That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance to regulate car rental businesses.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

F. Order

203218

By Ald. McLaughlin

That the City Solicitor provide an opinion on whether the city can ban gay conversion therapy and if it can, prepare a draft ordinance.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

G. Order

203822 (ID:16514) By Ald. Davis. White Jr.

That this Board's Committee on Legislative Matters draft appropriate language to require this Board's approval of certain licenses entered into by the City for a term of more than 3 years.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION **FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

H. Order

204886 (ID:17653) By Ald. Ballantyne

That the City Solicitor and the City Arborist clarify the ordinance requiring tree removal for a new driveway or other construction project.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

I. Ordinance

205464

(ID:18380)

By Ald. Davis That the Ordinances be amended to provide fines for violating Ordinance 9-116 Subsection 3 (Construction) of \$100 for first offense and \$300 for each

subsequent offense as described within.

**RESULT:** ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]

Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-AYES:

Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

ABSENT: Rossetti

J. Order By Ald. White Jr.

205492 (ID:18441) That the Director of SPCD prepare a report analyzing why the current 20% affordable housing requirement, the \$10.00 per sq ft linkage fee, and other city initiatives are not sufficient to meet the affordable housing needs of the city.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

K. Officer's

Housing Programs Coordinator submitting a summary of the Affordable Communication Housing Trust Fund FY18 activity.

205789

**RESULT:** (ID:18458)

WORK COMPLETED

L. Order 205801 (ID:18576) By Ald. Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board

That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance to require voter registration forms to be displayed and available at Libraries, Public Schools, and the Traffic and Parking Department, and to allow high school students to arrive late to school on any election day if they present proof of voting.

For approved ordinance see #206655.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

M. Order 206021 (ID:18791) By Ald. Ewen-Campen, Davis, Scott, Hirsch

That the City Solicitor draft an amendment to Ordinance 7-46(c) so the non-profit representative on the Fair Housing Commission has to work, but not necessarily reside, in Somerville.

For approved ordinance see #206652.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

N. Order 206394 (ID:19182) By Ald. Niedergang

That the City Solicitor provide update this Board on drafting a home rule petition to change the name Alderman to City Councilor.

For approved home rule petition see #206656.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

# 29. PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 206593 (ID:19370) Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, meeting on September 11, 2018.

Alderman White reported that the meeting primarily addressed the ongoing Beacon Street reconstruction project. The City Solicitor advised that the Beacon Street street trees may have been improperly removed, and that the contractor could be fined in accordance with State Law. A Civil Action could also be possible. The Committee directed him to draft a civil complaint filing for its review. The Committee also discussed the current contractual obligations for the Beacon Street reconstruction, including costs incurred and work still outstanding.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

B. Resolution 205499 (ID:18428) By Ald. Scott

That the Administration provide a written response to the petition in #204944 for an accounting of street trees removed from Beacon Street.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Order 206594

(ID:19431)

By Ald. White Jr.

That the City Solicitor prepare a document for review by this Board's Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works in preparation for filing a complaint regarding the removal of trees along Beacon Street.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

## COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

30. Mayor's Request 206595 (ID:19375) Requesting approval to appropriate \$1,007,566 from the Parks Stabilization Fund for the renovation and restoration of Prospect Hill Park.

Alderman White requested to waive the readings of items 30 through 33 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

31. Mayor's Request 206596 (ID:19352) Requesting approval to appropriate \$17,805.91 from the Union Square Stabilization Fund for legal services.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

32. Mayor's Request 206597 (ID:19353) Requesting acceptance of a \$37,500 grant with no new match required, from the MA Cultural Council to the Arts Council for the Local Cultural Council regrant program.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

33. Mayor's Request 206598 (ID:19351) Requesting acceptance of an \$8,500 grant with no new match required, from the MA Cultural Council to the Arts Council for unrestricted operational support.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

34. Mayor's Request 206599 (ID:19364) Requesting acceptance of an in-kind gift of event space from Remnant Brewing to hold an appreciation event for the City's unpaid board and commission members.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

35. Mayor's Request 206600 (ID:19354) Requesting the appointment of David Stiltner to the position of Fire Captain.

Alderman Scott requested to waive the readings of items 35 through 45 and refer them to the Confirmation of Appointments Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

36. Mayor's Request 206601 (ID:19355) Requesting the appointment of Jay McKenzie to the position of Fire Lieutenant.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

37. Mayor's Request 206602 (ID:19356) Requesting the appointment of Andrew Patriquin to the position of Fire Lieutenant.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

38. Mayor's Request 206603 (ID:19357) Requesting the appointment of Michael Kilduff to the position of Fire Fighter.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

39. Mayor's Request 206604 (ID:19358) Requesting the appointment of Marika DuVal to the position of Police Officer.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

40. Mayor's Request 206605 (ID:19359) Requesting the appointment of Aaron Smith to the position of Police Officer.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

41. Mayor's Request 206606 (ID:19360) Requesting the appointment of Courtney Coulombe to the position of Police Officer.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

42. Mayor's Requesting the appointment of Erik Corricelli to the position of Police Officer. Request **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION 206607 **FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters (ID:19361) Committee 43. Mayor's Requesting the appointment of Melissa Dooley to the position of Police Request Officer. 206608 **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION (ID:19362) **FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee 44. Requesting the appointment of Richard Scanlon to the Board of Assessors. Mayor's Request **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION 206609 **FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters (ID:19374) Committee 45. Requesting the appointment of Stephanie Galaitsi to the Commission for Mayor's Request Women. 206610 **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION (ID:19373) **FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS 46. Withdrawn Withdrawn. 206611 **RESULT:** WITHDRAWN (ID:19345)

47. Officer's City Solicitor responding to #206046 re: an ordinance for the registration and Communication maintenance of vacant commercial and industrial buildings. 206612 **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

(ID:19350) **FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

48. Officer's City Solicitor submitting an ordinance to require the registration of short term Communication rental properties.

206613

(ID:19388)

**RESULT:** 

Legislative Matters Committee **FOLLOWUP:** 

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

49. Officer's
Communication
206614
(ID:19162)

Officer's Assistant City Solicitor responding to #205377 re: establishing preference for Communication women and minority owned businesses in granting liquor licenses.

President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 49 and place it on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

50. Officer's Communication 206615

(ID:19346)

Officer's DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted at the Communication 6/14/18 meeting.

President Ballantyne requested to waive the readings of items 50 through 52 and place them on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

51. Officer's DPW Commission Communication 6/28/18 meeting.

DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted at the 6/28/18 meeting.

206616 (ID:19348)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

52. Officer's DPW Commission Communication 7/12/18 meeting.

DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted at the 7/12/18 meeting.

206617 (ID:19349)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

### **NEW BUSINESS**

53. License/Permit 206618 (ID:19398)

License/Permit Public Event License, Tufts Housing League Community Block Party, 206618 Powderhouse Park, Sep 16, 4-7:30PM (raindate Sep 23).

Alderman Mbah requested to waive the readings of items 53 through 70 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

54. License/Permit 206619

(ID:19399)

Public Event License, East Somerville Main Streets Foodie Crawl, Broadway from Kensington Ave to Lincoln St, Sep 18, 9AM-11PM (raindate Sep 19).

**RESULT:** APPROVED

55. License/Permit 206620 (ID:19400)

Public Event License, Somerville Overcoming Addiction Vigil, Trum Field Bandstand Sidewalk, Sep 21, 4-9PM.

56.	License/Permit 206621 (ID:19401)	Public Event License, Puritan Rd Block Party, from Temple Rd to Ten Hills Rd, Sep 22, 12:30-5PM (raindate Sep 23).		
		RESULT:	APPROVED	
57.	License/Permit 206622 (ID:19402)	Public Event Lice 4PM-2AM.	ense, Arts Council MUM Dance Party, ArtFarm, Sep 22,	
		RESULT:	APPROVED	
58.	License/Permit 206623 (ID:19403)		ense, Glenwood Rd Block Party, from Medford St to Vernon I-8:30PM (raindate Sep 22).	
		RESULT:	APPROVED	
59.	License/Permit 206624 (ID:19404)	Public Event License, Highland Rd Block Party, from Morrison Ave to Kidder Ave, Sep 23, 2-9PM (raindate Sep 30).		
		RESULT:	APPROVED	
60.	License/Permit 206625 (ID:19405)	Public Event License, Waldo Ave/Dimick St/Marion St Block Party, Waldo Ave and Dimick St from Calvin St to Marion St, with the Dimick/Marion intersection, Sep 29, 7AM-6PM (raindate Sep 30).		
		RESULT:	APPROVED	
61.	License/Permit 206626 (ID:19406)	Public Event License, Arts Council Evolution of Hip Hop Festival, Union Sq Plaza and Parking Lot, Sep 29, 1-8:30PM (raindate Sep 30).		
		RESULT:	APPROVED	
62.	License/Permit 206627 (ID:19407)		ense, Redbones Oktoberfest, Chester St from Elm St to 0, 7AM-7PM (raindate Oct 14).	
		RESULT:	APPROVED	
63.	License/Permit 206628 (ID:19408)	Public Event Lice	ense, Thorndike St Block Party, Sep 30, 2-6PM.	
		RESULT:	APPROVED	
64.	License/Permit 206629 (ID:19409)	Public Event License, Women's Commission Candlelight Vigil for Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Statue Park, Oct 3, 2-8:30PM.		
		RESULT:	APPROVED	
65.	License/Permit 206630 (ID:19410)	Public Event Lice 7).	ense, Wade Ct Block Party, Oct 6, Noon-8PM (raindate Oct	
		RESULT:	APPROVED	

66.	License/Permit 206631 (ID:19411)	Public Event License, Dysautonomia International POTS Walk and 5K Race, Mystic River Reservation, Oct 20, 8AM-3PM.		
		RESULT:	APPROVED	
67.	206632		ense, Veterans' Memorial Parade, Highland Ave from Walnut to Broadway with adjacent streets, Nov 4, 8AM-6PM.	
	(ID:19412)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
68.	License/Permit 206633 (ID:19413)	New Drainlayer's	s License, Manet Contracting. (Interim approval granted.)	
		RESULT:	APPROVED	
69.	License/Permit 206634 (ID:19414)	New Drainlayer's granted.)	s License, JR and Sons Construction. (Interim approval	
		RESULT:	APPROVED	
70.	License/Permit 206635 (ID:19415)	Renewing Garag	e License, Auto Mechanic Souza, 308 McGrath Hwy.	
		RESULT:	APPROVED	
71.	Withdrawn	Withdrawn.		
	206636 (ID:19266)	RESULT:	WITHDRAWN	
72.	Withdrawn 206637 (ID:19264)	Withdrawn.		
		RESULT:	WITHDRAWN	
73.	Withdrawn 206638 (ID:19265)	Withdrawn.		
		RESULT:	WITHDRAWN	
74.	Withdrawn 206639 (ID:19318)	Withdrawn.		
		RESULT:	WITHDRAWN	
75.	License/Permit 206640 (ID:19319)	Renewing Lodgi Row.	ng House License, Delta Tau Delta Foundation, 98 Professors	
			h requested to waive the reading of item 75 and approve it. opposition, the motion was approved.  APPROVED	

76. Public

Matthew Pakos submitting comments re: Grant of Location application Communication submitted by Eversource to re-locate a pole on Banks St.

206641 (ID:19416)

President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 76 and place it on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

### SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

77. Order By Ald. Hirsch

> 206642 (ID:19418)

That the Commissioner of Public Works and Director of Parks and Recreation explain how DPW develops maintenance plans, staffing, and budgets for new parks, especially parks that have significant landscaped areas or new types of play equipment, benches, or other features.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

78. Resolution By Ald. Hirsch, Ballantyne

206643 (ID:19417) That the Administration report on how the port-a-potty pilot went this summer, whether or not it can be expanded, and how residents should notify the city if port-a-potties need cleaning.

**APPROVED RESULT:** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Youth Services Committee

79. Order By Ald. Hirsch, Ballantyne

> 206644 (ID:19419)

That the Director of SomerPromise or Health and Human Services provide this Board with an overview of the Somerville Learning 2030 initiative and how the Board may be involved.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Youth Services Committee

80. Resolution By Ald. McLaughlin, and the Entire Board

> 206645 (ID:19425)

That the Administration use permitting and community benefits revenue for future Assembly Row developments to address pollution mitigation along I-93.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

81. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

> 206646 (ID:19426)

That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services coordinate with Mass DOT to address rodent issues along the GLX, particularly along Gilman Street, and update the Ward 1 Alderman on progress.

**APPROVED RESULT:** 

82. Order 206647 (ID:19427) By Ald. McLaughlin, Hirsch, Clingan

That the Director of Parks and Recreation express to DCR the importance of keeping public pools and water fountains open later in the season due to climate change.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Youth Services Committee

83. Order 206648 (ID:19428)

By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Director of SPCD install a blinking STOP sign on the corner of

Aldrich and Gilman Streets.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

84. Order 206649

By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree at the corner of Gilman

and Aldrich Streets.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

85. Order

By Ald. McLaughlin

206650 (ID:19430)

(ID:19429)

That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a NO LEFT TURN sign by the rotary next to the Burger Dive in Assembly Row.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

86. Mayor's Request 206651 (ID:19433) Requesting approval to appropriate \$154,050 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the Central Hill Campus Plan.

For discussion of this item see #206372.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

**AYES:** Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-

Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

**ABSENT:** Rossetti

87. Mayor's Request 206652 (ID:19420) Requesting approval of an amendment to Ordinance 7-46(c) re: residency of Fair Housing Commission members.

For discussion of this item see #206021.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]

**AYES:** Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-

Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

**ABSENT:** Rossetti

88. Mayor's Communication

Proclaiming the 2nd Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples' Day.

Communication 206653 (ID:19389)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

89. Officer's

City Solicitor submitting an amendment to Ordinance 8-69 re: defining Communication holidays with respect to junk collection.

206654 (ID:19387)

President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 89 and refer it to the Legislative Matters Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

90. Officer's

Assistant City Solicitor responding to #205801 with an Ordinance to provide Communication voter registration accessibility.

206655

For discussion of this item see #205801. (ID:19421)

**RESULT:** ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS] Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-**AYES:** 

Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

**ABSENT:** Rossetti

91. Officer's 206656

City Solicitor responding to #206394 re: a home rule petition to change the Communication Board of Aldermen to a City Council.

(ID:19347)

For discussion of this item see #206394.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-AYES:

Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

**ABSENT:** Rossetti

92. **Public** 206657

(ID:19435)

Ananda Lowe submitting comments re: #206285, proposed zoning for adult Communication use marijana establishments.

> President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 92 and place it on file with a copy to the Land Use Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE **FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

93. Public

Tori Antonino submitting comments re: #206504, to establish a Sr. Urban Communication Forestry & Landscape Planner position.

206658 (ID:19434)

President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 93 and place it on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

### LATE ITEMS

94. Communication By Ald. Niedergang

> 206659 (ID:19442)

Advising that the Legislative Matters Committee will take up at the September 20 Committee of the Whole meeting the Administration's proposed Condominium Conversion Ordinance and proposed Adult Use Marijuana Establishments Ordinance.

Alderman Niedergang reviewed some of the controversial issues coming up in Legislative Matters: the Adult Use of Marijuana Ordinance, the revised Condominium Conversion Ordinance, the Air BnB Ordinance, and the Demolition Review Ordinance. After these four items are addressed, the Committee will consider the Community Benefits Ordinance.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

95. Officer's

Assistant City Solicitor responding to #203822 re: regulating the length of real Communication property license agreements.

206660

(ID:19432)

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

96. Order By Ald. Davis

206661 (ID:19436)

That the City Arborist advise whether the discovery of an Emerald Ash Borer in the city will result in any changes to the plan for monitoring/non-removal of Ash trees and, advise the Ward 6 Alderman on the status of the remaining Ash trees on Willow Avenue.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

97. Order By Ald. Davis

206662 (ID:19437) That the Tree Warden and the City Arborist replace the small dead trees on Day Street and Grove Street adjacent to the public parking lots.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

98. Order By Ald. Davis

206663 (ID:19438) That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the overgrowth at the base of the

tree at 370 Highland Avenue.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

99. Order By Ald. Davis

206664 (ID:19439)

That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the broken street light at the corner of Highland Avenue and West Street.

100. Resolution 206665

By Ald. Davis

(ID:19440)

That the Mayor advise the Ward 6 Alderman on near term plans for overdue maintenance in Davis Square and longer term plans for major infrastructure and public realm improvements.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

101. Resolution 206666

By Ald. Davis

(ID:19441)

That the Administration adopt a holistic urban development approach, following the Cuidad Dulce (Sweet City) model, that attends to all members of the community, especially marginalized populations, both human and nature.

Alderman Davis asked to take this up at the next meeting, so he can sponsor a speaker to address the issue.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE
FOLLOWUP: Board of Aldermen

102. Order

By Ald. Ballantyne

206667 (ID:19443) That the Director of Engineering inspect Russell Road at the corner of Ware Street for repeated sink holes.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

103. Order

By Ald. Ballantyne

206668 (ID:19444) That the Chief of Police monitor illegal left turns onto Raymond Avenue from Curtis Street during drop-off and pick-up times at the West Somerville Neighborhood School.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

104. Order

By Ald. Ballantyne

206669 (ID:19445) That the Chief of Police, the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Director of SPCD monitor traffic speeds on North Street, High Street, Fairfax Street, Sterling Street, Gordon Street and Woods Avenue, and suggest traffic calming measures. (3rd request)

**RESULT:** APPROVED

105. Order

By Ald. Ballantyne

206670 (ID:19446) That the Chief of Police cite motorists traveling in the wrong direction on Clarendon Avenue and Victoria Street from Woodstock Street.

106. Order 206671 (ID:19447)

By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Director of Traffic and Parking install additional pedestrian safety measures at the intersection of Holland Street and Cameron Avenue. (2nd request)

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

107. Order 206672 (ID:19448)

By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Director of SPCD update this Board on the implementation of neighborhood safety zones. (2nd request)

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

108. Resolution 206673 (ID:19449)

By Ald. Ballantyne, and the Mayor, and the Entire Board That this Board and Mayor honor the lasting memory of those who serve our country, and condemn, in the strongest possible terms, the desecration or disrespect of monuments or memorials recognizing their memory, service and sacrifice.

President Ballantyne spoke about an incident at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in which two individuals removed flags and urinated on them. This was an unacceptable insult to our community and our veterans, and she condemned their actions in the strongest possible terms.

RESULT: APPROVED

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:20 PM.

# City of Somerville, Massachusetts Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen

## **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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## **OPENING OF THE MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Ward Seven Alderman Katjana Ballantyne

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

1. Roll Call 206674 (ID:19492) Call of the Roll.

Alderman Hirsch sponsored a moment of silence for Thomas Trane. Alderman Clingan sponsored a moment of silence for Paul Miller. Alderman Rossetti sponsored a moment of silence for Anna Montalto.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. Minutes 206675 (ID:19493)

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, August 23, 2018.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

## **CITATIONS**

3. Citation 206676 (ID:19494)

By Ald. White Jr., the Entire Board and the Mayor Commending George Wood on the auspicious occasion of his retirement after 36 years of dedicated service to the City.

Alderman White presented the Citation to George Wood, who commented that when you enjoy what you do, it doesn't seem like work.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

4. Grant of Location 206677 (ID:19495) Submitted by Eversource to install 70 feet of conduit in Montgomery Ave from Pole 549/1 to a point of pickup at 7 Montgomery Ave.

The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy with Eversource discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

5. Grant of Location 206678 (ID:19496) Submitted by Comcast to install 13 feet of conduit in Highland Ave from a Verizon Manhole at 123 Highland Ave to a new manhole, then to continue with another 77 feet of conduit from that manhole to a point of pickup at 117 Highland Ave.

The President opened the public hearing. Dave Flewelling with Comcast discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

6. Grant of Location 206679 (ID:19497) Submitted by Comcast to install 106 feet of conduit in Highland Ave from Pole 198/9 to a point of pickup at 346 Highland Ave.

The President opened the public hearing. Dave Flewelling with Comcast discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

## ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

7. Resolution 206680 (ID:19454)

By Ald. White Jr., Hirsch

That a representative of the Board of Health and the Administration work with the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety to revamp the City's current ordinances and regulations for the use of tobacco and cannabis products in public places, and recommend signage and posting locations to inform the public where the consumption of those products is prohibited, with the fines for violation.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

8. Resolution 206681 (ID:19455)

By Ald. Mbah, White Jr., Rossetti, Hirsch

That the Administration update this Board on the wage theft ordinance that was enacted several years ago.

Alderman Mbah said he realized that Somerville was one of the first cities in the state to enact a wage theft ordinance, and he would like to receive an update.

9. Withdrawn Withdrawn. 206682 **RESULT:** WITHDRAWN (ID:19456) 10. Resolution By Ald. Mbah, White Jr., Rossetti, Hirsch 206683 That the Administration provide this Board, in writing, the lessons learned (ID:19457) from the gas explosion in Lawrence, Andover and North Andover. **RESULT: APPROVED** 11. Order By Ald. Mbah, White Jr., Rossetti, Hirsch That the Director of Sustainability and Environment update this Board on the 206684 (ID:19458) City's 2050 carbon neutral goals. **RESULT: APPROVED** 12. Order By Ald. Ewen-Campen, Hirsch That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on when various necessary 206685 improvements to the Union Square traffic pattern, including an "All-Walk" (ID:19460) cycle and left-turn arrows at certain intersections, will be implemented. **APPROVED RESULT: FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee 13. Order By Ald. Ewen-Campen 206686 That the Chief of Police consider deploying a traffic safety officer on Summer Street, near Belmont and Lowell Streets, weekdays from 2 to 3 PM to aid (ID:19463) children crossing the street, and report back in writing to this Board. **RESULT:** APPROVED 14. Order By Ald. Ewen-Campen, Scott, Mbah 206687 That the Director of Engineering build a crosswalk to allow pedestrians to (ID:19461) safely cross Washington Street at the Public Safety Building. **RESULT: APPROVED FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee 15. Order By Ald. Ewen-Campen 206688 That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the broken sidewalk panels on

**APPROVED** 

Crown Street near Porter Street.

**RESULT:** 

(ID:19459)

16. Order 206689 (ID:19462)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen, Hirsch

That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services address the dramatic increase in rat sightings on Wesley Park, Bow Street and Montrose Street and discuss baiting and examining nearby garbage dumpsters and public waste bins.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Rodent Issues Special Committee

17. Resolution 206690 (ID:19464)

By Ald. Niedergang

Approving "A Call to Prevent Nuclear War," urging the US government to take steps to avoid nuclear war, such as renouncing the first use of nuclear weapons, taking nuclear weapons off hair-trigger alert, and ending the unchecked authority of the President to launch a nuclear attack.

Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 17 and postpone it to October 25. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE FOLLOWUP: Board of Aldermen

18. Order 206691 (ID:19465)

By Ald. Niedergang, Hirsch, Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, Clingan That the Director of SPCD prioritize for this Board the traffic calming projects in the City, and the process to determine those priorities.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

19. Resolution 206692 (ID:19466)

By Ald. Niedergang, Ballantyne, and the Entire Board That the Administration update this Board on the contract negotiations regarding the school nurses.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

20. Order 206693 (ID:19468) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Director of SPCD or the Director of Traffic and Parking alter the cycle of the traffic signals at Lowell Street and Highland Avenue ASAP to allow more time for vehicles to turn onto Highland Avenue from Lowell Street, especially during the morning rush hour, to alleviate the traffic backup on Hudson Street when the Cedar Street/Highland Avenue intersection is closed for construction.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

21. Order 206694 (ID:19469) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Director of Engineering assess the drainage and flooding problems on Alpine Street near Lowell Street and report to the Ward 5 Alderman on what the City can do now and should do in the future to relieve the problems.

22. Order 206695 (ID:19470) By Ald. Niedergang, Hirsch

That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on any discussions with our state delegation to increase the per-ride assessment that ride-share companies pay, and how this Board could advocate for an increase.

Alderman Niedergang said that while the City received \$270,000--10 cents per ride--this year from the ride sharing companies Lyft and Uber, the State received 20 cents, and he'd like to find a way to increase the City's payment.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

23. Order 206696 (ID:19467) By Ald. Niedergang

That this Board discharge #206660 from the Legislative Matters Committee for consideration at this meeting: "Assistant City Solicitor responding to #203822 re: regulating the length of real property license agreements."

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

24. Communication By Ald. Niedergang

206697 (ID:19471) Updating this Board on recent meetings and actions of the Traffic Commission.

Alderman Niedergang said the Traffic Commission is now meeting the second Thursday of each month at 5:30 pm at the DPW Water Department. The Commission's deals with a variety of matters, i.e., handicapped parking spaces, fire lanes, removal of parking spaces, loading zones, 20 mph safety zones, etc. At the last meeting, the Commission heard about the upcoming bridge closures for the Green Line project, and received from the Administration a request to establish new safety zones.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

25. Order 206698 (ID:19472) By Ald. Hirsch, and the Entire Board

That the Director of SPCD establish an advisory service to help residents learn how to reduce storm water runoff, cool their yards and homes naturally, plant and preserve trees, reduce invasive species, and waive dumpster parking permit fees for households undertaking de-paving efforts.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

26. Resolution 206699 (ID:19473) By Ald. Hirsch

That the Administration provide information regarding the transfer of some Kennedy Pool functions to the Parks and Recreation Department.

Alderman Hirsch commented that last spring, a group of people organized a petition to ask for expanded access to the Kennedy School Pool, and she wants to make sure the Pool really remains a public facility, not a revenue generator.

**APPROVED RESULT:** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Youth Services Committee 27. Order 206700 (ID:19474) By Ald. Hirsch, Davis, Ballantyne, McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works explain the city's options for reducing the number of unused utility lines connecting to properties.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

28. Order 206701 (ID:19475) By Ald. Hirsch

That the Commissioner of Public Works report on the materials and practices used for school cleaning in terms of their impact on childhood health conditions, such as asthma.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Youth Services Committee

29. Resolution 206702 (ID:19476)

By Ald. Hirsch

Conveying its appreciation to the Health and Human Services Department for arranging to deliver flu shots to school communities at school drop-off times.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

30. Order 206703 (ID:19479)

By Ald. McLaughlin, and the Entire Board

That the Director of Housing Stability create a list of benevolent landlords who charge below market rate for housing, to identify possible homes for residents on housing wait lists.

Alderman McLaughlin described a list with the names of benevolent landlords that people could access if they are on waiting lists for low income housing. This could also be useful in creating a benevolent landlords tax credit.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

31. Order 206704 (ID:19477)

By Ald. McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne

That the Director of SomerStat collect data on drug related arrests and all police stops that don't result in an arrest and present them to the public at ResiStat meetings.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

32. Order 206705 (ID:19478)

By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works fill all potholes along Otis and Tufts streets.

33. Resolution By Ald. Scott

206706 (ID:19481) That the Administration report, in writing, on the current status of an Acquisition Fund to increase the City's ability to buy parcels for open space.

(2nd request)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

34. Resolution 206707

By Ald. Scott

That the Administration endeavor to add a properly signed and signaled crosswalk at 45 Beacon Street to enhance safety for residents accessing the (ID:19480)

Whole Foods Market.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

35. Resolution By Ald. Davis

206666 (ID:19441) That the Administration adopt a holistic urban development approach, following the Cuidad Dulce (Sweet City) model, that attends to all members of

the community, especially marginalized populations, both human and nature.

This item was postponed to October 11.

LAID ON THE TABLE **RESULT:** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Board of Aldermen

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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

A. Committee Report 206708

Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on September 17, 2018.

(ID:19482)

Alderman Scott reported on the Committee's approval of an appointment to the Community Preservation Committee, and several Fire Department promotions. The Committee also approved Traffic and Parking Department employee David Capuano to also work as a Crossing Guard. The Fire Department employees were sworn in.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

B. Mayor's Request 204402 (ID:16943)

Requesting the appointment of Jane Carbone to the Community Preservation Committee.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

C. Mayor's Request 205522 (ID:18366) Requesting the appointment of Marc Ardolino to the position of Fire Captain.

D. Mayor's Requesting the appointment of Timothy Donovan to the position of Fire Request Lieutenant. 205523 **RESULT: APPROVED** (ID:18365) E. Mayor's Requesting the appointment of Francis Otting to the position of Fire Request Lieutenant. 205524 **RESULT: APPROVED** (ID:18364) F. Mayor's Requesting an Exemption Under Section 20(b) of Chapter 268A on behalf of Request employee David Capuano. 206453 **APPROVED RESULT:** (ID:19167) CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

### 37.

Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel A. Committee Report Matters, meeting on September 24, 2018. 206709 (ID:19485)

Alderman Scott reported on the approval of several Fire Department promotions, as well as new Fire and Police Department hires. The new appointees were sworn in.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

B. Mayor's Requesting the appointment of David Stiltner to the position of Fire Captain. Request

**RESULT: APPROVED** 206600 (ID:19354)

C. Requesting the appointment of Jay McKenzie to the position of Fire Mayor's Request Lieutenant.

206601 **RESULT: APPROVED** (ID:19355)

D. Mayor's Requesting the appointment of Andrew Patriquin to the position of Fire Request Lieutenant.

206602 **RESULT: APPROVED** (ID:19356)

E. Mayor's Requesting the appointment of Michael Kilduff to the position of Fire Fighter. Request

**RESULT: APPROVED** 206603

(ID:19357)

(ID:19359)

F. Mayor's Requesting the appointment of Marika DuVal to the position of Police Officer.

Request **RESULT: APPROVED** 206604

(ID:19358)

G. Requesting the appointment of Aaron Smith to the position of Police Officer. Mayor's Request **RESULT: APPROVED** 206605

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H. Mayor's Request 206606 (ID:19360) Requesting the appointment of Courtney Coulombe to the position of Police Officer.

RESULT: APPROVED

I. Mayor's Request 206607 (ID:19361) Requesting the appointment of Erik Corricelli to the position of Police Officer.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

J. Mayor's Request 206608 (ID:19362) Requesting the appointment of Melissa Dooley to the position of Police Officer.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

## 38. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 206710 (ID:19486) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on September 25, 2018.

Alderman White reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Committee approved the appropriation of \$250,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the purchase of IT computer equipment, but agreed that in the future, it needs to be funded through the budget. The Committee also discussed in Executive Session the Order of Taking of 90 Washington Street, and left the item in Committee.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

B. Mayor's Request 206324 (ID:19073) Requesting approval to appropriate \$250,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the purchase of IT computer equipment.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

**AYES:** Hirsch, Rossetti, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen,

Clingan, Davis, Ballantyne

**ABSENT:** Mbah, McLaughlin, Niedergang

C. Mayor's Request 206325 (ID:19075) Requesting approval to appropriate \$200,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the purchase of Firefighter Protective Bunker Gear.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

**AYES:** Hirsch, Rossetti, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen,

Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

**ABSENT:** Mbah, McLaughlin

D. Mayor's Request 206443 (ID:19156) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$15,000 in the Police Department, from the Detention Attendants Account to the Salary and Wages Temporary Account, to fund Matron Salaries.

E. Mayor's Request 206444 (ID:19169) Requesting approval to pay two prior year invoices totaling \$3,550 using available funds in the FY2019 Communications Department Professional Services and Employee Training Courses Accounts.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

F. Mayor's Request 206446 (ID:19154) 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

G. Mayor's Request 206448 (ID:19147) 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

H. Mayor's Request 206449 (ID:19146) Requesting acceptance of a \$12,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Office of Public Safety and Security to the Police Department for the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over and Click It or Ticket Mobilization Programs.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

I. Mayor's Request 206450 (ID:19145) Requesting acceptance of a \$3,750 grant with no new match required, from the MA Office of Public Safety and Security to the Police Department for pedestrian and bicycle safety enforcement.

RESULT: APPROVED

J. Mayor's Request 206595 (ID:19375) Requesting approval to appropriate \$1,007,566 from the Parks Stabilization Fund for the renovation and restoration of Prospect Hill Park.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

**AYES:** Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

K. Mayor's Request 206596 (ID:19352) Requesting approval to appropriate \$17,805.91 from the Union Square Stabilization Fund for legal services.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

**AYES:** Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Ewen-

Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

**ABSENT:** Scott

L. Mayor's Request 206597 (ID:19353) Requesting acceptance of a \$37,500 grant with no new match required, from the MA Cultural Council to the Arts Council for the Local Cultural Council regrant program.

M. Mayor's Request 206598 (ID:19351) Requesting acceptance of an \$8,500 grant with no new match required, from the MA Cultural Council to the Arts Council for unrestricted operational support.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

N. Resolution 206711 (ID:19526) By Ald. Rossetti

That the Administration provide this Board with a running total of all grant funding, by department, for the last four fiscal years, including the dates and amounts of each grant.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

### HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Committee A. Report 206712 (ID:19483) Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on September 19, 2018.

Alderman Ewen-Campen reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Committee discussed an Affordable Housing Universal Wait List, the Municipal ID Program, and other issues. The Committee learned that the city created in 2018 2.5 acres of new green/open space, mostly due to the ArtFarm's 2.1 acres. The Committee was also updated on the Hundred Homes Program. 47 units have been purchased, and 19 are currently vacant due to necessary renovations.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

В. Order 200700 (ID:13327) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on the plan and timeline for implementing the recommendations in the recent report of the Sustainable Neighborhoods Working Group.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

C. Officer's

Planning Board conveying its recommendations re: #200102 (inclusionary Communication housing), with respect to Tenancy Preservation.

202258 (ID:14939)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

D. Officer's 202259

Planning Board conveying its recommendations re: #200102 (inclusionary Communication housing), with respect to Waiting Lists.

(ID:14940)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

E. Resolution 202497

By Ald. Ballantyne

(ID:15182)

That the Superintendent of Schools share plans with the Ward 7 Alderman to mitigate the negative student enrollment at the West Somerville Neighborhood School caused by the proposed Clarendon/North Street Public Housing project.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED F. Order 203275 (ID:15983) By Ald. Niedergang, Davis

That the Director of SPCD update this Board on plans developed in 2013-2015 to redevelop the outdoor space at the Brown School, and work with the Superintendent of Schools, the Brown School Council and PTA, neighbors, and other stakeholders to improve the space.

### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

G. Order 203698 (ID:16432) By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Director of SPCD discuss options property owners have to split lots in residential neighborhoods.

## RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

H. Order 203981 (ID:16797) By Ald. Niedergang, Davis

That the Director of SPCD develop a Memorial Bench Program for public parks, the Community Path and other public property, and report back to this Board by October 12, 2017.

### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

I. Resolution 204533

(ID:17259)

By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Administration request that the developers of the long-vacant Cobble Hill Plaza update this Board on their plans.

### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

J. Resolution 204851 (ID:17614) By Ald. Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne

That the Administration update this Board on its efforts to form an Office of Housing Stability, as recommended by the Sustainable Neighborhoods Working Group and mentioned in the Mayor's recent inaugural address.

### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

K. Resolution 204863 (ID:17626) By Ald. Clingan

That the Administration update this Board on the former Winter Hill Star Market and the associated lawsuit, as requested in #201772.

### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

L. Order 204884 (ID:17651) By Ald. Scott, and the Entire Board

That this Board explore establishing a community-based independent Community Land Trust that can purchase property in conjunction with nonprofit organizations and private citizens, and make housing permanently affordable.

### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

M. Order By Ald. Mbah

204967 (ID:17711) That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with the street repaving schedule for 2018.

#### **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

N. Resolution By Ald. Hirsch, Niedergang

205098 (ID:17857)

That the Administration update this Board on opportunities for expanded advertisement of the city's tax deferral program, and other tools that may help seniors and homeowners on fixed incomes to achieve financial stability.

#### **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

O. Order 205099 By Ald. Hirsch

(ID:17858)

That the Director of Libraries share his vision for neighborhood access to branch libraries and/or library services.

#### **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

P. Officer's Communication program.

Director of SPCD responding to #203981 re: a memorial bench donation

205127 (ID:17832)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

O. Resolution 205245

By Ald. Clingan, and the Entire Board

(ID:17979)

Condemning the outsourcing of 100 medical coding jobs by Partners Healthcare to India, and requesting from Partners Healthcare how many of those jobs were based in Somerville and/or held by Somerville residents.

#### **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

R. Order By Ald. Hirsch

205287 (ID:18061) That the Community Preservation Act Manager inform this Board whether or not small open spaces can be designated as publicly accessible open space in combination with an affordable housing or historic preservation funding allocation.

#### **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

S. Officer's

Director of Libraries responding to #205099 re: the Libraries' vision for Communication neighborhood access to branch libraries and services.

205317 (ID:18003)

**RESULT:** 

WORK COMPLETED

T. Officer's Communication 205676 (ID:18396)

Community Preservation Manager responding to #205287 re: current practices on designating open space in CPA affordable housing and historic resources projects.

#### **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

U. Order

By Ald. Hirsch

205931 (ID:18698) That the Director of SPCD inform this Board of any plans to update the Housing Needs Assessment.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

V. Order

By Ald. Ewen-Campen, Davis

206057 (ID:18841) That the Director of SPCD make the online decision/report database searchable by applicant name.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

W. Order

By Ald. McLaughlin

206165 (ID:18930) That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with an update on apartment vacancies in the 100 Homes Program.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

## 40. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 206713 (ID:19484) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on September 20, 2018.

Alderman Niedergang reported on the four items discussed at the meeting. First was the amendment or replacement of the current Condominium Conversion Ordinance. Asst. City Solicitor Dave Shapiro provided an update on relevant Superior Court cases. There have been lawsuits against the City claiming that the current Condominium Conversion Ordinance isn't legal. Mayor's Assistant Annie Connor said the Administration was putting together a webpage gathering all relevant condo conversion documents, at www.somervillema.gov/cco. Next was the proposed ordinance to regulate recreational marijuana. Planner Alex Mello highlighted the key points, saying the Licensing Commission would be the licensing authority. Third, the Committee approved an ordinance requiring this Board's approval of certain real estate licenses entered into by the city for a term of more than 3 years. Finally, the Committee considered increasing the membership of the Redevelopment Authority from 5 to 7, with one new member, an Alderman, appointed by the President and the other new member appointed by the Mayor, subject to Board confirmation. The Committee asked the City Solicitor to draft an appropriate Home Rule Petition.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

B. Order 203822 (ID:16514) By Ald. Davis, White Jr.

That this Board's Committee on Legislative Matters draft appropriate language to require this Board's approval of certain licenses entered into by the City for a term of more than 3 years.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Order

By Ald. Rossetti

206714 (ID:19519) That the City Solicitor draft a Home Rule Petition to increase the membership of the Somerville Redevelopment Authority from 5 to 7.

For the approved Home Rule Petition, see #206752.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

### COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

41. Mayor's Request 206716 (ID:19489) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$7,350,000 in a bond for the renovation/construction of the West Branch Library.

**RESULT:** 

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

42. Mayor's Request 206715 (ID:19363) Requesting acceptance of a Confirmatory Reciprocal Easement over Block 11 in Assembly Square.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

43. Mayor's Request 206717 (ID:19451) Requesting the appointment of Jorge Morel to the position of Police Officer.

Alderman Scott requested to waive the readings of items 43 through 46 and refer them to the Confirmation of Appointments Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

44. Mayor's Request 206718 (ID:19488) Requesting the appointment of Christopher Allen to the Licensing Commissioner.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

45. Mayor's Request 206719 (ID:19423) Requesting the appointment of Eleanor Rances to the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

46. Mayor's Request 206720 (ID:19424) Requesting the appointment of Paula Vancini to the Ethics Commission.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

### COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

47. Officer's Communication 206721

(ID:19487)

City Solicitor requesting approval of Pierce Atwood as outside legal counsel.

Asst. City Solicitor Dave Shapiro asked the Board for authorization to appoint Pierce Atwood as outside legal counsel, to deal with environmental issues at Conway Park. Alderman Scott questioned the need for outside counsel, and Mayor's Asst. Annie Connors responded that immediate consideration is requested because their expertise is needed for the city to file certain reports.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

### **NEW BUSINESS**

48. 206722

License/Permit Public Event License, HONK! Festival, Davis Sq area, Oct 5 2-9:30PM, Oct 6 10AM-10PM, Oct 7 10AM-2PM.

(ID:19499)

Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 48 through 54 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

49. 206723

License/Permit Public Event License, HONK! Festival Musicians Party, ArtFarm, Oct 6-7, 4PM-2AM.

(ID:19500)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

50. 206724

License/Permit Public Event License, SomerStreets Monster Mashed Up, Somerville Ave from Park St to Warren Ave, Oct 14, Noon-8PM (raindate Oct 28).

(ID:19501)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

51. License/Permit 206725

Public Event License, Boston-Prichard Block Party, Boston Ave from Kidder Ave to Prichard Ave, Oct 14, 3:30-6PM (raindate Oct 21).

(ID:19502)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

52. 206726

License/Permit Public Event License, Haunted Hall, City Hall Concourse, Oct 18, 5-8PM (raindate Oct 25).

(ID:19507)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

53. 206727 (ID:19503)

License/Permit Public Event License, Taza Chocolate Day of the Dead Celebration, Windsor Pl from Windsor St to Columbia St, Oct 27, 10AM-6PM (raindate Oct 28).

**RESULT:** 

**APPROVED** 

54. 206728 (ID:19504)

License/Permit Public Event License, Lexington Ave Halloween Block Party, Lexington Ave from Willow Ave to Cedar St, Oct 31, 5-10PM.

**RESULT:** 

**APPROVED** 

55. 206729

License/Permit Public Event License, Somerville Honor Run, Davis Sq area, Nov 11, 5AM-3PM.

(ID:19505)

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

License/Permit 56. 206730 (ID:19506)

Public Event License, Boston Turkey Trot 8K Run, Assembly Row-Mystic Reservation, Nov 22, 4AM-Noon.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

57. 206731 (ID:19508)

License/Permit Renewing Flammables License, Nissenbaum Auto Parts, 480 Columbia St.

Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 57 through 59 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

58.

License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Nine Bar Espresso, 11 Holland St.

206732 (ID:19509)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

59.

License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, The Burren, 247 Elm St.

206733 (ID:19510)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

60. Public

Attorney Robert McLaughlin, Sr., submitting a court decision relevant to Communication #206003, an Order of Taking for 90 Washington St.

206735 (ID:19512)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE **FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

61. 206734 (ID:19511)

License/Permit New Outdoor Seating License, Thai Massage, 55 Union Sq.

President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 61 and place it on file with a copy to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

62. Public 206736 (ID:19513)

Eric Schwartz submitting comments re: #206285, a proposed Adult Use Communication Marijuana Zoning Ordinance.

> President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 62 and place it on file with a copy to the Land Use Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE **FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee 63. Public 206737

(ID:19514)

SMEA President Ed Halloran submitting comments re: #205501, an Communication Administrative Order for the appointment of school physicians and nurses by the School Committee.

> President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 63 and place it on file with a copy to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

PLACED ON FILE **RESULT:** Finance Committee **FOLLOWUP:** 

### SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

64. Communication By Ald. Rossetti

> Reporting on the High School Building Committee meeting of September 24, 206738 (ID:19490) 2018.

> > Alderman Rossetti reported that subcontractor final bids are still being analyzed. The Committee will receive an update at its October meeting. The project overall is still on time and on budget. Concrete footings will be installed in October/November, followed by steel framing in mid-December.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

65. Order By Ald. Rossetti, Davis

> 206739 That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider placing traffic safety signage (ID:19491) at the intersection of Willow Avenue, Broadway and Bristol Road.

> > **RESULT: APPROVED**

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

66. Order By Ald. Rossetti

> 206740 That the City Clerk and/or the appropriate city staff, discuss with this Board (ID:19523) the current event permit application process for public event street closures.

> > **RESULT: APPROVED**

> > > FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

67. Order By Ald. Ewen-Campen, White Jr.

> That the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board how a utility pole 206741 on Belmont Street, behind St. Catherine's Church, came down on September (ID:19515) 23, 2018.

> > **RESULT: APPROVED**

Public Utilities and Public Works Committee **FOLLOWUP:** 

68. Order 206742

(ID:19516)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board why a previous Order, #205803, regarding a dangerously curved utility pole on Belmont Street, has not been responded to.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

69. Resolution 206743 (ID:19527)

By Ald. Ballantyne, Hirsch, and the Entire Board

Opposing a Federal Communications Commission Declaratory Ruling and Third Report and Order regarding Accelerating Wireless Broadband

Deployment.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

70. Order 206744 (ID:19520)

By Ald. Ballantyne, White Jr., Rossetti

That the City Solicitor appear before this Board on September 27, 2018 and explain how a City asset, and physical building, like the Homans Building, can be demolished without the approval of this Board.

Alderman White said he expects an explanation of how a structure under the control of this Board can be legally demolished without a Board vote. This matter was postponed to October 11.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE FOLLOWUP: Board of Aldermen

71. Order 206745 (ID:19521)

By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Somerville Climate Coalition provide this Board with updates on their attempts to address climate change.

Alderman Ballantyne sponsored Leigh Meunier from the Climate Coalition of Somerville, who presented slides and information about how the City can address climate change.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

72. Order 206746 (ID:19522)

By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Director of SPCD, with the Finance and SomerStat Departments, construct modeling that demonstrates the likely economic impacts of various commercial types on commercial development, jobs, housing, and other factors, and advise if there should there be caps on any business type when in conflict with SomerVision's goals.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

73. Mayor's Request 206747 (ID:19498) Requesting the adoption of a New Zoning Ordinance (9/2018 update) to supersede the current Zoning Ordinance as originally adopted on March 23, 1990.

Also referred to the Planning Board.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

74. Mayor's Request 206748 (ID:19525) Requesting the position of School Committee Members be classified as a Special Municipal Employees pursuant to MGL c268A.

Assistant City Solicitor David Shapiro said the Board has been requested to designate the position of School Committee Member as a Special Municipal Employee. That would give members more flexibility to represent individuals or companies before city boards and departments on matters unrelated to the School Department. Members could also hold a second City position, if approved on a case-by-case basis by this Board.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

75. Mayor's Request 206749 (ID:17893) Requesting a transfer of \$10,000 from the Housing Division Personal Services Account to the Housing Sustainability Division Ordinary Maintenance Account for department startup costs.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

76. Mayor's Request 206750 (ID:19453) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$114.85 using available funds in the Personnel Department's Office Supplies Account for printer toner.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

77. Mayor's Request 206751 (ID:19452) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$87 using available funds in the Personnel Office Supplies Account for printer toner.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

78. Officer's Communication 206752 (ID:19524)

Officer's Assistant City Solicitor submitting a Home Rule Petition that would increase Communication the membership of the Redevelopment Authority from 5 to 7 members.

For discussion of this item, see #206714 and #206581.

Alderman White proposed amendments to make this item consistent with the Home Rule Petition on this subject that he recently submitted (see #206581).

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED. [UNANIMOUS]

**AYES:** Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

**AMENDED**: Insert, after the first instance of "Board of Aldermen" the phrase "to serve coterminous with the term of the President" and insert, after the second instance of "Board of Aldermen" the phrase "to serve for a term of five years."

79. Officer's Finance Director responding to #206385 Re: Projected State Aid.

Communication 206753 (ID:19518)

President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 79 and place it on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE **FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee** 

80.

License/Permit Renewing Lodging House License, Theta Delta Chi, 123 Packard Ave.

206754 (ID:19528)

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

### LATE ITEMS

81. Officer's Assistant City Solicitor responding to #203822 re: regulating the length of real Communication property license agreements.

206660 (ID:19432)

Discharged from the Committee on Legislative Matters pursuant to

#206696. **RESULT:** ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]

**AYES:** Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

82. **Public** 

Somerville Climate Coalition updating this Board on their attempts to address Communication climate change, pursuant to #206745.

206755 (ID:19531)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:40 PM.

# City of Somerville, Massachusetts Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen

## **SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

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## **OPENING OF THE MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Ward Seven Alderman Katjana Ballantyne

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

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.

206756 (ID:19552)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

**CITATIONS** 

**PUBLIC HEARINGS** 

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** 

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

## COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

2. Mayor's Request 206757 (ID:19551) Requesting to appear before this Board in executive session to discuss strategy with respect to the City's collective bargaining agreements including proposals for wage and benefit packages as well as working conditions.

City Solicitor Frank Wright explained that the discussion of collective bargaining strategy was appropriate for Executive Session. The Board recessed to convene in Executive Session at 6:05 PM. The Board reconvened in Open Session at 7:15 PM. No votes were taken in Executive Session.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

**AYES:** Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen,

Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

**ABSENT:** McLaughlin

## COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

**NEW BUSINESS** 

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

LATE ITEMS

**ADJOURNMENT** 

The meeting was Adjourned at 7:15 PM.

# City of Somerville, Massachusetts Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen

## **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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## **OPENING OF THE MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 PM by Ward Seven Alderman Katjana Ballantyne

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

1. Roll Call 206758 (ID:19583) Call of the Roll.

Alderman Hirsch sponsored a moment of silence for Jahmai Furtado-Cooper and brought Imogene O'Rourke to the podium to add her remembrances. Alderman Niedergang sponsored a moment of silence for Judith Perlstein. Alderman Mbah sponsored a moment of silence for Angelina Machado. Alderman White sponsored a moment of silence for Irving Johansen.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. Minutes 206759 (ID:19584)

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, September 13, 2018.

### **CITATIONS**

3. Citation 206760 (ID:19587)

By Ald. White Jr., the Entire Board and the Mayor

Commending the Little Sisters of the Poor, on the 150th anniversary of their arrival in America.

Alderman White presented the Little Sisters with a Citation honoring their 150th Anniversary.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

4. Grant of Location 206761 (ID:19588) Submitted by Eversource to install 60 feet of conduit in Beacon St, from Pole 24/51 to a point of pickup at 369-371 Beacon St.

The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy with Eversource discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

5. Grant of Location 206762 (ID:19589) Submitted by Crown Castle Fiber to install 44 feet of conduit in Broadway from Manhole 7454 to a proposed Handhole at 1060 Broadway.

The President opened the public hearing. Chris Finneran with Crown Castle Fiber discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED

## ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

6. Order By Ald. Niedergang

206763 (ID:19545) That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Director of SPCD meet with Partridge Avenue residents and the Ward 5 Alderman to discuss traffic calming between Medford and Vernon Streets.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

7. Order 206764 (ID:19546)

By Ald. Niedergang

That the Chief of Police provide traffic enforcement to prevent vehicles from speeding on Partridge Avenue, between Medford and Vernon Streets, especially during the morning and afternoon rush hours.

8. Order 206765 (ID:19547)

By Ald. Niedergang, and the Entire Board

That the Director of Engineering, the Commissioner of Public Works and the Superintendent of Inspectional Services report to this Board on possible actions to incentivize residents to de-pave their properties, such as waiving dumpster fees and lending de-paving tools.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

9. Order 206766 (ID:19548)

By Ald. Niedergang

That the Director of Traffic and Parking paint two additional crosswalks at the intersection of Cherry Street and Highland Avenue.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

10. Order 206767 (ID:19553)

By Ald. Rossetti

The Director of Personnel update this Board on the status of all vacant positions.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

11. Order 206768 (ID:19554)

By Ald. Rossetti, Hirsch

That this Board's Committee on Legislative Matters consider amending Ordinance 12-48, relating to the hours of operation of skate parks.

Alderman Rossetti asked the Committee on Legislative Matters to consider revising the Ordinance that affects the closing time of Lincoln Park by further limiting the hours of its skate park, because of the noise created there. Alderman Davis said that skateboarding is not a crime and should not be separately regulated by the City. Alderman Hirsch pointed out that many residents live very near the park, and didn't have the opportunity to vet the installation of the skate park. She also said the current ordinance prevents the use of the children's playground on Sunday mornings. Alderman McLaughlin said his civic engagement began by advocating for kids being able to use public parks, and he still believes in that. Alderman Scott said he looked forward to resolving the issues in Committee. Alderman Mbah had originally sponsored the item, but after hearing the discussion, asked that his sponsorship be withdrawn.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

12. Order 206769 (ID:19555)

By Ald. Mbah

That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance requiring that projects above a certain size include an impact statement regarding trees and green space, with updates at all stages of design, and prohibiting this Board from authorizing funds for any project that does not include this impact statement.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

13. Resolution 206770 (ID:19556)

By Ald. Mbah

That the Administration create a Task Force to develop a master plan for green and open spaces.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

14. Resolution 206771 (ID:19557)

By Ald. Mbah

That the Administration continue to advertise and to accept applications for membership on the Urban Forestry Committee, if there is to be a delay of more than one month in staffing.

President Ballantyne commented that there has been a lot of interest in this Committee, and a lot of applications submitted. The City is slowly reviewing them, and is planning to fill the urban forestry position this Board recently approved. Alderman Scott said the Resolution is still important, to encourage the City to accept applications on an ongoing basis even if the hiring process is extended.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

15. Resolution 206772 (ID:19558)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen, Scott, Mbah, Hirsch, Davis, Niedergang, Ballantyne Opposing the confirmation of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the US Supreme Court.

Alderman Ewen-Campen read the Resolution. Aldermen Scott and Ballantyne read an email from Kristin Strezzo from the Women's Commission, applauding this Board for taking a stand and standing for sexual assault survivors.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

16. Resolution 206773 (ID:19559)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board

That the Administration establish a widely-advertised Fair Housing enforcement program that proactively tests for illegal housing discrimination.

Alderman Ewen-Campen proposed that the Administration pro-actively place testers in the field, so real estate agents and listing agents know they can be caught if they discriminate.

RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

17. Order 206774 (ID:19560)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen, Rossetti

That the Director of SPCD send a mailer and place flyers on doors and cars to all residents within the High School parking zones, informing them of the ongoing survey for parking needs.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

18. Order 206775 (ID:19561)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen, Scott, Niedergang

That the Director of Engineering, in consultation with local community and small business groups, change the construction warning signs surrounding Union Square to emphasize that businesses remain open during construction.

Alderman Ewen-Campen stated that businesses are very concerned about major traffic detours and how they will impact them.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

19. Order 206776 (ID:19562)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Director of Engineering consider using colored asphalt rather than paint, for bike lanes.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

20. Order 206777 (ID:19563) By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Commissioner of Public Works update the Ward 3 Alderman on repairing and renovating Walnut Street Park. (see #206061)

**RESULT:** APPROVED

21. Order 206778 (ID:19564) By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Engineering work with the Ward 3 Alderman to use \$75,000 contributed by the 125 Lowell developers, to enhance traffic calming in the vicinity.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

22. Order 206779 (ID:19565)

By Ald. Hirsch, Ballantyne, Rossetti, White Jr.

That the Director of Engineering or the Commissioner of Public Works share with this Board the current process for coordinating street paving with underground utility repairs, including how it compares with the Worcester Cooperative Paving Program.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

23. Resolution 206780 (ID:19566)

By Ald. Hirsch, Ballantyne, Rossetti, White Jr.

That the Administration work with other municipalities for the creation of a DPU community advisory board, similar to the MWRA's advisory board, to provide input on the regulation of utilities.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

24. Order 206781 (ID:19567)

By Ald. Hirsch, Ballantyne, Rossetti, White Jr.

That gas leaks be a regular topic on any standing meetings with Eversource or National Grid.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

25. Order 206782 (ID:19568)

By Ald. Hirsch, Ballantyne, Rossetti, White Jr.

That the Director of SPCD, with the Director of Sustainability and Environment, explain the feasibility of encouraging or requiring that areas of new utility infrastructure – such as Boynton Yards or the Inner Belt – use sustainable forms of energy.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

26. Resolution 206783 (ID:19569)

By Ald. Hirsch, Ballantyne, Rossetti, White Jr.

That the Administration and this Board support Bill H2683, "An Act relative to protecting consumers of gas and electricity from paying for leaked and unaccounted for gas."

Alderman Hirsch said she attended a Mother's Out Front gas leaks regional planning meeting in Arlington last week that resulted in several recommendations: 1) If there are gas leaks or an entire pipe needs to be replaced, it is best to do it when the streets are open already; 2) Communities should lobby to form an Advisory Board; 3) Gas leaks should be a topic of discussion in any meetings with our utilities; 4) In any area that still requires major infrastructure development, other energy sources should be supported; and 5) Utilities should pay for gas leaks, not customers, so there's an incentive to stop those leaks.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

27. Resolution 206784 (ID:19570)

By Ald. Hirsch, Ballantyne, Rossetti, White Jr.

Offering appreciation and encouragement for people who have spoken up — whether a person is the target or a colleague and bystander -- when they face workplace situations that make them feel excluded, harassed, or uncomfortable.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

28. Resolution 206785 (ID:19571)

By Ald. Hirsch, Ballantyne, Rossetti, Scott, White Jr., Mbah, Clingan Supporting the Personnel Department in its continuing efforts to make it more possible for employees and residents to speak up, with the recognition that it is a continuing process of improvement and learning for all involved.

29. Resolution 206786

(ID:19572)

By Ald. Hirsch

That the Administration update this Board on transferring the management of Foss Park to the City, to improve conditions and access.

Legislative Aide Annie Connor said she couldn't update the Board at this time, but would provide one as soon as possible.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

30. Resolution 206787 (ID:19573)

By Ald. Hirsch, Ewen-Campen

That the Administration update this Board on establishing a waste reduction position, ideally using revenue saved from reducing recycling and solid waste costs.

Alderman Hirsch asked Alderman White about the status of the Board's budget resolution on waste reduction. He responded that at the last Finance Committee meeting he reviewed all of the Resolutions, and there weren't any on this topic. He offered to take it up at the next meeting.

**RESULT:** APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

31. Order 206788 (ID:19574)

By Ald. McLaughlin, and the Entire Board

That the City expand its public notices to online and non-English-speaking news media.

RESULT: APPROVED

32. Order 206789 (ID:19575)

By Ald. McLaughlin

That the City Solicitor provide this Board with written state and local regulations regarding public notices.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

33. Order 206790 (ID:19576)

By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the potholes at the locations described within.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

34. Order 206791 (ID:19577)

By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the concrete around the manholes at the locations described within.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

35. Order 206792 (ID:19578)

By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the impermeable surface along Alston Street, next to the MBTA separation fence.

36. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

206793

That the Director of SPCD install a bike lane along Myrtle Street.

(ID:19579)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

37. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

206794 (ID:19580) That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the trash from the end of Flint

Street, by McGrath Highway.

**RESULT:** 

**APPROVED** 

**APPROVED** 

38. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

206795 (ID:19581) That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the cracked sidewalk at 2

Ellsworth Street.

**RESULT:** 

39. Order By Ald. McLaughlin

206796 (ID:19582) That the Director of Engineering reassess the position of Otis Street on the

pavement list and adjust if needed.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

40. Resolution By Ald. Davis

206666 (ID:19441) That the Administration adopt a holistic urban development approach, following the Cuidad Dulce (Sweet City) model, that attends to all members of the community, especially marginalized populations, both human and nature.

Alderman Davis sponsored speaker Johnny Hazboun, who spoke about Holistic Urban Development, known as Cuidad Dulce (Sweet City), which creates urban landscapes that coexist with nature. That means developing spaces that incorporate automobiles, bicycles, pedestrians and wheelchair users, trees, plants and their pollinators, rivers, etc. The goal is to turn the city from an extractive consuming power into a productive one.

**RESULT:** 

APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** 

Housing and Community Development Committee

41. Order 206744 (ID:19520) By Ald. Ballantyne, White Jr., Rossetti

That the City Solicitor appear before this Board on September 27, 2018 and explain how a City asset, and physical building, like the Homans Building, can be demolished without the approval of this Board.

City Solicitor Frank Wright explained that he is unaware of any obligation for the Board to approve razing a public building. In the case of the Homans Building, the MBTA will look for a transfer of a portion of the property for a power station, but at this time they are simply razing the building to establish a staging area for GLX construction, which is part of its licensing agreement with the City.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

# FINANCE COMMITTEE

Α. Committee Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on October 9, 2018.

Report 206797 (ID:19544)

Alderman White reported that many items were discussed at the meeting. The Committee unanimously recommended bonding \$7,350,000 for the renovation/construction of the West Branch Library. The Committee discussed, and will follow up in future meetings, such topics as voluntary pilots with nonprofits, waiving taxi medallion fees for green vehicles, hiring legal counsel for the Board's independent legal analysis, Parks and Recreation Department spending on girls' programs vs. boys' programs, the cost of the City's bid for Amazon, and the militarization of the Police, with requests to accept a rapid deployment vehicle, ballistic helmets and sunglasses for Police Officers.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

B. Resolution 199297

By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Administration implement a PILOT program to promote partnerships with major local non-profit institutions for fair-value voluntary PILOTs.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

C. Officer's

Director of SomerStat submitting a memorandum analyzing an increase in the Communication residential exemption.

202711 (ID:15401)

(ID:11894)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

D. Order 203230 By Ald. Davis

(ID:15935)

That the City Solicitor advise this Board whether the city may restrict financial institutions from participating in city borrowing based on their business activities, and whether the city may engage in a negotiated underwriting process with a pre-selected lending institution under certain circumstances.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

E. Order By Ald. Ballantyne

203448 (ID:16161)

(ID:16524)

That the City Assessor and Finance Director provide revenue comparisons for real estate and other taxes received, for a hotel vs. a commercial building of comparable size.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

F. Order 203742 By Ald. Rossetti

That the Fleet Manager provide a 2017 mid-year report of all services provided by the Fleet Management Department, and the expenses to date in each of its line items.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

October 11, 2018 G. Officer's Asst. City Solicitor responding to #203230 re: restricting or pre-selecting Communication financial institutions for city borrowing. 204025 **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED (ID:16679) H. Order By Ald. Hirsch 204867 That the Chief Assessor and the Director of Communications provide an (ID:17634) update on how this year's tax deferral program can be advertised to each eligible home owner, and how the application process can be streamlined. WORK COMPLETED **RESULT:** I. Resolution By Ald. Niedergang 204881 That the Mayor allocate \$25,000 for the remainder of FY18 for this Board to hire its own legal counsel to provide independent legal analysis and advice on (ID:17648) legal matters. **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED J. Resolution By Ald. Clingan 205091 That the Administration provide this Board with an opinion on whether or not to draft a home rule petition raising the owner occupied residential tax (ID:17850) exemption from 35% to 40%. **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED K. Officer's City Treasurer responding to #203230 re: whether the city can restrict financial Communication institutions from participating in city borrowing. 205678 WORK COMPLETED **RESULT:** (ID:18426) L. Officer's Legislative Liaison updating this Board on the city's recycling costs. Communication **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED 205729 (ID:18453) M. Mayor's Requesting approval of a reciprocal easement over portions of Block 6 in Request Assembly Row. 205950 **RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS] (ID:18680) Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, **AYES:** Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne N. Officer's Legislative Liaison responding to #200593 with updated reports on Police and Communication Fire services rendered to tax-exempt facilities.

# 205959

(ID:18686)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

O. Officer's Communication 205960

Legislative Liaison responding to #205477 re: Block 8 payments.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED (ID:18720)

P. Public Communication Charge.

3 residents submitting comments re: #205728, a proposed Fire Suppression

205998 (ID:18725)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

Q. Officer's 206100 (ID:18821)

CPA Manager submitting the FY18 CPA Annual Report and FY19 Communication Community Preservation Plan as supporting documents for the CPA FY19 budget.

> **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

R. Resolution 206229

(ID:19058)

By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Administration add \$250,000 to the FY19 budget to purchase additional trees.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

S. Resolution 206239 (ID:19068) By Ald. Rossetti

That the Administration increase the annual salary of the Director of the Council On Aging to align with the numerous other Directors who oversee a similar number of staff and contribute to the well-being of thousands in our Community.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

T. Mayor's Request 206242 (ID:18722) Requesting the acceptance of certain Assembly Row streets as Public Ways, including portions of Great River Road, Revolution Drive and Grand Union Boulevard.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, **AYES:** 

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

U. Mayor's Request 206243 (ID:18953)

Requesting acceptance of the fee interest in portions of Great River Road, Revolution Drive and Grand Union Boulevard.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

V. Mayor's Request 206323 (ID:19071) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$34,000 to the Parks and Recreation Budget Ordinary Maintenance Fee Account to fund a license payment for the DCR Boathouse.

W. Mayor's Request 206442 (ID:19161) Requesting the appropriation of \$6,000 from the CPA Fund Open Space and Recreational Land Reserve budget to Groundwork Somerville, for the conservation restriction fee for the 5 Palmer parcel.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

X. Mayor's Request 206451 (ID:19160) Requesting acceptance of a \$3,100 grant with no new match required, from the MA Attorney General to the Health and Human Services Department, for summer youth jobs.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

Y. Mayor's Request 206452 (ID:19076) Requesting acceptance of a \$2,000 grant with no new match required, from the Mount Auburn Hospital to the Health & Human Services Department for health equity training.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

Z. Resolution 206584 (ID:19380) By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Administration explain to this Board why the new textile recycling contract was not subject to the city's Living Wage ordinance, and inform this Board when that contract will be re-negotiated.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AA. Mayor's Request 206715 (ID:19363) Requesting acceptance of a Confirmatory Reciprocal Easement over Block 11 in Assembly Square.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

AB. Mayor's Request 206716 (ID:19489) Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$7,350,000 in a bond for the renovation/construction of the West Branch Library.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

# 43. LAND USE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 206798 (ID:19542) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on October 4, 2018.

Alderman Davis reported that the Committee met in joint session with the Planning Board, for public hearings on open space requirements for mid-rise and high-rise buildings, and on specific regulations for developing parcels that have steep slopes. These items will continue to be discussed in Committee.

#### 44. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

Α. Committee Report 206799 (ID:19540)

Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on October 2, 2018.

Alderman Niedergang reported that the Committee discussed two items: adult recreational marijuana licensing and a new condominium conversion ordinance. On an ordinance for marijuana establishments, Planner Alex Mello said that setting a maximum number of marijuana facilities is a policy decision, although a minimum of six is required. Planning Director George Proakis said that any quota should only apply to retail outlets, so other aspects of the industry can develop, such as research and testing facilities. Questions were raised about the priority application process that gives local applicants preference. On the proposed updated condominium cooperative conversion ordinance, the Committee noted that it could act to support affordable housing, without having to get something passed by the State Legislature.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

#### LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE 45.

A. Committee Report 206800 (ID:19543) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on October 9, 2018.

Alderman Rossetti reported that the Committee discussed a public event license for the Somerville Honor Run, a road race in the Davis Square area on November 11. The applicants said 50% of the proceeds would go to the Dilboy VFW Post. The Committee recommended approval, with conditions noted in the report. The next item was to renew a Lodging House License for Theta Delta Chi, 123 Packard Avenue. The Police Department recommended denial of the request, due to prior violations there. The fraternity was suspended by Tufts will not be eligible to petition for certification until 2027. The Committee directed that the City Solicitor review the video from the meeting and advise the Committee on how to proceed.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

B. 206729

License/Permit Public Event License, Somerville Honor Run, Davis Sq area, Nov 11, 5AM-3PM.

(ID:19505)

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS **RESULT:** 

**CONDITIONS:** That the race NOT interfere with services at St.

Catherine's Church, and that all event plans are approved

by the appropriate city staff.

C. 206730 (ID:19506)

License/Permit Public Event License, Boston Turkey Trot 8K Run, Assembly Row-Mystic Reservation, Nov 22, 4AM-Noon.

> **RESULT:** WITHDRAWN

D. Order 206801 (ID:19596) By Ald. Rossetti, White Jr., Scott

That the City Solicitor review the video of the October 9, 2018 Licenses and Permits Committee meeting and advise the Committee how to proceed with #206754, a Lodging House License application from Theta Delta Chi, 123 Packard Ave.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

#### OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY SPECIAL COMMITTEE 46.

Α. Committee Report 206802 (ID:19541)

Report of the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, on October 3, 2018.

Alderman Mbah reported that the Committee conducted a Public Hearing on tree-related matters. He said the presentations from this meeting can be seen online.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

B. Order 206803 (ID:19539) By Ald. Mbah

That #203365, #206495, #205683 and #205807, all currently in the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, be discharged from that Committee and referred to the Committee on Legislative Matters.

APPROVED **RESULT:** 

# COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

47. Mayor's Request 206804

Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to provide legal voting rights for residents aged 16 and older.

(ID:19586)

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:** 

Legislative Matters Committee **FOLLOWUP:** 

48. Mayor's Request 206805 (ID:19533) Requesting acceptance of a \$300,000 grant with no new match required, from the EPA to the SPCD Economic Development Division for citywide Brownfield site assessments.

Alderman White requested to waive the reading of item 48 and refer it to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

49. Mayor's Request 206806 (ID:19532)

Requesting acceptance of a \$20,000 grant that requires a match, from MA DCR to SPCD's Transportation and Infrastructure Division for an Urban Forestry Management Plan.

**APPROVED** RESULT:

50. Mayor's Request 206807 (ID:19529) Requesting acceptance of a \$18,723.97 grant with no new match required, from the MA Office of Public Safety and Security to the Police Department for the Law Enforcement and Youth Partnership Jr. Academy summer program.

Alderman White requested to waive the reading of item 50 and refer it to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

51. Mayor's Request 206808 (ID:19530) Requesting acceptance of a \$10,000 grant with no new match required, from the MA Dept of Public Health to the Police Department for the purchasing and training of Naxalone.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

52. Mayor's Request 206809 (ID:19549) Requesting the appointment of Seamus Lynch to the position of Fire Fighter.

President Ballantyne requested to waive the readings of items 52 and 53 and refer them to the Confirmation of Appointments Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

53. Mayor's Request 206810 (ID:19550) Requesting the appointment of Troy Martini to the position of Fire Fighter.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

54. Mayor's Communication 206811 (ID:19585)

Conveying the Report of the Clean and Open Elections Task Force.

President White requested to waive the reading of item 54 and place it on file with a copy to the Legislative Matters Committee for discussion. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

# **COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

55. License/Permit Public Event License, School St Block Party, from Summer St to Knapp St, 206812 Oct 13, 11AM-6PM (raindate Oct 20).

Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the reading of item 55 and approve it. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

56. 206813

(ID:19591)

License/Permit Public Event License, Infra-Structure Concert, ArtFarm, Oct 20, 10AM-2AM.

Alderman Scott said that he intended to follow up with the event organizer before giving final approval; the Board made his approval a condition of the license.

**RESULT:** APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS **CONDITION:** Approved only if Ald. Scott concurs.

57. Withdrawn 206814 (ID:19592) Withdrawn.

**RESULT:** WITHDRAWN

58. License/Permit 206815 (ID:19593)

Renewing Lodging House License, Alpha Tau Omega, 134 Professors Row.

Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the reading of item 58 and approve it. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

59. 206816 (ID:19594)

License/Permit New Outdoor Seating and Goods License, MedWell Health and Wellness, 55 Broadway, 1 A-Frame sign.

> Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 59 and 60 and refer them to the Licenses and Permits Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

60. 206817

(ID:19595)

License/Permit Amending Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Master Used Cars, 121 Prospect St, increasing vehicles outside from 23 to 26, and extending hours Mon-Fri to 7:30PM and Sat to 5:30PM.

> REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:**

Licenses and Permits Committee **FOLLOWUP:** 

## SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

61. Order By Ald. Clingan, Mbah

206818 (ID:19597)

That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a NO PARKING FROM HERE sign at the parking lot at 315 Broadway.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

62. Order By Ald. Clingan

206819 (ID:19598)

That the appropriate department adjust the hours of the dog parks from 8:00 am to 7:00 am.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee 63. Order 206820 (ID:19599)

By Ald. Clingan, Hirsch, Niedergang

That the Director of SPCD update this Board on the Healy schoolyard redesign and consider making it a top priority.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

64. Order 206821 (ID:19600)

By Ald. Clingan

That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services bait the sewer at 48-50 Ash Avenue for rodents.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

65. Resolution 206822 (ID:19601)

By Ald. Clingan, McLaughlin, and the Entire Board Supporting the 1,500 hotel workers of Unite Here Local 26, currently on strike at 7 Marriott-managed hotels in Boston.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

66. Resolution 206823 (ID:19603)

By Ald. Ballantyne, and the Entire Board

That Tufts University engage the Somerville community in its public Master Planning process.

Alderman Ballantyne updated the Board on the Home Rule Petition for an Institutional Master Planning Requirement. It made it through Committee favorably but got caught up in third reading. Primarily, Tufts University has been strongly opposed. The point of the requirement is to legislate a conversation. Because of Tuft's non-profit status, they haven't been required to go through a public process to share their future plans.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

67. Order 206824 (ID:19605)

By Ald. Ballantyne, Clingan

That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Parks and Recreation share a 5-year master design plan and financial investment plan for any DCR parks like Draw 7, Foss, Dilboy, Blessing of the Bay, etc.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

68. Order 206825 (ID:19606)

By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Director of Information Technology and the Director of Finance update this Board on cyber privacy security plans for protecting resident/consumer private financial data.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

69. Order 206826 By Ald. Niedergang, Scott

(ID:19607)

That the Director of Engineering and/or the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pedestrian and bicycle ramp under the railroad bridge on Sacramento Street, and respond to this Board in writing before the next meeting of the Committee on Public Utilities and Works.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

70. Officer's 206827

(ID:19602)

Director of Parks & Recreation responding to #205109 re: a policy for gender Communication equity for programs serving persons under 18.

Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 70 and place it

on file with a copy to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

PLACED ON FILE RESULT: FOLLOWUP: **Finance Committee** 

71.

License/Permit New Drainlayer's License, JP Vara Inc.

206828 (ID:19614)

Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 71 through 74 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**APPROVED RESULT:** 

72. License/Permit 206829

Renewing Open Air Vendor License, Next Wave-Full Circle School, 8 Bonair

St.

(ID:19615)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

73. License/Permit 206830

Renewing Lodging House License, Zeta Psi Fraternity, 80 Professors Ave.

(ID:19612)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

74. License/Permit 206831

Renewing Lodging House License, Delta Upsilon Fraternity, 114 Professors

(ID:19613)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

75. **Public** 206832 (ID:19604)

National Association of Regional Councils submitting comments re: #206743, Communication a Resolution opposing the FCC's decision on accelerating wireless broadband deployment.

> President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 75 and place it on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

PLACED ON FILE RESULT:

76. Public

Anika Van Eaton submitting comments re: #206768, to consider amending Communication skate park hours.

206833 (ID:19608)

President Ballantyne requested to waive the readings of items 76 and 77 and refer them to the Legislative Matters Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

77. **Public** Communication park hours.

Kevin Malone submitting comments re: #206768, to consider amending skate

206834

(ID:19609)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

## LATE ITEMS

78. Order

206835 (ID:19617) By Ald. Ballantyne, Davis

By Ald. White Jr.

That the Director of Health and Human Services and the Commissioner of Public Works install NO SMOKING signs in the public parks in and around Ward 7 and Davis Square.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

79. Order 206836

(ID:19618)

That the Commissioner of Public Works and the City Engineer address before the Committee on Public Utilities and Works what appears to be the failure of a contractor to tie the local sewer line from Ten Hills Road into the Shore Drive main sewer pipe, which was part of a major separation contract, and discuss measures that will be undertaken to oversee future water and sewer projects.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

80. Ordinance 206837 (ID:19620) By Ald. Scott, and the Entire Board

That Ordinance 2-311 be amended by changing the phrase "former school committee member" to "former or current school committee member".

Alderman Scott proposed this Ordinance to follow up on the Board's discussion of #206748 at the September 27 meeting, at which the Board classified School Committee members as Special Municipal Employees so they could represent clients before City boards, but expressed opposition to them being able to be hired as City employees.

**RESULT:** ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]

**AYES:** Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne 81. Officer's

Planning Board conveying its recommendations re: #206285, zoning ordinance Communication amendments regarding adult use marijuana establishments.

206838 (ID:19616)

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

82. Order

203365 (ID:16068) By Ald. 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.

Discharged from the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy pursuant to #206803.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION **FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

83. Public Communication ordinance.

Tori Antonino submitting comments re: #203365, calling for a native planting

205683

(ID:18433)

Discharged from the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy

pursuant to #206803.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION **FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

84. Resolution

205807 (ID:18584) By Ald. Ballantyne

That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance to establish the city's current green space as a minimum allowed amount, as described within.

Discharged from the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy pursuant to #206803.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION **FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

Order 85.

By Ald. Ballantyne, Scott, Davis

206495 (ID:19288) That the City Solicitor consider the attached language in the drafting of a

Native Tree and Plantings Ordinance, as ordered by #203365.

Discharged from the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy pursuant to #206803.

REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION **RESULT: FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:25 PM.

# City of Somerville, Massachusetts Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen

# **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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# **OPENING OF THE MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Ward Seven Alderman Katjana Ballantyne

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

1. Roll Call 206839 (ID:19665) Call of the Roll.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. Minutes 206840 (ID:19666)

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, September 27, 2018.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

## **CITATIONS**

3. Citation 206841 (ID:19667)

By Ald. Clingan, Scott, and the Entire Board Commending Georgio and Louis Trotta, founders and proprietors of Caesar's Pizza and Subs on Somerville Avenue, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary this month.

Aldermen Clingan and Scott presented Georgio and Louis Trotta, proprietors of Caesar's Pizza and Subs, with the Citation, and they thanked the Board for the recognition.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

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## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

4. Grant of Location 206842 (ID:19668)

Submitted by Eversource to install 114 feet of conduit in Greenville St, from Manhole 14541 at McGrath Hwy to a point of pickup at the rear of 434 McGrath Hwy.

The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy with Eversource discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

5. Grant of Location 206843 (ID:19669) Submitted by Eversource to relocate Pole 63/7 on Cherry St 7 feet to the north.

The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy with Eversource discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing. Alderman Rossetti asked if, when Eversource notifies customers of issues, they leave voice messages if no one's home. (This related to a recent incident on Claremon St.) Ms. Duffy said she would look into it and get back to the Board.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

# ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

6. Communication By Ald. Ewen-Campen, Scott

206844 Upda (ID:19644) Grou

Updating this Board on the progress of the Community Land Trust Working Group.

Alderman Ewen-Campen said a Land Trust Task Force has been formed to promote a Community Land Trust in Somerville. This is one way a non-profit can own land and can use it to promote permanently affordable housing.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

7. Order 206845 (ID:19645)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Director of Traffic and Parking install NO IDLING signs on Tower Street, across from the Somerville Hospital.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

8. Resolution 206846 (ID:19646)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Administration update the Ward 3 Alderman on plans to exempt Crocker Street from the odd-even snow parking regulation, due to their unique situation with Somerville Hospital.

9. Order 206847 (ID:19647)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Director of Engineering update this Board in writing on where, and how many, police details will be stationed during the roll-out of the Somerville Avenue detour, and whether any modifications have been made to the plan since the public meeting on October 10, 2018.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

10. Order 206848 (ID:19648) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Director of SPCD and/or the Director of Traffic and Parking report to the Ward 5 Alderman on making Sartwell Avenue a two-way street.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

11. Order 206849 (ID:19649)

By Ald. Niedergang, Clingan

That the Director of SPCD or the Director of Traffic and Parking explain to this Board why there are no lane markings or striping on Broadway between Temple Street and Magoun Square.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

12. Resolution 206850 (ID:19650)

By Ald. Niedergang, Davis, Rossetti, Ballantyne

That the Mayor's Office report to this Board in writing with plans for the police presence around the detour route from the Broadway/Ball Square Bridge closure to protect the Ball Square neighborhood from cut-through traffic, especially at key intersections on Cedar Street, Highland Avenue, College Avenue, and Broadway.

Alderman Niedergang requested details about traffic planning, in advance of the Ball Square bridge detours being put in place.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

13. Order 206851 (ID:19651)

By Ald. Niedergang

That the Director of SPCD develop a physical traffic calming infrastructure on Morrison Avenue between Cedar Street and Willow Avenue, before the Broadway/Ball Square Bridge closes in January 2019.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

14. Withdrawn 206852 (ID:19652)

Withdrawn.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

15. Order 206853 (ID:19653)

By Ald. Niedergang

That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to this Board on the enforcement of 311 complaints about illegal parking, and what provisions exist for enforcement against illegal parking on Sundays and holidays.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

16. Order 206854 (ID:19654)

By Ald. Hirsch, Mbah

That the Director of Health and Human Services work with the Public Schools to allow whole fruits to be saved for use as snacks, given that many children often go without snacks.

Alderman Hirsch asked the Health and Human Services Director to find a way for whole fruits, which are generally discarded uneaten by children after meals, to be instead saved and used as snacks later in the day.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

17. Order 206855 (ID:19655)

By Ald. Hirsch, Ewen-Campen

That the Chief of Police update this Board on coordinating with the state to place a crossing guard on McGrath Highway, at Highland Avenue.

Alderman Hirsch stated that McGrath Hwy. is a State Road and there has been a lot of back and forth with the State Delegation.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

18. Resolution 206856 (ID:19656)

By Ald. 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.

Alderman Hirsch said education could help residents identify violations of health or building codes in their neighborhoods, and let them know who to contact for potential violations.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

19. Order 206857 (ID:19657)

By Ald. Hirsch, Clingan

That the Director of Health and Human Services discuss conducting a workshop for parents and adult caregivers to help them better understand risks, indicators of use, and strategies of intervention for tween/teen substance use.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

20. Order

rder By Ald. Hirsch

206858 (ID:19658) That the Director of Personnel work with the School District to advertise open City or School positions to families of Public School students.

Alderman Hirsch would like a letter to go home with students, notifying families of open city or school positions. Alderman Rossetti commented that the RESISTAT newsletter goes out to thousands of people and links to all open positions in the city.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Youth Services Committee

21. Order 206859

By Ald. Hirsch

That the Chief of Police share his view of how and when residents should call the Police or 311 for emergency and non-emergency matters, including which number to call, and consider holding a discussion on the topic that includes different stakeholders.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

22. Communication By Ald. Hirsch

206860 (ID:19660)

(ID:19659)

Updating this Board on the City and School District's combined efforts to expand and improve Out of School Time programming.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

23. Communication By Ald. Hirsch, McLaughlin

206861 (ID:19661) Sharing information from the internal Rodent Control Task Force on City efforts.

Alderman Hirsch attended an interdepartmental Rodent Control Task Force and said the Rodent Liaison position was posted, and the city is now reviewing 45 resumes.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

24. Resolution 206862 (ID:19662)

By Ald. Hirsch

That the Administration work with this Board to prioritize implementation of the Clean and Open Elections Task Force recommendations.

Alderman Hirsch asked the status of some of the high priority task force items, like public financing, ranked choice voting, voting age, and immigration status. Alderman Niedergang said the items that the Administration has submitted are in the Legislative Matters Committee, and he would be happy to work with members on prioritizing the initiatives. Alderman White suggested that a single Home Rule Petition, grouping the items that need State approval, might have a better chance of success than a series of individual proposals.

25. Resolution 206863 (ID:19663)

By Ald. Clingan, Ewen-Campen, Hirsch, McLaughlin, Scott, Mbah That the Administration report to this Board, the number of Somerville residents working on the construction of the new high school.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

26. Resolution 206864 (ID:19664)

By Ald. Clingan, and the Entire Board

That the Administration report to this Board, any instances of businesses found guilty of wage theft by the Attorney General's Office, and what action was taken in accordance with our wage theft ordinance.

Alderman Clingan stated that there is a Wage Theft Ordinance but he has heard from many people that it is not enforced.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

27. Resolution 206690 (ID:19464)

By Ald. Niedergang, Rossetti, Mbah, Ewen-Campen, Scott Approving "A Call to Prevent Nuclear War," urging the US government to take steps to avoid nuclear war, such as renouncing the first use of nuclear weapons, taking nuclear weapons off hair-trigger alert, and ending the unchecked authority of the President to launch a nuclear attack.

Ald. White and Ballantyne were excused from voting.

Alderman Niedergang stated that while generally, the Board does not get into foreign policy, he feels that this issue affects everyone. He said that President Trump announced plans to pull out of a major arms control treaty with Russia. He said the language of this resolution came from a conference attended by more than 200 people at Harvard University last year. He sponsored Christopher Spicer-Hinkley, a member of the disarmament movement, who spoke of families seeking peace, and the moral imperative to prevent a nuclear war.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

# REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

# 28. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 206865 (ID:19637) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on October 15, 2018.

Alderman Scott reported that the Committee reviewed a series of positions. The appointment of Gerald McCue to the Retirement Board was withdrawn, as he has taken another position elsewhere. The Committee interviewed a candidate for Police Officer, and several board and commission candidates. After acceptance of the Committee Report, Jorge Morel was sworn in as Police Officer.

B. Mayor's Request 205383 (ID:18101) Requesting the appointment of Gerald McCue to the Somerville Retirement Board.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

C. Mayor's Request 206609 (ID:19374) Requesting the appointment of Richard Scanlon to the Board of Assessors.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

D. Mayor's Request 206717 (ID:19451) Requesting the appointment of Jorge Morel to the position of Police Officer.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

E. Mayor's Request 206718 (ID:19488) Requesting the appointment of Christopher Allen to the Licensing Commissioner.

RESULT: APPROVED

# 29. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 206866 (ID:19640) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on October 18, 2018.

Alderman Scott reported that the Committee took up two items that had been laid on the table at the previous meeting, the appointments of Seamus Lynch and Troy Martini to the positions of Firefighter. Both candidates were recommended for approval, and were sworn in after approval of the Committee Report.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

B. Mayor's Request 206809 (ID:19549) Requesting the appointment of Seamus Lynch to the position of Fire Fighter.

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**RESULT:** APPROVED

C. Mayor's Request 206810 (ID:19550) Requesting the appointment of Troy Martini to the position of Fire Fighter.

# 30. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 206867 (ID:19642) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on October 22, 2018.

Alderman White reported that the Committee held a public hearing on the proposal to transfer a parcel in Union Square's D2 block to the Redevelopment Authority. Many persons spoke, and the item was kept in Committee. The Committee also discussed the request to take by eminent domain 90 Washington Street for the construction of a public safety building. Cost was a major concern, and this was also kept in Committee. The Committee considered other financial matters, and discussed an Order by Alderman Scott seeking outside counsel to issue legal opinions and address questions that arose in the Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee. There has not been a formal response from the City Solicitor as of yet, and this item was kept in Committee.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

B. Mayor's Request 206322 (ID:19072) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$47,940 to the DPW School Custodians Salaries Account to fund a Jr. Custodian position.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

C. Mayor's Request 206807 (ID:19529) Requesting acceptance of a \$18,723.97 grant with no new match required, from the MA Office of Public Safety and Security to the Police Department for the Law Enforcement and Youth Partnership Jr. Academy summer program.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

## 31. LAND USE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 206868 (ID:19638) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole in Joint Session with the Planning Board on October 16, 2018.

Alderman Davis reported on the items discussed at the meeting. First was the Administration's presentation of the third draft of the zoning overhaul. Planning Director George Proakis noted that the slides he and Planner Dan Bartman presented were posted at www.somervillezoning.com. The Committee then discussed a zoning amendment for regulating adult use marijuana establishments. Vice Chairman White presided, with Aldermen Scott and Davis recused. Alderman McLaughlin said he had no objections to locating establishments on Broadway, as long as the City's other main streets were also utilized. He and other members approved several amendments to the map that added or removed streets. Alderman Rossetti asked that Mr. Proakis make sure there were no residential locations left on the map. Alderman Mbah's motion to exclude any marijuana establishment from within 500 feet of a school was not approved. Mr. Proakis said he would redraw the map, and said certain areas cannot be excluded due to State law. Alderman White requested that the proposed map be sent to the Committee members prior to the next meeting.

## 32. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 206869 (ID:19641) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on October 18, 2018.

Alderman Niedergang reported that the Committee addressed ordinances for adult marijuana licensing, condominium conversion, and establishing the City's current green space as a minimum allowed amount. The Committee considered three key issues for marijuana licensing: 1) Should the 3 existing medical marijuana dispensaries be considered priority applicants? 2) What is the length of time during which only priority applicants can apply? and 3) Should the Committee cap the number of licenses that can be issued by the Licensing Commission? City Solicitor Frank Wright said the City can cap the number of licenses, as long as a minimum of 6 are allowed (20% of the 29 package stores). All items remained in Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED

# 33. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 206870 (ID:19639) Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on October 17, 2018.

Alderman Niedergang reported that the Committee discussed Green Line Extension bridge closures and detours, traffic light signalization, traffic calming priorities and the traffic calming petition program that the Administration put into place 3 years ago. Transportation Director Brad Rawson discussed the Ball Square bridge detours, saying that Cambridge, Medford and the MBTA have been helping to mitigate the expected traffic problems, and the bridge will not be closed for more than a year. The Committee discussed various methods of traffic calming including safety zones, police presence, speed bumps, raised crosswalks, speed tables, onstreet parking and the use of street trees. The Committee also discussed traffic signal changes, especially at Powder House Circle. Mr. Rawson stated that this is a priority area and the GLX team may purchase new equipment as part of the GLX project. The Committee also discussed the traffic light at Lowell St. and Highland Ave. which backs traffic up on Lowell St. Mr. Rawson said many of the signals including that one were installed in 1990 and have not been updated since, and only minor changes are possible with the equipment. He said the Administration is working on plans to upgrade these signals. Finally, the Committee discussed rethinking how traffic calming works in both local streets and major roadways, and investing in both environments simultaneously.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

B. Order 197023 (ID:9577) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Director of SPCD (T&I) develop a plan for a pedestrian crosswalk at Vernon Street and Lowell Street and report to this Board and the Ward 5 Alderman on how that would be incorporated into the Lowell Street bridge traffic calming project.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Order By Ald. Niedergang

> 199280 That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Commissioner of Public (ID:11881) Works report to this Board on the placement of NO IDLING signs at all public

> > schools.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

Order D. By Ald. Niedergang

That the Director of Traffic and Parking suggest traffic calming measures on 199282

Pembroke Street to slow traffic that cuts through to avoid the traffic light at (ID:11883)

Central and Medford Streets.

WORK COMPLETED **RESULT:** 

E. Order By Ald. Niedergang

> 199586 That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Director of the Office of (ID:12187) Sustainability and the Environment report to this Board on the design,

> > placement, effectiveness and enforcement of "NO IDLING" signs by all

schools.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

F. Officer's Traffic and Parking Director responding to #199586 re: "No Idling" signage at Communication schools.

199752 (ID:12243)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

G. Order By Ald. Niedergang

199959

That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider installing signage or a mirror at the intersection of Woodbine and Lowell Streets so cars exiting onto Lowell (ID:12579)

Street can see oncoming traffic before pulling out.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

Order H. By Ald. McLaughlin, Lafuente, McWatters

200436

That the Director of SPCD update this Board on the Gilman Square building

(ID:13045) and when traffic issues will be alleviated there.

> RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

I. Order By Ald. Niedergang, Heuston

> 200526 (ID:13173)

That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the concrete on the pedestrian and bicycle ramp under the railroad bridge on Sacramento Street, between

Somerville Avenue and Miller Street.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED J. Order

By Ald. Niedergang

200782 (ID:13448) That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to the Ward 5 Alderman on the Traffic Calming Petition that was filed by residents of Highland Road on October 3, 2015, and report to this Board on the process by which such petitions are considered.

#### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

K. Order

By Ald. Niedergang

201150 (ID:13849)

That the Director of Traffic and Parking put up a second DO NOT ENTER sign on the west side of the entrance from Medford Street into the CVS parking lot.

# RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

L. Order

By Ald. Ballantyne

201477 (ID:14135) That the Traffic Engineer and the Chief of Police suggest traffic calming measures for High, Sterling, Fairfax and Gordon Streets and Woods Avenue and report back to the Ward 7 Alderman.

# RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

M. Order

By Ald. Niedergang, Heuston, Ballantyne, Davis

201497 (ID:14160) That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to this Board on the Traffic Calming Neighborhood Action Program, explain why it has taken over 8 months for petitions to be considered, and clarify when the 25 petitions submitted are likely to receive a response.

## RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

N. Order

By Ald. Niedergang

201621 (ID:14284) That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to the Ward 5 Alderman on measures to reduce the speed of vehicles around Hoyt-Sullivan Park, including reducing the speed limit on Central Street to 20-25 mph. (3rd request)

# RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

O. Order 201708

By Ald. Heuston

(ID:14378)

That the Director of Traffic and Parking appear before this Board to address the on-line resident parking permit system and its turn-around times, lack of transaction confirmations, and long lines at the customer service counter.

# RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

P. Order 202102 (ID:14788) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Director of Traffic and Parking, the Director of SomerStat or a representative of the Administration, report to this Board on the time frame for responses to the dozens of traffic calming petitions that have been submitted by residents over the past year.

# RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

Q. Order By Ald. Davis

202107 (ID:14793) That the Director of Engineering install a "bump out" at the terminus of the crosswalk on Elm Street west of Willow Avenue opposite Beech Street.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

R. Order By Ald. Niedergang

202431 (ID:15118)

That the Director of Traffic and Parking work with her counterpart in Medford to improve the intersection of Broadway, Albion and Winchester Streets,

where there is no signage or street markings.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

S. Mayor's Conveying an update regarding traffic calming petition procedures.

Communication 202590 (ID:15275)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

T. Order

By Ald. Niedergang

202728 (ID:15434)

That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to the Ward 5 Alderman on whether large truck traffic can be curtailed or banned on Cedar Street to avoid disturbing residents' peace and damaging their foundations.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

U. Officer's

Assistant City Solicitor submitting an opinion regarding the posting of official

Communication Speed Limit signs.

202958 (ID:15617)

**RESULT:** 

WORK COMPLETED

V. Order By Ald. Ballantyne

202975 (ID:15673)

That the Director of Traffic and Parking paint 20 MPH, highlighted in a circle, on Broadway and Powder House Blvd, to inform drivers entering Somerville

from Route 16 of the city's speed limit.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

W. Order By Ald. Niedergang

203598 (ID:16315) That the Director of Traffic and Parking instruct Parking Control Officers to regularly ticket the NO PARKING spots on the east side of Cedar Street by

Trum Field, particularly in the evenings and Saturdays.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

X. Order By Ald. Niedergang

203599 (ID:16316) That the Chief of Police enforce traffic laws at Cedar Street and Franey Road, as cars are making U-turns there and speeding over the Cedar Street bridge,

and trucks are backing out into the street and blocking it.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED Y. Order By Ald. Davis

204216 (ID:16924) That Director of Traffic and Parking install 20 MPH Safety Zone signage, including a "speed alert" sign and other traffic calming measures on College Avenue between Powderhouse and Davis Squares.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

Z. Resolution By Ald. McWatters, and the Entire Board

204258 (ID:16979) That the Administration and Director of SPCD consider increasing the number of safety zones throughout the city.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AA. Officer's Director of Traffic and Parking responding to #204236 re: the term of

Communication residential parking permits.

204287 (ID:17004)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AB. Order By Ald. Davis
204345 That the Administration review the traffic and pedestrian signals at the Powder

(ID:17065) House Rotary and propose changes to better address traffic flow and pedestrian

safety.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AC. Order By Ald. Davis

204792 (ID:17514) That the Commissioner of Public Works and/or the Director of Traffic and Parking install an overhead Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon at the crosswalk at the West Branch Library, with bump-outs on either side of the crosswalk.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AD. Order By Ald. Niedergang, Mbah, and the Entire Board

204880 (ID:17647) That the Director of SPCD report to this Board whether he plans to propose to the Traffic Commission that 20 mph speed zones be adopted citywide.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

AE. Order By Ald. Niedergang, Davis

204882 (ID:17649) That the Director of Traffic and Parking add a second crosswalk and install a flashing PEDESTRIAN CROSSING sign on both sides of Summer Street at Cherry Street to enhance safety for children and parents walking to the

Kennedy School.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AF. Officer's DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 5/24/18.

Communication 206102 (ID:18826)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AG. Officer's Traffic a Communication meeting.

Traffic and Parking Director responding to Items from this Board's 6/14/18 meeting

206332 (ID:19037)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AH. Officer's Traffic a
Communication meeting.

Traffic and Parking Director responding to Items from this Board's 5/24/18 meeting

206333 (ID:19002)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AI. Order

By Ald. Niedergang, Scott

206395 (ID:19183) That the Director of SPCD update this Board on the Administration's traffic calming program, including a report on the traffic petition program and responses to and implementation of petition requests for traffic calming interventions on specific streets.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AJ. Order

By Ald. Niedergang

206579 (ID:19365) That the Director of Traffic and Parking install 2 CAUTION: CHILDREN CROSSING signs on both sides of Lowell Street around 294 Lowell Street to accommodate the daycare center there.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AK. Order

By Ald. Ballantyne

206671 (ID:19447) That the Director of Traffic and Parking install additional pedestrian safety measures at the intersection of Holland Street and Cameron Avenue. (2nd request)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AL. Order

By Ald. Rossetti, Davis

206739 (ID:19491) That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider placing traffic safety signage at the intersection of Willow Avenue, Broadway and Bristol Road.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AM. Order

By Ald. Niedergang

206763 (ID:19545) That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Director of SPCD meet with Partridge Avenue residents and the Ward 5 Alderman to discuss traffic calming between Medford and Vernon Streets.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

AN. Order

By Ald. Niedergang

206766 (ID:19548) That the Director of Traffic and Parking paint two additional crosswalks at the intersection of Cherry Street and Highland Avenue.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

# COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

34. Mayor's Request 206871 (ID:19621) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoices totaling \$176,891.54 using available funds in various DPW General Fund Accounts.

Alderman White requested to waive the reading of item 34 and refer it to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

35. Mayor's Request 206872 (ID:19517) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$ 1,448.13 using available funds in the Engineering Department's Professional and Technical Services Account for professional services for the Murdock Street project.

RESULT: APPROVED

36. Mayor's Request 206873 (ID:19631) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$885.69 using available funds in the City Clerk's Office Rental-Storage Space Account to pay Apex Information Security for the pickup and storage of records in June, 2018.

RESULT: APPROVED

37. Mayor's Request 206874 (ID:19632) Requesting the re-appointment of Berlin Haynes as Constable.

President Ballantyne requested to waive the readings of items 37 through 47 and refer them to the Confirmation of Appointments Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

38. Mayor's Request 206875 (ID:19633) Requesting the re-appointment of Alan Bishop as Constable.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

39. Mayor's Request 206876 (ID:19634) Requesting the re-appointment of Michael Browne as Constable.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

40. Mayor's Request 206877 (ID:19635) Requesting the re-appointment of Catello Battinelli II as Constable.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

41. Mayor's Requesting the re-appointment of Mary Battinelli as Constable. Request REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:** 206878 **FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters (ID:19636) Committee 42. Mayor's Requesting the appointment of Silvana Dinka to the position of Jobs Creation and Retention Trust Board member. Request 206879 **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION (ID:19625) **FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee 43. Requesting the appointment of Vickie Choitz to the position of Jobs Creation Mayor's Request and Retention Trust Board member. 206880 REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:** (ID:19626) **FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee 44. Requesting the appointment of Anika Van Eaton to the position of Jobs Mayor's Creation and Retention Trust Board member. Request 206881 **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION (ID:19627) **FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee 45. Mayor's Requesting the appointment of Rand Wilson to the position of Jobs Creation Request and Retention Trust Board member. 206882 **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION (ID:19628) FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee 46. Requesting the appointment of Josh Grehan to the position of Jobs Creation Mayor's and Retention Trust Board member. Request 206883 **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION (ID:19629) **FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee 47. Mayor's Requesting the appointment of Tom Bent to the position of Jobs Creation and Request Retention Trust Board member. 206884 **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION (ID:19630) **FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

## COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

48. Officer's

Assistant City Solicitor responding to #205807 with a draft Ordinance to Communication establish and preserve the amount of green space in the City.

206885 (ID:19643)

President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 48 and refer it to the Legislative Matters Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

49. Officer's Communication

Special Counsel conveying the City's GLX License Agreements.

206886 (ID:19624)

President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 49 and place it on file with a copy to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

PLACED ON FILE **RESULT: FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

50. 206887

License/Permit Public Event License, Ten Hills Rd Halloween Block Party, from Cresthill Rd to Shore Dr, Oct 31, 5-8PM.

(ID:19670)

Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 50 through 52 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: **APPROVED** 

51. 206888

License/Permit Public Event License, Prospect Hill Halloween Block Party, Prospect Hill Ave from Boston St to Monroe St, Oct 31, 5:30-9:30PM.

(ID:19671)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

52.

License/Permit New Livery License, Prospect Hill Limo, 25 Adrian St, 1 vehicle.

206889 (ID:19672)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

53. Public Tufts University submitting its Fall 2018 University Accountability report.

Communication 206890 (ID:19673)

President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 53 and place it on file with a copy to the Committee on Housing and Community Development. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee 54. Public

Tori Antonino submitting comments re: #206489, a Zoning Ordinance Communication amendment for slope protection.

206891 (ID:19674)

President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 54 and place it on file with a copy to the Land Use Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE **FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

55. **Public** 206892

Chris Dwan submitting comments re: #206613, a proposed Ordinance for Communication short-term rental properties.

(ID:19675)

President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 55 and place it on file with a copy to the Legislative Matters Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

56. **Public** 206893 (ID:19676)

Monica Achen submitting comments re: #204755, a request to transfer a City-Communication owned parcel in the North Prospect Block to the Redevelopment Authority.

> President Ballantyne requested to waive the readings of item 56 and place it on file with a copy to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE **FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

57. **Public** 206894

(ID:19677)

Sieh Samura submitting comments re: #206284, an Ordinance regarding adult Communication use marijuana establishments.

> President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 57 and place it on file with a copy to the Legislative Matters Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

58. **Public** 206895 (ID:19678)

Michael Dundas submitting comments re: #206284, an Ordinance regarding Communication adult use marijuana establishments and the Sira Accelerator Program.

> President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 58 and place it on file with a copy to the Legislative Matters Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

## SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

59. Resolution 206896 (ID:19679)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board

That the Administration explain to this Board, in writing, how the recently-released US Treasury "Opportunity Zone" tax breaks will apply to the Union Square redevelopment, and whether this is expected to significantly increase the profit for the Union Square Master Developer.

Alderman Ewen-Campen stated that several large parts of Somerville are included in new federally-designated "Opportunity Zones," including the D2 parcel in Union Sq. He said this could significantly enhance the bottom line for investors, and he would like the Administration to comment on possible impacts.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

60. Communication By Ald. Rossetti

206897 (ID:19681) Reporting on the High School Building Committee meeting of October 22, 2018.

Alderman Rossetti said the team continues to monitor the areas remaining for contract, to maximize potential State reimbursements. Suffolk expressed concerns about potential asbestos findings, and said they are removing soils from the footprint of the building, with an expert on site communicating with DEP. The Committee also discussed a covered walkway from the main building to the vocational wing, but it would cost \$300,000. The Superintendent will look into other avenues to protect students.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

61. Order 206898 (ID:19683)

By Ald. Hirsch, and the Entire Board

That the Commissioner of Public Works share information about the installation of gates in school lots.

Alderman Rossetti said that after talking with Legislative Liaison Tim Snyder, it appears that the Board approved the school lot gates as part of the FY19 budget. They gates are being installed at all of the schools. Policies have to be put in place, to govern the use of the lots during snow emergencies when schools are or are not open.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE FOLLOWUP: Board of Aldermen

62. Order 206899 (ID:19684)

By Ald. Hirsch

That the Director of Housing Stability invite the Public School Superintendent to join in convening with Alderman Hirsch a focus group of benevolent landlords, to better understand what factors contribute to their ability to rent at below-market rates and to rent to children and families.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

# 63. Communication By Ald. Hirsch

206900 (ID:19685) Sharing an intent to work with local climate groups and/or City staff to arrange a tour of local homes that have reduced their carbon footprint through such means as the installation of heat pumps, passive house retro-fits, and other approaches.

## RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

64. Ordinance 206901

(ID:19689)

By Ald. Ballantyne, Niedergang

That the Tree Preservation Ordinance be amended to expand the membership of the Urban Forestry Committee by adding one or two members between the ages of 14 and 17 who express an interest in urban forestry and landscape design.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

65. Order By Ald. Ballantyne

206902

That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the potholes on Holland Street,

(ID:19690) from Teele Square to Paulina Street.

#### **RESULT:** APPROVED

66. Order By Ald. Ballantyne

206903 (ID:19691) That the Director of Engineering inspect the large portion of Ware Street, from Dow Street to Russell Road, that has been sinking over the last 3 weeks.

RESULT: APPROVED

67. Order By Ald. Ballantyne

206904 (ID:19692) That the Chief of Police monitor the speeding cars on Powderhouse Blvd., especially during school drop off and pick up times.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

68. Resolution By Ald. McLaughlin, and the Entire Board

206905 (ID:19693) Supporting the Veterans Day Parade on Sunday, November 4, starting at Noon,

and encouraging all veterans and their families to march in the parade

(congregate at 11:30AM at City Hall).

69. Order 206906

By Ald. McLaughlin

206906 That Commissioner of Public Works fill the sink holes along Gilman Street (ID:19694) from Walnut to Cross Streets.

Alderman McLaughlin requested to waive the readings of items 69 through 74 and refer them all, except item 73, to the Public Utilities and Public Works Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

70. Order 206907 (ID:19695)

By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Director of Water and Sewer update this Board on a potential sewer main break under the Gilman Street bridge and any actions to remedy the problem.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

71. Order 206908 (ID:19696)

By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Director of Water and Sewer update this Board on a potential sewer main break on Webster Avenue and any actions to remedy the problem.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

72. Order 206909 (ID:19697)

By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Director of Water and Sewer update this Board on possible burst pipes on Wellington Street by Walnut Street.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

73. Order 206910 (ID:19698)

By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the NO TRUCKS sign on Mount Pleasant Street by the Broadway intersection.

RESULT: APPROVED

74. Order 206911 (ID:19699)

By Ald. McLaughlin

That the City Arborist determine if the leaning tree at 11 Melvin Street is in danger of falling and recommend an appropriate solution.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

75. Mayor's Request 206912 (ID:19700) Requesting the appointment of Patricha Paul to the position of Condominium Review Board member.

Alderman Scott requested to waive the reading of item 75 and refer it to the Confirmation of Appointments Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

76. Mayor's Request 206913 (ID:19703) Requesting that the Director of SPCD and the Director of Housing Stability present to this Board the proposed business plan and budget of the Office of Housing Stability.

President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 76 and refer it to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT: APPROVED FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

77. Public Communication 206914 (ID:19680)

Harvard University submitting its Fall 2018 University Accountability report.

President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 77 and place it on file with a copy to the Committee on Housing and Community Development. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

78. **Public** 206915 (ID:19686)

Representative Provost submitting comments re: #206481, a proposed zoning Communication amendment for open space requirements for mid-rise and high-rise buildings.

> President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 78 and place it on file with a copy to the Committee on Land Use. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE **FOLLOWUP:** Land Use Committee

79. Public 206916 (ID:19687)

Andrew Greenspon submitting comments re: #204755, a request to transfer a Communication City-owned parcel in the North Prospect Block to the Redevelopment Authority.

> President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 79 and place it on file with a copy to the Committee on Finance. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE **FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

#### LATE ITEMS

80. Order By Ald. Niedergang

206917 That this Board discharge #206773 re: a fair housing enforcement program, (ID:19701) from the Legislative Matters Committee and refer it to the Committee on

Housing and Community Development for discussion.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

81. Order By Ald. Scott

206918 That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a DO NOT ENTER sign at the

(ID:19705) intersection of Morgan and Beacon Streets.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

82. Order By Ald. Scott

That the Director of Traffic and Parking place an ABUTTERS ONLY, NO

(ID:19706) THRU TRAFFIC sign at the intersection of Morgan and Park Streets.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

83. Order By Ald. Scott

206920 That the Director of Traffic and Parking relocate the ABUTTERS ONLY sign (ID:19707) at the intersection of Beacon and Durham Street, and add a NO TRUCKS sign

at the intersection of Beacon and Durham Street, and add a NO TRUCKS sign as well, to prevent cut-through commercial traffic.

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**RESULT:** APPROVED

84. Order By Ald. Scott

206921 That the Director of Traffic and Parking restore the ABUTTERS ONLY sign

(ID:19708) at the intersection of Dane and Skehan Streets as soon as possible, ahead of the

planned Somerville Avenue detour.

RESULT: APPROVED

85. Resolution By Ald. Scott

That the Mayor direct the Director of Personnel to immediately begin filling

(ID:19709) vacancies in the promotion hierarchy of the Police Department.

RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

86. Public Jessica Turner submitting comments re: the Union Square Neighborhood

Communication Council's negotiation for a Union Sq Community Benefit Agreement.

206923 (ID:19704) **RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**  87. Resolution 206773 (ID:19559)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board

That the Administration establish a widely-advertised Fair Housing enforcement program that proactively tests for illegal housing discrimination.

Discharged from the Committee on Legislative Matters pursuant to #206917.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:45 PM.

### City of Somerville, Massachusetts Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen

#### **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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#### **OPENING OF THE MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Ward Seven Alderman Katjana Ballantyne

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

1. Roll Call 206924 (ID:19761) Call of the Roll.

Alderman McLaughlin sponsored a moment of silence for Louie Fevuzza. Aldermen Rossetti, Niedergang and White sponsored a moment of silence for George Livingston. Alderman Hirsch sponsored a moment of silence for Esma Goodridge and Laura Levis.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. Minutes 206925 (ID:19762)

Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting, October 11, 2018, and the Regular Meeting, October 11, 2018.

RESULT: APPROVED

#### **CITATIONS**

3. Citation 206926 (ID:19759)

By Ald. McLaughlin, the Entire Board and the Mayor Commending Kevin Goulart, winner of the Alexander McQuestion Award as Police Officer of the Year.

4. Citation 206927 (ID:19760)

By Ald. McLaughlin, the Entire Board and the Mayor Commending Paul French, Steven Cheimets, and Sean Layton, winners of the Thomas Chetham Award as Firefighter of the Year.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

5. Grant of Location 206928 (ID:19765) Submitted by Eversource to install 42 feet of conduit in Elmwood St from Pole 113/9 to a point of pickup at 11 Tannery Brook Row.

The President opened the public hearing. Renee Banks Clark with Eversource discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

6. Grant of Location 206929 (ID:19766) Submitted by Eversource to install 54 feet of conduit in Broadway from Manhole 7457 to a point of pickup at 1060 Broadway.

The President opened the public hearing. Renee Banks Clark with Eversource discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

7. Grant of Location 206930 (ID:19767) Submitted by Eversource to install 11 feet of conduit in Washington St from Pole 358/11 to a point of pickup at 75 Washington St.

The President opened the public hearing. Renee Banks Clark with Eversource discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

8. Grant of Location 206931 (ID:19768) Submitted by Cambridge Network Solutions to install 85 feet of conduit in Washington St from the CNS Manhole at the intersection of Washington St and New Washington St to Pole 358/18.

The President opened the public hearing. Jeffrey Harrington with Cambridge Network Solutions discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

9. Grant of Location 206932 (ID:19769) Submitted by Contractor Douglas George for Owner Nam Cheung, to install 49 feet of conduit in Dover St from Pole 195/4 to a point of pickup at 88 Dover St.

The President opened the public hearing. Contractor Douglas George representing Nam Cheung discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

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

10. Order By Ald. Ballantyne

206933 That the Director of the Arts Council coordinate with Project Soup for use of the Nibble Kitchen.

Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the readings of items 10 through 14 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

11. Order By Ald. Ballantyne

206934 That the Director of Traffic and Parking provide the Ward 7 Alderman with the number of business parking permits given out in the ward by business and

identify the streets to which the permits are assigned.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

12. Order By Ald. Ballantyne

206935 That the Chief of Police monitor Route 16 for reported truck traffic and take

(ID:19719) appropriate action.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

13. Order By Ald. Ballantyne, Rossetti

206936 That this Board's Committee on Traffic and Parking revisit the request of

(ID:19722) Truck Exclusion on Powderhouse Blvd.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

14. Order By Ald. Ballantyne

206937 That the Director of Engineering prioritize Meacham Street and Cameron

(ID:19720) Avenue on the street paving plan.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

15. Communication By Ald. Ballantyne

206938 Reporting on School Committee discussions on a snow emergency policy, a (ID:19744) Memorandum of Understanding for the Kennedy Pool, and the advertisement

of all jobs in both Public Schools and City newsletters.

President Ballantyne reported that school parking lots will no longer be available to the public during snow emergencies, eliminating 350 parking spaces. She has requested the City to share a breakdown by ward of the those spaces. Residents will still be able to use municipal parking lots during snow emergencies. Parking locations can be found at

www.somervillema.gov/snow. The gates are only for snow emergencies. She also reported that there was a petition by parents last year to extend the hours of the Kennedy Pool. There has now been an understanding that the City will take over management of the pool, and will develop a plan for access, building security, and financial management.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

16. Resolution 206939 (ID:19745)

By Ald. Mbah, Hirsch, Niedergang, Davis

That the Administration create an equity task force to look at the city's hiring practices for all city positions and boards/commissions.

Alderman Mbah requested that the Administration create a task force to look into the city's hiring practices.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

17. Order 206940 (ID:19746)

By Ald. Mbah

That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with data on the longevity of minority-owned businesses in the city and ways in which the city is working to preserve them.

Alderman Mbah requested data on the longevity of minority owned businesses in the City.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

18. Order 206941 (ID:19747)

By Ald. Mbah

That the Director of Purchasing provide this Board with data on the number of procurement contracts awarded to people of color and women for the past 10 years.

Alderman Mbah requested the Director of Purchasing to provide to the Board the number of procurement contracts it awards to people of color and women.

RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

19. Resolution 206942 (ID:19748)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Administration work with the Ward 3 Alderman to ensure that the snow emergency parking options are sufficient in Ward 3, given recent changes to the school lot policy.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

20. Order 206943 (ID:19749) By Ald. Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Ballantyne

That the Chief of Police inform this Board how decisions are made to balance enforcement of cyclist violations, and the enforcement of vehicles driving or parking in bicycle lanes.

Alderman Ewen-Campen requested that the policy on cyclist and motor vehicle enforcement be explained.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

#### 21. Communication By Ald. Rossetti

206944 (ID:19750) Reporting on the High School Building Committee meeting of November 5, 2018.

Alderman Rossetti reported that the Committee discussed an update on hazardous material discovered at the construction site, which the State DEP is aware of. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the guaranteed maximum price dollar figure. A motion was made for the total construction budget to now be \$206,383,977, which is a do-not-exceed amount. The project is still on time and on budget.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

# 22. Order 206945 (ID:19751)

By Ald. Clingan, Hirsch

That the Director of SPCD prioritize repaving Stickney Avenue in response to a residents' petition.

Alderman Clingan requested that the Director of SPCD prioritize repaving Stickney Avenue because it's in poor condition.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

# 23. Resolution 206946 (ID:19752)

By Ald. Hirsch, Niedergang

Requesting the formation of a Resident Transit Advisory Committee as first proposed on February 8, 2018 (see #205100).

Alderman Hirsch requested that a Resident Transit Advisory Committee be formed.

RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

### 24. Order 206947 (ID:19756)

By Ald. Hirsch, Davis

That the Director of Communications provide information on the timing and notification of the parade detour for MBTA buses, which was extended to 6PM.

Alderman Hirsch requested from the Director of Communications the timing and notifications to the MBTA for the Veterans Parade bus route detours. Buses remained re-routed long after the parade had ended.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

# 25. Order 206948 (ID:19757)

By Ald. Hirsch, Scott

That the Director of SPCD provide an update on installing protected bike lanes or making other bike infrastructure improvements on Webster Street.

Alderman Scott reported that the street would be paved starting tomorrow morning. Once completed, there would be flex posts installed to improve cyclist safety.

26. Order

206949 (ID:19754) By Ald. Hirsch

That the Chief of Police report on the effectiveness of recent block closures for Halloween and discuss whether or not the program may be expanded.

Alderman Hirsch requested a report from the Chief of Police on the effectiveness of the block closures on Halloween.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

27. Communication By Ald. Hirsch

206950

Providing information regarding the Vision Zero process.

(ID:19753)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

28. Resolution

206951 (ID:19755) By Ald. Hirsch, and the Entire Board

Offering this Board's most sincere appreciation to Veterans Services Commissioner Bryan Bishop and Clerk Kathy Carey, and to all involved, for

organizing the Veterans Day Parade.

Alderman Hirsch stated that the parade was wonderful, and she thanked

those who worked on it.

RESULT: APPROVED

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

29. Order By Ald. Hirsch, and the Entire Board

206898

That the Commissioner of Public Works share information about the

(ID:19683) installation of gates in school lots.

**RESULT:** LAID ON THE TABLE

**FOLLOWUP:** Board of Aldermen

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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

A. Committee Report 206952

(ID:19729)

Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel

Matters, meeting on October 25, 2018.

Alderman Scott reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Committee acted on a variety of appointments to city commissions.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

B. Mayor's Request 204660 (ID:17349) Requesting the re-appointment of Alan Bingham as an Alternate Member of

the Historic Preservation Commission.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

Mayor's	Requesting the appointment of Lara Versari to the Human Rights Commission.			
Request 204956	RESULT:	APPROVED		
Mayor's Request	Requesting the re Commission.	a-appointment of John McKenna to the Licensing		
206331 (ID:19036)	RESULT:	APPROVED		
Mayor's Request	Requesting the ap Preservation Com	ppointment of Alan Bingham as a Member of the Historic nmission.		
206373 (ID:19104)	RESULT:	APPROVED		
Mayor's Request	Requesting the appointment of Stephanie Galaitsi to the Commission for Women.			
206610 (ID:19373)	RESULT:	APPROVED		
Mayor's Request	Requesting the ap	opointment of Eleanor Rances to the Housing Authority Board s.		
206719 (ID:19423)	RESULT:	APPROVED		
Mayor's	Requesting the ap	ppointment of Paula Vancini to the Ethics Commission.		
206720	RESULT:	APPROVED		
(ID:19424)				
Committee	Report of the Cor	mmittee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel as a Committee of the Whole on November 5, 2018.		
206953 (ID:19732)	Alderman Scott several re-appoi	reported on the items discussed at the meeting. There were intments considered, particularly for the Planning Board. One not re-appointed, and another withdrew.  APPROVED		
Mayor's	Requesting the re	-appointment of Kevin Prior to the Planning Board.		
Request 204650	RESULT:	WITHDRAWN		
Mayor's	Requesting the re	e-appointment of Rebecca Lyn Cooper to the Planning Board.		
Request 204651	RESULT:	APPROVED		
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(ID:17353)

D. Mayor's Request 204653 (ID:17355) Requesting the re-appointment of Gerard Amaral as an Alternate Member of the Planning Board.

Thanked for his service but, was not re-appointed.

RESULT: NOT APPROVED

E. Mayor's Request 204659 (ID:17348) Requesting the re-appointment of Dick Bauer to the Historic Preservation Commission.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

F. Mayor's Request 205041 (ID:17697) Requesting the re-appointment of Zachary Zasloff to the Condominium Review Board.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

G. Mayor's Request 205042 (ID:17698) Requesting the re-appointment of Daniel Maltzman to the Condominium Review Board.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

H. Mayor's Request 206454 (ID:19221) Requesting the re-appointment of Michael A. Capuano to the Planning Board.

RESULT: APPROVED

I. Mayor's Request 206912 (ID:19700) Requesting the appointment of Patricha Paul to the position of Condominium Review Board member.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

#### 32. LAND USE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 206954 (ID:19730) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on October 30, 2018.

Alderman Davis reported that the Committee met jointly with the Planning Board. There was a public hearing for the newly submitted third draft of the proposed zoning overhaul. The minutes provide a summary of those comments; video is available online. The written comment period will close on November 26 for the Planning Board, and on December 13 for the Board of Aldermen. Next the Committee discussed the proposed zoning amendment for adult use marijuana establishments. A public hearing will follow on November 27.

#### 33. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 206955 (ID:19731) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on November 1, 2018.

Alderman Niedergang reported that most of this meeting was spent on the Adult Marijuana Licensing Ordinance. The Committee discussed buffers between retail adult marijuana establishments, and agreed that this belongs in the Zoning Ordinance, which will be discussed in the Land Use Committee. Alderman Niedergang moved that there be a temporary cap of no more than 12 adult marijuana retail establishments, to expire after two years. After much discussion, that motion was approved. He also proposed a mandatory community meeting before any marijuana retail license is approved by the Licensing Commission, and it was agreed that this would be discussed in the Land Use Committee. The Committee approved the amended Adult Marijuana Licensing Ordinance. The Committee also made a small change to the Urban Forestry Committee Ordinance, then approved it.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

B. Order 203965 (ID:16681) By Ald. Rossetti, Davis

That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance for review by this Board related to recreational marijuana.

#### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Officer's City Solicitor su Communication Establishments.

City Solicitor submitting an Ordinance regarding Adult Use Marijuana Establishments

206284 (ID:19046)

For ordainment of this item, see #207038.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

D. Ordinance 206901 (ID:19689) By Ald. Ballantyne, Niedergang

That the Tree Preservation Ordinance be amended to expand the membership of the Urban Forestry Committee by adding one or two members between the ages of 14 and 17 who express an interest in urban forestry and landscape design.

For ordainment of this item, see #206981.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

#### 34. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 206956 (ID:19733) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on November 7, 2018.

Alderman Rossetti reported that the Committee discussed the Lodging House License application at 123 Packard Avenue, and decided to take action at its next meeting on December 12. The Committee also discussed the current process for public event street closures, and agreed that neighbors must be notified at least 7 days prior to the event.

B. Order By Ald. Rossetti

206740 (ID:19523) That the City Clerk and/or the appropriate city staff, discuss with this Board the current event permit application process for public event street closures.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

C. 206816 (ID:19594)

License/Permit New Outdoor Seating and Goods License, MedWell Health and Wellness, 55 Broadway, 1 A-Frame sign.

> **RESULT: APPROVED**

#### PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE 35.

Committee A. Report 206957 (ID:19725)

Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on October 24, 2018.

Alderman Clingan reported that the first item discussed was the enforcement of laws for cellphone use while driving. The Police Chief reported that while there is still is not a law on the books for using a phone while driving, officers do enforce the distracted driver law. The next item discussed was the Police Department's participation in the Cop Link Program. Cop Link is a database collected from regional police departments so they can share information. Somerville's information may be accessed by other law enforcement agencies, including ICE, raising concerns for illegal immigrants. But the Police Department does not enter any immigration status information into Cop Link. Finally, the Committee learned about crossing guards, and how they are hired, trained, placed, etc.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

B. Communication By Ald. Rossetti

204451

Conveying the School Department's Security Camera Policy to this Board's

Committee on Public Health and Public Safety. (ID:17175)

> **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

C. Order By Ald. Ewen-Campen

204852 (ID:17615)

That the Chief of Police report to this Board, the current approach for enforcing laws relating to cell phone use while driving, and any relevant

studies regarding the prevalence of such use in the city.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

D. Officer's 204924

Legislative Liaison submitting a communication regarding the implementation Communication of the Ordinance to Safeguard Vulnerable Road Users (aka the Sideguard Ordinance).

(ID:17630)

E. Resolution By Ald. Davis, Rossetti

204948 (ID:17664) That the Administration explore additional pedestrian safety strategies for crosswalks when the crossing signs have to be removed during winter.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

F. Order By Ald. Ewen-Campen, Davis

205193 (ID:17966)

That the Director of Traffic and Parking explain whether it is possible to program alternative LED patterns for blinking STOP signs and other traffic

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

G. Order By Ald. Scott, and the Entire Board

205465 (ID:18384) That the Chief of Police work with the Administration to report to this Board on the Police Department's participation in the regional COPLINK program,

with regard to the city's status as a Sanctuary City.

**RESULT:** 

WORK COMPLETED

H. Officer's Communication 2/22/18 meeting. 205534

Traffic and Parking Director responding to various Board Orders from the

(ID:18085)

WORK COMPLETED **RESULT:** 

I. Order By Ald. Clingan

205668 (ID:18417) That the Chief of Police report to this Board on the prioritization of crossing

guard locations and on the training that crossing guards receive.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

J. Resolution By Ald. Hirsch, Ballantyne, Clingan

205699 (ID:18529)

That the Administration share information on efforts with WAZE and other routing systems to determine how their algorithms direct traffic through

Somerville.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

K. Order By Ald. Hirsch

205830 (ID:18605)

That the Chief of Police share how decisions are made to notify the public about public safety events, using 311, CTY, ConnectEd calls and emails, or

other means.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

Order L. 205900 By Ald. Clingan

(ID:18661)

That the City Clerk request the MA Opioid Abuse Prevention Collaborative to inform this Board of any regional programs or strategies that involve Somerville.

### M. Resolution 206292

By Ald. Davis

206292 (ID:19051) That the Administration review all City applications and other filings on which a gender designation is required and, if not already provided, make revisions to allow a person to designate a gender other than "Male" or "Female" and to report to the Ward 6 Alderman the results of such review.

#### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

#### N. Order 206426 (ID:19218)

By Ald. Hirsch, Ballantyne

That the Chief of Police report on the placement of crossing guards and how the location assignments get prioritized.

#### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

#### O. Order 206429 (ID:19217)

By Ald. Hirsch

That the Chief of Police and the Director of Health and Human Services share ways that the City or School Department can help teens or children who have witnessed a crime, trauma, or an arrest, to process the information after the event.

#### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

#### P. Order 206582 (ID:19377)

By Ald. White Jr., Ballantyne

That the Chief of Police report to this Board the number of times the Chief has sent a notice to landlords whose tenants have violated the provisions of Ordinance 9-97, and whether such a notice was sent to the owner of 38 Chetwynd Road for the incident on September 1, 2018.

#### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

#### Q. Resolution 206680 (ID:19454)

By Ald. White Jr., Hirsch

That a representative of the Board of Health and the Administration work with the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety to revamp the City's current ordinances and regulations for the use of tobacco and cannabis products in public places, and recommend signage and posting locations to inform the public where the consumption of those products is prohibited, with the fines for violation.

#### 36. PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 206958

(ID:19728)

Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, meeting on October 25, 2018.

Alderman White reported a discussion of the draft Ordinance for the Management and Elimination of Natural Gas Leaks. It was based on Boston's Ordinance, but a Superior Court Judge recently struck down portions of it. Assistant City Solicitor Jason Grossfield will redraft it. The Committee also discussed last year's tree removal on Beacon Street. Alderman Scott moved that Administration determine that Newport Construction and Northern Tree are not responsible bidders for a period of 5 years because of their role in the tree removal, and the motion was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

B. Order

By Ald. Niedergang

202332 (ID:15038) That the City Engineer repair the curb cut and sidewalk ramp at the

intersection of Murdock and Clyde Streets.

**RESULT:** 

WORK COMPLETED

C. Public

23 residents submitting a petition re: the trees removed on Beacon Street.

Communication 204944 (ID:17611)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. Order

By Ald. Davis

205010 (ID:17798)

That the City Solicitor advise this Board about whether the way in which the Beacon Street trees were taken down was compliant with state law and the city's Tree Ordinance.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

E. Public

Chris Dwan submitting comments re: the removal of trees from Beacon St.

Communication 205406 (ID:18156)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

F. Order

By Ald. Scott

205498 (ID:18427) That the City Solicitor provide the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works an opinion on the ability of the city to bar a contractor from future city work.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

G. Order

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

206060 (ID:18844) That the Commissioner of Public Works fix the street lamp on the traffic island outside Brady Towers at 252 Medford Street.

H. Order

206204 (ID:18994) By Ald. Hirsch, Ewen-Campen

That the Commissioner of Public Works report on the feasibility of extending yard waste pickup later in the season.

#### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

I. Order

By Ald. Scott

206440 (ID:19230) That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with a detailed report of current contractual obligations regarding Beacon Street reconstruction, including costs incurred, work still outstanding on the current contracts, and the implications

of cancellation of the outstanding contracts.

#### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

J. Order

By Ald. White Jr.

206594 (ID:19431) That the City Solicitor prepare a document for review by this Board's Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works in preparation for filing a

complaint regarding the removal of trees along Beacon Street.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

K. Officer's DPW Commission Communication 6/14/18 meeting.

DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted at the

206615

(ID:19346)

**RESULT:** 

WORK COMPLETED

L. Officer's DPW Commission Communication 6/28/18 meeting.

DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted at the

206616 (ID:19348)

**RESULT:** 

WORK COMPLETED

M. Order

By Ald. Hirsch

206642 (ID:19418) That the Commissioner of Public Works and Director of Parks and Recreation explain how DPW develops maintenance plans, staffing, and budgets for new parks, especially parks that have significant landscaped areas or new types of

play equipment, benches, or other features.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

N. Order

By Ald. Ballantyne

206667 (ID:19443) That the Director of Engineering inspect Russell Road at the corner of Ware Street for repeated sink holes.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

O. Order 206700 (ID:19474) By Ald. Hirsch, Davis, Ballantyne, McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works explain the city's options for reducing the number of unused utility lines connecting to properties.

P. Order 206741

By Ald. Ewen-Campen, White Jr.

(ID:19515)

That the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board how a utility pole on Belmont Street, behind St. Catherine's Church, came down on September 23, 2018.

#### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

Q. Order 206742 (ID:19516) By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board why a previous Order, #205803, regarding a dangerously curved utility pole on Belmont Street, has not been responded to.

#### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

R. Order 206779 (ID:19565) By Ald. Hirsch, Ballantyne, Rossetti, White Jr.

That the Director of Engineering or the Commissioner of Public Works share with this Board the current process for coordinating street paving with underground utility repairs, including how it compares with the Worcester Cooperative Paving Program.

#### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

S. Order 206782 (ID:19568) By Ald. Hirsch, Ballantyne, Rossetti, White Jr.

That the Director of SPCD, with the Director of Sustainability and Environment, explain the feasibility of encouraging or requiring that areas of new utility infrastructure – such as Boynton Yards or the Inner Belt – use sustainable forms of energy.

#### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

T. Order 206836 (ID:19618)

By Ald. White Jr.

That the Commissioner of Public Works and the City Engineer address before the Committee on Public Utilities and Works what appears to be the failure of a contractor to tie the local sewer line from Ten Hills Road into the Shore Drive main sewer pipe, which was part of a major separation contract, and discuss measures that will be undertaken to oversee future water and sewer projects.

#### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

U. Resolution 206959 (ID:19712) By Ald. Scott

That the Administration deem Newport Construction and Northern Tree to be "not considered responsible bidders or offerors" for 5 years, reflecting their performance on the Beacon St Reconstruction.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

V. Order 206960 (ID:19716) By Ald. White Jr.

That the Commissioner of Public Works provide the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works with the number of outstanding requests to replace defective or dangerous utility poles.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

#### 37. RULES SPECIAL COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 206961

(ID:19727)

Report of the Committee on Rules, meeting on October 25, 2018.

Alderman White reported on the items discussed at the meeting, and severed the second amendment of Rule 16, so it could be returned to Committee, then proposed an amendment to Rule 29 to incorporate Alderman Rossetti's request that committee members be able to put items on a committee agenda when necessary. The amendment was approved.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

B. Order 205458 (ID:18374) By Ald. Davis

That this Board implement procedures to reduce the amount of paper generated for Board and Committee purposes, including upgraded software and monitors in the Aldermanic Chambers and a "no print unless requested" policy.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Order 206583 (ID:19378) By Ald. White Jr.

That this Board amend the Rules of the Board as noted in the attached list.

The second proposed amendment to Rule 16 was severed from this item and returned to the Special Committee on Rules as #206962.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AS AMENDED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

**AMENDED:** All amendments were approved as submitted except:

1. The 2nd proposed amendment to Rule 16 was returned to the Rules Committee for further

consideration (see #206962).

2. The amendment to Rule 29 was further amended by amending the first two sentences as follows: "The chair of each committee shall determine the agenda for each committee meeting, and shall include in said agenda any items that the Committee previously voted to include on the agenda for the meeting in question. The which the clerk of committees shall prepare the agenda and. The clerk shall also prepare the report of the meeting, which shall include the disposition of each agenda item and any roll call votes taken."

D. Order 206962 (ID:19827) By Ald. 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...."

This item was severed from #206583 and returned to the Special Committee on Rules for further consideration.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Rules Special Committee

#### 38. SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 206963 (ID:19726) Report of the Committee on Senior Services, meeting on October 25, 2018.

Alderman White reported on the items discussed at the meeting. This meeting mostly contained housekeeping matters.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

B. Order 192403 (ID:4770) By Ald. Connolly, Taylor, Desmond, Sullivan, White Jr.

That the Water Superintendent review the water bills of the Somerville Home on Summer Street for accuracy, advise of water conservation measures, and review its eligibility for reimbursable state or federal funds.

#### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Order 192550 (ID:4925) By Ald. O'Donovan, Gewirtz

That this Board's Committee on Senior Services and the city's

Communications Dept. caution residents, especially senior citizens, to beware of ads sent to them by private vendors about water line insurance, and that the Law Dept. determine the legitimacy of these offers.

#### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. Order 192564 (ID:4953) By Ald. Trane

That the Director of Traffic and Parking report back to the Committee on Senior Services whether Parking Control Officers can issue tickets to truck operators who keep their vehicles idling.

operators who help then vehicles runng.

#### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

E. Resolution 195685 (ID:8186) By Ald. White Jr.

That the Traffic Commission examine the traffic pattern on Franklin Street and Broadway and report its findings to the this Board's Committee on Senior Services.

F. Order 199706 (ID:12414) By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Director of the Council of Aging appear before this Board to outline the proposed uses of the newly purchased city bus.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

#### 39. YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 206964 (ID:19724) Report of the Committee on Youth Services, meeting on October 24, 2018.

Alderman Hirsch reported that the Committee worked on a plan to open the playground at the Kennedy School, which is now locked when school is not in session. The Committee also discussed composting and recycling in schools, which should be implemented in January in all schools except the high school, due to its current state of transition. The Committee discussed placing port-a-potties in all the City parks, and expects three parks will be outfitted with port-a-potties next Summer as a pilot.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

B. Resolution 204870 (ID:17637) By Ald. Hirsch, Ballantyne, Scott

That the Administration report to this Board, by the next Youth Services Committee meeting, on ways to expand open swimming hours at the Kennedy School pool, such as Sundays, Friday/Saturday evenings, school holidays and half-day Wednesdays.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

#### COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

40. Mayor's Request 206965 (ID:19758) Requesting an appropriation of \$2,655,415 in Parking Meter Receipts to reduce the FY19 Tax Levy.

Alderman White requested to waive the readings of items 40 through 52 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

41. Mayor's Request 206966 (ID:19742) Requesting the appropriation of \$2,010,673 from the Salary and Wage Stabilization Fund to the Police Other Lump Sum Benefits Account to fund the arbitration award for the Police Superior Officers Association for FY2013-FY2018.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

42. Mayor's Request 206967 (ID:19741) Requesting the appropriation of \$556,906 from the Salary Contingency Salaries Account to various Police Personal Services Accounts to fund the FY2019 arbitration award for Police Superior Officers Association.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

43. Mayor's Request 206968 (ID:19450) Requesting the appropriation of \$450,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance to the Law Department's Legal Services Account, to fund anticipated outside legal counsel invoices.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

44. Mayor's Request 206969 (ID:19713) Requesting approval to appropriate \$153,850 from the Capital Stabilization fund for ongoing environmental remediation work at Conway Park.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

45. Mayor's Request 206970 (ID:19622) Requesting approval to appropriate \$12,426.39 from the Trash Transfer Stabilization Fund for to pay for outstanding cleanup related expenses.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

46. Mayor's Request 206971 (ID:19623) Requesting approval for a time-only extension of a contract with OverUnder for the ArtFarm project.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

47. Mayor's Request 206972 (ID:19737) Requesting acceptance of a \$92,888 grant with no new match required, from the HUD Healthy Homes/Tufts University/STEP Collaborative to SPCD for an air filtration study.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

48. Mayor's Request 206973 (ID:19715) Requesting acceptance of a \$61,610 grant with no new match required, from the MA Housing and Economic Development Department to the Arts Council for the build-out of the Nibble Kitchen.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

49. Mayor's Request 206974 (ID:19710) Requesting acceptance of a \$17,216 grant with no new match required, from the Office of Justice Programs to the Police Department for Active Shooter Response Training in schools and public buildings.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

50. Mayor's Request 206975 (ID:19688) Requesting acceptance of a \$12,500 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Energy Resources to the Office of Sustainability and the Environment, for assistance with clean energy procurement.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

51. Mayor's Request 206976 (ID:19718) Requesting acceptance of a \$8,700 Title lll B grant with no new match required, from Somerville Cambridge Elder Services to the Council on Aging for transportation costs.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

52. Mayor's Request 206977 (ID:19717) Requesting acceptance of a \$7,816 Title lll D grant with no new match required, from Somerville Cambridge Elder Services to the Council on Aging for health and wellness programs.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

53. Mayor's Request 206978 (ID:19711) Requesting the appointment of Linda Dubuque to the position of City Treasurer and Collector of Taxes.

Alderman Scott requested to waive the readings of items 53 and 54 and refer them to the Confirmation of Appointments Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

54. Mayor's Request 206979 (ID:19714) Requesting the appointment of Natasha Sierra to the Fair Housing Commission.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

55. Mayor's Request 206980 (ID:19743) Requesting the opportunity to provide this Board with an update on Somerville Climate Forward.

President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 55 and refer it to the Environment and Energy Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

#### COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

56. Officer's

Assistant City Solicitor submitting an Ordinance to amend the membership of Communication the Urban Forestry Committee, pursuant to #206901.

206981

(ID:19734)

For discussion of this item, see #206901.

**RESULT:** ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]

**AYES:** Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

57. Officer's 206982 (ID:19735)

Urban Forestry and Landscape Planner responding to #204887 re: the tree Communication planting schedule for Spring, 2018.

> President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 57 and place it on file with a copy to Open Space Environment and Energy Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

58. Officer's 206983 (ID:19736)

Urban Forestry and Landscape Planner responding to #205704 re: net changes Communication in trees and tree inches in 2017.

> President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 58 and place it on file with a copy to Open Space Environment and Energy Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

59. Officer's 206984

Urban Forestry and Landscape Planner responding to #205705 re: net changes Communication in trees and tree inches in 2018.

(ID:19738)

President Ballantyne requested to waive the readings of items 59 through 61 and place them on file with a copy to Open Space Environment and Energy Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee 60. Officer's

Urban Forestry and Landscape Planner responding to #206070 re: a pilot Communication program for native street trees.

206985 (ID:19740)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

61. Officer's Communication Forestry Committee.

Urban Forestry and Landscape Planner responding to #206237 re: the Urban

206986

(ID:19739)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

62. 206987

License/Permit Public Event License, Springfield St Block Party, Oct 31, 5-9PM. (Interim Approval granted.)

(ID:19763)

Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 62 and 63 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**APPROVED RESULT:** 

63. License/Permit 206988

Public Event License, Jingle Bell 5K Walk/Run, Davis Sq area, Dec 16, 7AM-2PM.

(ID:19764)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

**RESULT:** 

64. 206989

License/Permit New Lodging House License, Walnut Hill Properties, 97 Curtis St, 6 residents.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

(ID:19770)

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

65. 206990

(ID:19771)

License/Permit New Fortune Teller License, Sean Tene dba Astrology Studio, 3 Holland St.

Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 65 through 94 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

66. License/Permit 206991

New Livery License, Om Sai Enterprises, 34 Clark St, no vehicles stored in Somerville.

(ID:19808)

**RESULT:** APPROVED

67. License/Permit 206992

Renewing Drainlayer's License, Baystate Engineering.

(ID:19772)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

68. 206993

License/Permit Renewing Extended Operating Hours License, Target, 180 Somerville Ave.

(ID:19773)

69.	206994	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.		
(ID:19774)		RESULT:	APPROVED	
70. License/Permit		Renewing Outdoor	Seating License, El Potro Mexican Grill, 61 Union Sq.	
	206995 (ID:19775)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
71.	License/Permit 206996	Renewing Outdoor St.	Seating License, NU Cafe and Juice Bar, 195 Washington	
	(ID:19776)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
72.	License/Permit 206997		Seating License, Manoa Poke Shop, 296 Beacon St.	
	(ID:19777)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
73.	License/Permit 206998	Renewing Outdoor	Seating License, Dali Restaurant, 415 Washington St.	
	(ID:19779)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
74.	License/Permit 206999	Renewing Outdoor	Seating License, Mr. Crepe, 51 Davis Sq.	
	(ID:19780)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
75.	License/Permit	Renewing Outdoor	Seating License, Five Horses Tavern, 400 Highland Ave.	
	207000 (ID:19781)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
76.		Renewing Outdoor	Seating License, Genki Ya of Somerville, 246 Elm St.	
	207001 (ID:19782)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
77.	License/Permit	Renewing Outdoor	Seating License, Smart Tan, 258 Elm St.	
	207002 (ID:19783)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
78.	License/Permit	Renewing Outdoor	Seating License, Taco Party, 711 Broadway.	
	207003 (ID:19784)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
79.	License/Permit	Renewing Outdoor	Seating License, Soundbites, 704 Broadway.	
	207004 (ID:19785)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
80.	License/Permit	Renewing Outdoor	Seating License, Ola Gifts Cafe, 112 Broadway.	
	207005 (ID:19786)	RESULT:	APPROVED	

81.	207006	Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Ball Square Cafe and Breakfast, 708 Broadway.		
(ID:19787)	(ID:19787)	<b>RESULT:</b>	APPROVED	
207007		Renewing Used Ca Mystic Ave.	r Dealers License Class 2, Hillside Service Center, 45	
	(ID:19788)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
83.	License/Permit 207008	Renewing Used Ca Broadway.	r Dealers License Class 2, Broadway Sunoco, 258	
	(ID:19789)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
84.	207009	Renewing Used Ca Hwy.	r Dealers License Class 2, Pat's Towing, 160 McGrath	
	(ID:19790)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
85.	207010	Renewing Used Ca Washington St.	r Dealers License Class 2, Union Gulf Service, 231	
	(ID:19791)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
86.	207011	Renewing Used Ca Ave.	r Dealer Class 2 License, Web Motor Sales, 5 Middlesex	
	(ID:19792)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
87.	License/Permit 207012	Renewing Used Ca Boston Ave.	r Dealers License Class 2, Simon's Auto Service, 166	
(ID:19793	(ID:19793)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
88.	207013	Renewing Used Ca RESULT:	r Dealers License Class 2, Aris Auto, 3 Craigie St.  APPROVED	
	(ID:19794)	RESULT:	AFFROVED	
89.	License/Permit 207014	Renewing Used Ca Sales, 30 Medford S	r Dealers License Class 2, Executive Auto Leasing and St.	
(ID:19/95	(ID:19795)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
90.	License/Permit	Renewing Used Ca	r Dealers License Class 2, Teele Sq Auto, 1284 Broadway.	
207015 (ID:1979	207015 (ID:19796)	RESULT:	APPROVED	

91.		Renewing Used Ca	r Dealers License Class 2, DM Auto Body, 48 Joy St.	
207016 (ID:19797)		RESULT:	APPROVED	
92.	License/Permit	Renewing Used Ca	r Dealers License Class 2, Broadway Brake, 45 Broadway.	
207017 (ID:19798)		RESULT:	APPROVED	
93.	License/Permit	Renewing Used Ca	r Dealers License Class 2, United Motors, 188 Broadway.	
207018 (ID:19799)		RESULT:	APPROVED	
94.	License/Permit	Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Valente Enterprise, 154 Glen St.		
	207019 (ID:19800)	RESULT:	APPROVED	
95.	Communication		nitting comments re: #204755, transferring a City-owned the North Prospect Block to the Redevelopment Authority.	
	207020 (ID:19801)	place them on file opposition, the me	yne requested to waive the readings of items 95 and 96 and with a copy to the Finance Committee. There being no otion was approved.	
		RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	PLACED ON FILE Finance Committee	
96.		0	abmitting comments re: #204755, transferring a City-owned the North Prospect Block to the Redevelopment Authority.	
207021 (ID:19802)	RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	PLACED ON FILE Finance Committee		
97. Public Communication		Audrey Park submi use marijuana estab	tting comments re: #206284, an Ordinance regarding adult blishments.	
	207022 (ID:19803)		yne requested to waive the readings of items 97 and 98 and e. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.  PLACED ON FILE	
98.	Public Communication	Eric Schwartz subnuse marijuana estab	nitting comments re: #206284, an Ordinance regarding adult blishments.	
	207023 (ID:19804)	RESULT:	PLACED ON FILE	
99.	Public Communication	Emily Bhargava sul adult use marijuana	bmitting comments re: #206284, an Ordinance regarding a establishments.	
207024 (ID:19805)		-	yne requested to waive the reading of item 99 and place it ng no opposition, the motion was approved.  PLACED ON FILE	

100. Public Communication 207025

(ID:19806)

Public Robert Toro submitting comments re: C&M Auto Sales, licensed as a Used Communication Car Dealer at 39 Webster Ave.

Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the reading of item 100 and place it on file with a copy to License and Permits. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

#### SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

101. Order By Ald. Clingan

207026 (ID:19809) That the Director of Health and Human Services perform regular outreach to the people sleeping in Foss Park.

Alderman Clingan said he would like to see some outreach to the people sleeping in Foss Park.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

102. Order By Ald. Clingan

207027 (ID:19810) That the Director of Engineering address the drainage problem near 32-36 Marshall Street.

Marshall Street.

Alderman Clingan stated that due to antiquated drainage systems, he wanted the Director of Engineering address the problems near 32-36 Marshall Street.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

103. Resolution

207028 (ID:19811) By Ald. Clingan

That the Administration expand the Memorandum of Understanding with the State regarding Fellsway West, to address issues beyond plowing and parking enforcement.

Alderman Clingan stated that the lights on Fellsway West are still the old yellow ones, not LEDs, and should be updated.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

104. Resolution 207029 (ID:19815)

By Ald. Hirsch, and the Entire Board

Expressing our well wishes to the many Somerville residents who are this week celebrating Diwali, a festival of lights and hope celebrated by Hindus and Sikhs, and further expressing appreciation to the Public Schools, for adding more holidays like Diwali to the District calendar.

Alderman Hirsch said the Diwali holiday should be added to the school calendar.

105. Resolution 207030 (ID:19816)

By Ald. Hirsch

That the Administration provide updates on the timelines for the design and construction phases for CPA-funded open space projects that have been approved since the program started.

Alderman Hirsch said there is a long waiting period from the time the first CPA proposal goes in for design to the time the design contract gets executed.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

106. Order 207031 (ID:19817) By Ald. Hirsch, Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, and the Entire Board That the Chief of Police and the Chief Fire Engineer discuss the routing process and geo-locating capacity for 911 calls, especially calls from cell phones.

Alderman Hirsch read a statement regarding Laura Levis' death from an asthma attack just steps from the Somerville Hospital. Alderman Hirsch sponsored Ms. Levis' husband, Peter DeMarco, to speak on Laura's death and the geo-locating problem with 911 from cell phones. Mr. DeMarco appreciated the Board's recognition of her passing, and expressed his love of Somerville. He said he wants her death to lead to improvements at the Somerville Hospital and beyond.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

107. Mayor's Request 207032 (ID:19807) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$132,050 to the Office of Housing Stability Personal Services Accounts (\$45,000) and Ordinary Maintenance Accounts (\$90,050), and approval to establish an OHS Assistant Director, to fund that office through FY19.

Alderman White requested to waive the readings of items 107 through 109 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

108. Mayor's Request 207033 (ID:19814) Requesting a change in the rate of pay for the vacant Assistant Clerk of Committees position, from \$1462.91/month to \$1,667/month.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

109. Mayor's Request 207034 (ID:19702) Requesting approval to extend the contract for the Somerville Museum's FY15 CPA grant for an additional three years.

Ald. White recused.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

110. Mayor's Request 207035 (ID:19812) Requesting approval of an exemption under MGL c268A s20(b) for Patricha Paul, so she can serve on the Women's Commission and the Condominium Review Board.

Alderman Scott stated that he wanted this item approved quickly so Ms. Paul could serve on both the Women's Commission and the Condo Review Board, helping those bodies attain quorums.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

111. Mayor's Request 207036 (ID:19813) Requesting that the members of the Somerville Women's Commission be designated as Special Municipal Employees.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

Officer's 112 207037

(ID:19818)

Assistant City Solicitor responding to #204486 with a proposed ordinance for Communication natural gas leaks.

> **RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

Officer's 113. 207038 (ID:19819)

Planning Director submitting an updated ordinance regarding adult use Communication marijuana licensing.

For discussion of this item, see #206284.

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

114. Officer's 207039

(ID:19820)

Planning Director submitting an updated amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Communication regarding adult-use marijuana establishments, with an updated map.

Also referred to the Planning Board.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION RESULT:

FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

#### LATE ITEMS

115. Order 207040 (ID:19821)

By Ald. 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.

This was discussed in conjunction with #207031, Agenda #106.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee 116. Order 207041 (ID:19823) By Ald. Hirsch, Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, and the Entire Board That the Director of Health and Human Services, or related staff, discuss education efforts for the general public or child-serving providers on how to determine the severity of an asthma attack.

This was discussed in conjunction with #207031, Agenda #106.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

117. 207042

(ID:19825)

Communication By Ald. 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.

This was discussed in conjunction with #207031, Agenda #106.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

118. Order 207043 (ID:19824) By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Commissioner of Public Works discuss with this Board, the community's desire to have snow plowing occur up to the curb on city streets.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

119. Order 207044 (ID:19826) By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect Paulina Street in response to complaints that the street is very dark, and advise the Ward 7 Alderman if the number of streetlights is appropriate.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:30 PM.

### City of Somerville, Massachusetts Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen

#### **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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#### OPENING OF THE MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Ward Seven Alderman Katjana Ballantyne

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

1. Roll Call 207048 (ID:19852) Call of the Roll.

Alderman Hirsch sponsored a moment of silence for Ramona Pasqualino, Nancy Rego DePasquale, and Paula Uccello. Alderman Scott sponsored a moment of silence for Brooklyn Deanna Stevenson, Brandy Seales, Zacharia Frey, Crystaline Steele Nesline, Vicki Queterez, Celine Walker, Tanya Harvey, Felicia Mitchell, Emia Tyraid Barryman, Sasha Wall, Carla Flores Pappan, Nino Fortson, Gigi Pierce, Tasha Sharington English, Diamond Stevens, Catalina Christina James, Keisha Wells, Sasha Garden, Deshinee Stanton, Fantasia Bell, Shante Tucker, Linda Moore, and Sierra Minage Carter Frasier, all in recognition of the International Transgender Day of Remembrance.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. Minutes 207049 (ID:19853)

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, October 23, 2018.

#### **CITATIONS**

3. Citation 207050 (ID:19854) By Ald. Ballantyne, the Entire Board and the Mayor Commending Michael Glavin, who is retiring after 7 years as Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development.

President Ballantyne presented Michael Glavin with the Citation and commended him for his outstanding service. Aldermen White, Niedergang, Scott, Rossetti and McLaughlin also thanked him. Mr. Glavin thanked the Board for this recognition.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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

4. Communication By Ald. Hirsch

207051

Providing the final results of the 2018 Block Party Challenge.

(ID:19832)

Alderman Hirsch stated that there were 67 block parties, up from 39 in 2017, an increase of 72%. The Most Helpful City Clerk Award goes to John Long. The Most Helpful Chair of Licensing Award goes to Alderman Rossetti and the Most Tolerant Board President Award goes to President Ballantyne. The big award, for the most block parties, goes to Ward 1, with 5 five additional block parties, and Ward 4 with 7 additional block parties. The award for the Most Block Parties in One Neighborhood goes to Ward 6. The block parties that got things done Award goes to Ward 2. The Best Cotton Candy Operator goes to Ward 4 Alderman Clingan. The Best Cotton Candy Eater goes to Alderman Mbah and his son Joel. The Most Heroic Traffic Rerouting Award goes to Alderman Scott. The Most Elaborate Block Party Award goes to Ward 1. The Most Relaxing Block Party Award also goes to Ward 1. Alderman Hirsch said in conclusion that she will shovel homes or squares in Wards 5 and 3, who had the most block parties overall.

PLACED ON FILE **RESULT:** 

5. Communication By Ald. Hirsch, McLaughlin

> 207052 (ID:19830)

Reporting on the internal rodent control meeting.

Alderman Hirsch reported that the City received over 100 resumes for the Rodent Control position. They are also working on coordinating with the Green Line contractor for rodent reduction around the train tracks.

PLACED ON FILE **RESULT:** 

6. Communication By Ald. McLaughlin, Clingan, Hirsch

207053 Providing information regarding community planning related to Foss Park.

207053 (ID:19831)

Alderman McLaughlin reported that DCR announced that they are going to build a turf field at Foss Park. There are mixed emotions on this project, especially concerning the lack of communication from the State and the City regarding our largest open space. This change was made without any community input. Aldermen Hirsch, McLaughlin, and Clingan, with State Officials, are hosting a meeting on December 1 at 11 AM at 15 Middlesex Avenue to learn what the community would like to see at Foss Park.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

7. Resolution 207054 (ID:19833)

By Ald. McLaughlin, Davis, Scott, Mbah, Clingan That members of this Board refrain from holding Committee of the Whole meetings unless absolutely necessary.

Alderman McLaughlin stated that it is a lot harder to have a meeting with 11 people then it is to have one with 5. He would like all Committee Chairs to refrain from holding Committee of the Whole meetings unless absolutely necessary. He was only able to hold one Rodent Control Committee Meeting this year due to obligations with other meetings. He would like to see items move faster, which would happen with fewer people involved. He also requested the Land Use Committee increase to 5 members so that some languishing items could move along. Alderman Davis fully supported both of these items. Alderman White suggested a Rule change to increase Land Use Committee membership effective the start of next year. Alderman Hirsch supported these items. Alderman Mbah strongly supported these items. Alderman Ewen-Campen stated that he supports both of these items and it will change the way business is done. Alderman Rossetti stated that she went through this in the past with the School Committee, and found that within 2 years it returned to Meetings of the Whole, but she is willing to try. Alderman Scott agreed, saying "Let's get things done." Alderman Clingan supported both items. Alderman Davis agreed, saving the number of Committee of the Whole Meetings recently was not business as usual compared to the way the Board had operated over the years. President Ballantyne stated that for the five years that she has been on the Board, the types of discussions have evolved, and become more strategic. She pointed out that this was not a ban on Committee of the Whole meetings, and Chairs could call them, with individual Aldermen deciding whether they want to be there or not. She then proposed the Rule change to increase Land Use Committee membership to 5 (see #207125), and it passed unanimously.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

8. Order 207055 (ID:19834)

By Ald. McLaughlin, Davis, Ballantyne That this Board consider increasing the Land Use Committee from 3 to 5 members.

See item #207054 for discussion. See #207125 for implementation of this item, effective January 1, 2019.

9. Resolution 207056 (ID:19835)

By Ald. McLaughlin, Mbah, Ewen-Campen, Davis, Clingan, Hirsch, Ballantyne

Supporting MA House Bill 2785, "An Act Relative to the Expungement of Records of Marijuana Arrests," and requesting that the state delegation vote in favor of it.

Alderman Mbah expressed his support for House Bill 2785 and requested the State Delegation vote in favor.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

10. Order 207057 (ID:19836)

By Ald. McLaughlin, Clingan, Ewen-Campen, Davis, Scott That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Communications inform this Board of efforts to promote municipal broadband in regard to current construction and renovation of the city's infrastructure.

Alderman McLaughlin said that if the City is considering Municipal Broadband, it should be done now while the City is under construction. He requested updates on this project, and how it could be implemented sooner than later.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

11. Order 207058 (ID:19837)

By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services consult with neighbors regarding rodent issues at 79 Gilman Street, 19 Aldrich Street and 93 Flint Street.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

12. Order 207059 (ID:19855)

By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Director of Personnel review the compensation for the Clerk of Committees and propose necessary modifications.

**RESULT:** APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

13. Resolution 207060 (ID:19859)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board

That the Administration delay the Somerville Avenue infrastructure-related detour until January, in order to support local businesses throughout the holiday season.

Alderman Ewen-Campen reported that there will be a 6-month shutdown of Somerville Avenue, as part of the sewer infrastructure project, and small businesses in Union Square have asked if it could be delayed until after the holiday season. This work was scheduled to start in November and has now delayed to mid-December. He said the Administration does not support the delay, but he asked why it can't be delayed a couple more weeks until after the holidays, to support the small businesses affected by the project.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

14. Order 207061 (ID:19860)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen, Rossetti

That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to this Board on the progress of pro-rating residential parking permits.

Alderman Ewen-Campen asked that the Director of Traffic and Parking report on the pro-rating of residential parking permits. Alderman Rossetti said that the last time this was brought up, Traffic and Parking Director said it was a software issue, but new software has since been installed.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

15. Resolution 207062 (ID:19863)

By Ald. Niedergang

That the Mayor update this Board in writing by January 10, 2019 on all Home Rule Petitions pending at the Statehouse, with an assessment of likely progress in 2019.

Alderman Niedergang stated that he spoke with Mayor's Aide Tim Snyder about this and it does need to go to Committee.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

16. Order 207063 (ID:19864)

By Ald. Niedergang, Ballantyne, Mbah

That the Director of SPCD update this Board on changes to and progress on the Fields Master Plan, including facilities controlled by DCR.

Alderman Niedergang said the Board needs updates on the changes to the Fields Master Plan.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

17. Order 207064 (ID:19865)

By Ald. Niedergang, Clingan, Hirsch

That the Director of SPCD update this Board on progress on the Healey Mystic Master Plan, especially plans for a soccer field at the Healey School.

Alderman Niedergang said the Board needs updates on the Healey Mystic Master Plan.

RESULT: APPROVED

18. Order 207065 (ID:19866)

By Ald. Niedergang, Davis

That the Chief of Police enforce the restriction on entering Cherry Street on weekday mornings from 7 to 9 AM, except abutters and Kennedy School students.

19. Order 207066 (ID:19867)

By Ald. Rossetti, Clingan, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Davis, Mbah, Niedergang, Ballantyne

That the Communications Department assist this Board with a separate e-blast for any Board-related public hearings.

Alderman Rossetti asked for assistance from the Communication Department regarding communications (e-blasts or text) for the Board's public hearings.

**RESULT:** LAID ON THE TABLE

**FOLLOWUP:** Board of Aldermen

20. Order 207067 (ID:19868) By Ald. Davis, Niedergang, Mbah, Ballantyne

That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on the possibility of installing containers of small flags at key pedestrian crossings to aid in pedestrian safety.

Alderman Davis suggested that containers of small flags at both sides of key pedestrian crossings could help pedestrians cross the street. Pedestrians could use a flag to gain the attention of motorists.

RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

21. Resolution 207068 (ID:19869)

By Ald. Davis, Hirsch

That the Administration advise this Board on the possibility of creating facilities similar to Bow Market, as start-up or temporary commercial space for small, local businesses displaced as the development of older buildings occurs.

Alderman Davis suggested that the City could create Bow Market facilities as temporary housing for small businesses, and requested the Administration to advise the Board on the possibilities.

RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

22. Order 207069 (ID:19871) By Ald. Clingan

That the Director of Inspectional Services inspect the newly-built retaining wall at 654 Mystic Avenue for any shifting causing instability.

[CORRECTION: This address should be 640 Mystic Avenue. -JJL, City Clerk, 11/28/18]

**RESULT:** APPROVED

23. Order 207070 (ID:19872) By Ald. Clingan

That the Commissioner of Public Works retrieve the speed limit sign on the side of the hill behind 654 Mystic Avenue.

24. Order 207071

By Ald. Clingan

207071 That the Director of Engineering provide the Ward 4 Alderman with the (ID:19873) mapping of the sewer lines around 48-50 Ash Avenue.

Alderman Clingan stated that this has been taken care of.

**RESULT:** WITHDRAWN

25. Resolution 207072 (ID:19862)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen, Hirsch

That the Administration develop a strategy to facilitate driveway sharing between residents, in light of the new snow emergency parking policy.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

26. Order 207073 (ID:19861)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Council on Aging notify the senior residents at Faulkner Towers and Housing Authority properties once the new hand railing has been installed

outside the Central Library.

Alderman Ewen-Campen stated that a 92 year-old resident of Faulkner Towers fell while walking into the library on Highland Avenue, which drew attention to the fact that there is no handrail there. He learned that a handrail will be installed soon.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

27. Order 206898 (ID:19683)

By Ald. Hirsch, and the Entire Board

That the Commissioner of Public Works share information about the

83) installation of gates in school lots.

Mayor's Aide Tim Snyder said the Commissioner of Public Works isn't available this week, but will attend the Housing and Community Development Committee meeting on Monday to discuss any questions in further depth. Alderman Ewen-Campen welcomed member's questions prior to the meeting.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

# 28. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 207074 (ID:19844) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on November 19, 2018.

Alderman Scott reported that the City is still working on a response to the Committee's requests for information about sexual harassment reports among city employees. Several re-appointments were approved, as were appointments to the new Job Creation and Retention Trust Board.

B.	Mayor's	Requesting the re-appointment of Michael Flynn to the Board of Assessors.			
	Request 204021 (ID:16776)	RESULT:	APPROVED		
C.	Mayor's Request 204910 (ID:17597)	Requesting the re-appointment of Rose Durham as Clerk of Committees.			
		RESULT:	APPROVED		
D.	Mayor's Request 205845 (ID:18560)	Requesting the re-appointment of Dr. Brian Green to the Board of Health.			
		RESULT:	APPROVED		
E.	Mayor's Request 205846 (ID:18561)	Requesting the re-appointment of Robert Ciccia to the Board of Health.			
		RESULT:	APPROVED		
F.	Mayor's Request 206879 (ID:19625)	Requesting the appointment of Silvana Dinka to the position of Jobs Creation and Retention Trust Board member.			
		RESULT:	APPROVED		
G.	Mayor's Request 206880 (ID:19626)	•	ppointment of Vickie Choitz to the position of Jobs Creation rust Board member.		
		RESULT:	APPROVED		
Н.	Mayor's Request 206881 (ID:19627)		ppointment of Anika Van Eaton to the position of Jobs tention Trust Board member.		
		RESULT:	APPROVED		
I.	Mayor's Request 206882 (ID:19628)	Requesting the appointment of Rand Wilson to the position of Jobs Creation and Retention Trust Board member.			
		RESULT:	APPROVED		
J.	Mayor's Request 206884 (ID:19630)	Requesting the appointment of Tom Bent to the position of Jobs Creation and Retention Trust Board member.			
		RESULT:	APPROVED		

# 29. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 207075 (ID:19841) Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on November 14, 2018.

Alderman White reported on the items discussed at the meeting. Alderman Ewen-Campen had submitted Resolutions requesting the Administration to establish dedicated funds for certain items within the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, and the Committee decided to forward them to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund for action. The Committee is still waiting for the Director of Purchasing's report about increasing the Living Wage to \$15/hour. The Committee also discussed appropriating funds for free or lowcost legal services for immigration and naturalization issues. The Committee went into Executive Session to discuss the taking of 90 Washington St., and took no votes. Back in open session, the Committee decided to discharge without a recommendation #206969 (requesting to appropriate funds for ongoing environment and remediation work at Conway Park) and #206968 (requesting to appropriate funds to the Law Department's Legal Services Account to fund anticipated outside legal counsel invoices). Regarding #206969, At the conclusion of the Report, Mayor's Aide Tim Snyder said the City Solicitor's Office determined that the records were preliminary results held by the vendor and not yet available, and Alderman White moved to approve item #206969.

RESULT: APPROVED

B. Order 204982 (ID:17762) By Ald. McLaughlin, and the Entire Board

That the Director of SPCD outline any financial incentives offered in the city's Amazon bid as well as plans for a Community Benefits Agreement in the possible development.

### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Resolution 205445 (ID:18341) By Ald. Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board

That the Administration establish a dedicated fund within the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to provide direct housing assistance for municipal employees struggling to remain in Somerville, which could be funded through revenue from a real estate transfer fee.

### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. Resolution 205446 (ID:18342) By Ald. Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board

That the Administration establish a dedicated fund within the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to support community land trusts in Somerville, which could be funded through revenue from a real estate transfer fee.

### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

E. Resolution 205707 (ID:18539) By Ald. Scott, and the Entire Board

That the Administration report in writing on an Acquisition Fund to increase the City's ability to buy parcels for open space.

## RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

F. Resolution 206706 (ID:19481) By Ald. Scott

That the Administration report, in writing, on the current status of an Acquisition Fund to increase the City's ability to buy parcels for open space. (2nd request)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

G. Mayor's Request 206805 (ID:19533) Requesting acceptance of a \$300,000 grant with no new match required, from the EPA to the SPCD Economic Development Division for citywide Brownfield site assessments.

RESULT: APPROVED

H. Mayor's Request 206913 (ID:19703) Requesting that the Director of SPCD and the Director of Housing Stability present to this Board the proposed business plan and budget of the Office of Housing Stability.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

I. Mayor's Request 206965 (ID:19758) Requesting an appropriation of \$2,655,415 in Parking Meter Receipts to reduce the FY19 Tax Levy.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

J. Mayor's Request 206966 (ID:19742) Requesting the appropriation of \$2,010,673 from the Salary and Wage Stabilization Fund to the Police Other Lump Sum Benefits Account to fund the arbitration award for the Police Superior Officers Association for FY2013-FY2018.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

K. Mayor's Request 206967 (ID:19741) Requesting the appropriation of \$556,906 from the Salary Contingency Salaries Account to various Police Personal Services Accounts to fund the FY2019 arbitration award for Police Superior Officers Association.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

L. Mayor's Request 206968 (ID:19450) Requesting the appropriation of \$450,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance to the Law Department's Legal Services Account, to fund anticipated outside legal counsel invoices.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

M. Mayor's Request 206969 (ID:19713) Requesting approval to appropriate \$153,850 from the Capital Stabilization fund for ongoing environmental remediation work at Conway Park.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

**AYES:** Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

N. Mayor's Request 206970 (ID:19622) Requesting approval to appropriate \$12,426.39 from the Trash Transfer Stabilization Fund for to pay for outstanding cleanup related expenses.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

O. Mayor's Request 206971 (ID:19623) Requesting approval for a time-only extension of a contract with OverUnder for the ArtFarm project.

RESULT: APPROVED

P. Mayor's Request 206972 (ID:19737) Requesting acceptance of a \$92,888 grant with no new match required, from the HUD Healthy Homes/Tufts University/STEP Collaborative to SPCD for an air filtration study.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

Q. Mayor's Request 206973 (ID:19715) Requesting acceptance of a \$61,610 grant with no new match required, from the MA Housing and Economic Development Department to the Arts Council for the build-out of the Nibble Kitchen.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

R. Mayor's Request 206975 (ID:19688) Requesting acceptance of a \$12,500 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Energy Resources to the Office of Sustainability and the Environment, for assistance with clean energy procurement.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

S. Mayor's Request 206976 (ID:19718) Requesting acceptance of a \$8,700 Title lll B grant with no new match required, from Somerville Cambridge Elder Services to the Council on Aging for transportation costs.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

T. Mayor's Request 206977 (ID:19717) Requesting acceptance of a \$7,816 Title Ill D grant with no new match required, from Somerville Cambridge Elder Services to the Council on Aging for health and wellness programs.

U. Mayor's Request 207032 (ID:19807) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$135,050 to the Office of Housing Stability Personal Services Accounts (\$45,000) and Ordinary Maintenance Accounts (\$90,050), and approval to establish an OHS Assistant Director, to fund that office through FY19.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

V. Mayor's Request 207033 (ID:19814) Requesting a change in the rate of pay for the vacant Assistant Clerk of Committees position, from \$1462.91/month to \$1,667/month.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

W. Mayor's Request 207034 (ID:19702) Requesting approval to extend the contract for the Somerville Museum's FY15 CPA grant for an additional three years.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

X. Resolution 207076 (ID:19895) By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Trustees of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund establish a dedicated fund within that Fund to provide direct housing assistance for municipal employees struggling to remain in Somerville, which could be funded through revenue from a real estate transfer fee.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

Y. Resolution 207077 (ID:19896) By Ald. White Jr.

That the Administration provide an updated cost for the proposed public safety building at 90 Washington Street, including fire equipment.

**RESULT:** APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

Z. Resolution 207078 (ID:19897) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Administration detail how the parcel at 90 Washington Street will be used, and whether underground parking is possible.

**RESULT:** APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

AA. Resolution 207079 (ID:19898) By Ald. White Jr.

That the Administration provide a realistic estimate of the value of the property at 90 Washington Street.

**RESULT:** APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

AB. Resolution 207080 (ID:19899) By Ald. Scott

That the Administration present this Board's Committee on Finance with the preliminary test results for the ballfield at Conway Park, and, if existent, the remaining unopened portions of Conway Playground.

**RESULT:** APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

### LAND USE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 207081 (ID:19839) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on November 13, 2018.

Alderman Davis reported that the Committee discussed the zoning amendment for slope protection for all parcels with steep slopes. There are about 2,600 lots affected. The proposal deals with engineering issues. The Committee voted to make the amendment to apply citywide, and recommended approval. Next the Committee discussed requirements for air quality mitigation devices in buildings that are near heavily-trafficked roadways. Planning Director George Proakis explained that he has spoken with the drafters of that amendment and they have made significant changes. Another item discussed was a requirement for open space for mid and high-rise buildings. Mr. Proakis stated that the Administration supports the concept, but prefers it be included in the overhaul rather than as a standalone amendment. Finally, the Committee discussed the zoning overhaul. Senior Planner Dan Bartman provided a slide presentation, which can be seen on the City's website.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED

**AMENDED**: #206489 was replaced by #207122, which was ordained.

B. Ordinance 206489 (ID:19321) By Ald. Niedergang

Proposing a Zoning Ordinance amendment for Slope Protection to require a Special Permit for developments on steeply sloped parcels, as attached.

For Ordainment of this item, see #207122.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

### 31. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 207082 (ID:19843) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on November 15, 2018.

Alderman Niedergang reported on the two items discussed at the meeting: Air BnB regulations and an update of the Condominium Conversion Ordinance. For short-term rentals, Planning Director George Proakis proposed 3 categories: Limited Share - basically be sharing your home; Home Share - renting out your own unit but for only 90 days per year; and Owner-Adjacent Unit - resident property owners with 2+ units renting out one as an entire unit separately, 365 days per year. Due to the amount of further information requests, the next discussion will not occur until next year. The Committee discussed the Condominium Conversion Ordinance, and Alderman Ewen-Campen suggested that members come to the next meeting prepared with questions and amendments.

RESULT: APPROVED

# 32. OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY SPECIAL COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 207083 (ID:19840) Report of the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, meeting on November 14, 2018.

Alderman Mbah reported on the items discussed at the meeting. The Committee discussed the plastic straw ban, trees, and tree plantings in 2019.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

B. Order 204887 (ID:17654)

By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Director of SPCD provide this Board by end of February with the tree planting schedule, by Ward, for Spring 2018.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Resolution 205704 (ID:18536) By Ald. Scott, Ewen-Campen, Mbah, Hirsch

That the Administration report in writing on the net change in total trees and tree inches from all projects in 2017.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. Resolution 205705 (ID:18537) By Ald. Scott, Ewen-Campen, Hirsch

That the Administration report in writing on the net change in tree inches based on all projects planned for 2018.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

E. Resolution 206070 (ID:18861) By Ald. Davis, Ewen-Campen, Hirsch, Scott, McLaughlin, Clingan That the Administration work with interested community groups to implement a pilot program for native street trees.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

F. Resolution By Ald. Niedergang, Ballantyne

206230 (ID:19059)

That the Administration create and fund an Open Space Acquisition Fund, separate from the Community Preservation Act, to acquire more open space

towards the SomerVision goal of adding 125 acres of open space.

WORK COMPLETED **RESULT:** 

Order G. 206237 (ID:19066) By Ald. Rossetti, and the Entire Board

That the Director of SPCD finalize the long-awaited formation of the Urban Forestry Committee.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

H. Resolution By Ald. Scott

206435 (ID:19226)

(ID:19367)

That the Administration report in writing on the net change in total trees and tree inches (plantings-removals) from all city projects in 2017. (2nd requestsee #205704)

#### **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

I. Order 206577 By Ald. Niedergang

That the Director of SPCD explain to this Board why not a single tree was spared when they were cut along the commuter rail line, including trees far from the tracks, and what the GLX Team's plans are to replant trees to prevent erosion on the hills.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

J. Order By Ald. Niedergang

206578 (ID:19379) That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on whether the City plans to plant trees by the fence at the north edge of Junction Park to replace the nearby trees lost when they were cut down recently for the GLX project.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

K. Officer's 206982

Urban Forestry and Landscape Planner responding to #204887 re: the tree Communication planting schedule for Spring, 2018.

(ID:19735)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

L. Officer's

Urban Forestry and Landscape Planner responding to #205704 re: net changes Communication in trees and tree inches in 2017.

206983 (ID:19736)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

M. Officer's 206984

Urban Forestry and Landscape Planner responding to #205705 re: net changes Communication in trees and tree inches in 2018.

(ID:19738)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED N. Officer's

Urban Forestry and Landscape Planner responding to #206070 re: a pilot Communication program for native street trees.

206985 (ID:19740)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

O. Officer's

Urban Forestry and Landscape Planner responding to #206237 re: the Urban Communication Forestry Committee.

206986 (ID:19739)

(ID:19842)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

#### 33. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 207084

Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, meeting on November 15, 2018.

Alderman Clingan reported that the main topic of discussion was the reserve firefighter list. Currently, there are 12 individuals on the reserve list and it is anticipated that it will be exhausted by May, 2019. The next open date for the Academy is May, 2019. The last firefighter exam was in April, and the list will come out on December 1.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

B. Order 203594 (ID:16311) By Ald. Connolly

That the City Solicitor draft an Ordinance prohibiting the public consumption of marijuana.

#### **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

C. Resolution By Ald. Heuston

204128 (ID:16850)

That the Administration convene a meeting to discuss airplane noise, similar to a meeting being held in Cambridge, and include congressional representatives, the state delegation, elected city officials and city staff.

#### **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

D. Order 204861 By Ald. Clingan

(ID:17624)

That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the appropriate utility to raise the low hanging wires at the corner of Shore Drive and Putnam Road.

#### **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

E. Resolution 205366 (ID:18131)

By Ald. Scott, McLaughlin, Davis, Mbah, Clingan, Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, Niedergang

That the Administration refrain from appointing any further candidates to the position of Reserve Firefighter and seek to discontinue use of the Fire Reserve List at the earliest possible opportunity.

#### **RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

### 34. 2019 BOARD OF ALDERMEN CAUCUS

A. Committee Report 207085

(ID:19894)

Report of the Caucus of the 2019 Board of Aldermen, meeting on November 20, 2018.

City Clerk John Long reported that the items before Caucus of the 2019 Board were the selection of a President and Vice President in a non-binding vote. The President elected for 2019 was Alderman Ballantyne, and the Vice President was Alderman McLaughlin.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

# COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

35. Mayor's Request 207086 (ID:19851) Requesting the appropriation of \$5,155,479.11 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Judgments & Settlements Account, to fund the settlement of Prospect Iron & Steel v. Somerville Redevelopment Authority.

Alderman White requested to waive the readings of items 35 through 44 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

36. Mayor's Request 207087 (ID:19849) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$400,000 to the SPCD Transportation and Infrastructure Special Items Account in order to fund a temporary GLX construction detour shuttle service.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

37. Mayor's Request 207088 (ID:19892) Requesting the appropriation of \$370,729 from the Park Stabilization Fund to pay for FY2019 incurred debt service for park renovation.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

38. Mayor's Request 207089 (ID:19893) Requesting the appropriation of \$326,882 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to pay for FY2019 Debt Service.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

39. Mayor's Request 207090 (ID:19846) Requesting to appropriate \$227,459 from excess FY19 Community Preservation Act Fund revenue to the Community Preservation Act Fund Budgeted Reserve.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

40. Mayor's Request 207091 (ID:19891) Requesting the appropriation of \$162,439 from the Salary Contingency Account to various DPW School Custodian Personal Services Accounts to fund the FY2019 portion of the Agreement with the SEIU Local 3 School Custodians Union.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

41. Mayor's Request 207092 (ID:19889) Requesting the appropriation of \$72,095 from the Salary and Wage Stabilization Fund to the DPW School Custodians Other Lump Sum Benefits Account to fund the FY2018 portion of the agreement with the SEIU Local 3 School Custodians Union.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

42. Mayor's Request 207093 (ID:19850) Requesting approval to appropriate \$33,102 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the purchase of gym equipment.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

43. Mayor's Request 207094 (ID:19847) Requesting the transfer of \$644,489 from the CPA Fund Undesignated Fund Balance to various Reserve Accounts for certain CPA projects and expenses.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

44. Mayor's Request 207095 (ID:19848) Requesting the transfer of \$193,340 from the CPA Fund Budgeted Reserve to various Reserve Accounts for certain CPA projects and expenses.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

45. Mayor's Request 207096 (ID:19828) Requesting the re-appointment of Edward Bean to the position of City Auditor.

Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the readings of items 45 through 49 and refer them to the Confirmation of Appointments Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

46. Mayor's Request 207097 (ID:19534) Requesting the reappointment of Mary Cassesso to the position of Trustee of the Somerville Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

47. Mayor's Request 207098 (ID:19535) Requesting the reappointment of Daniel LeBlanc to the position of Trustee of the Somerville Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

48. Mayor's Request 207099 (ID:19536) Requesting the reappointment of Donna Haynes to the position of Trustee of the Somerville Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

49. Mayor's Request 207100 (ID:19537) Requesting the reappointment of Andrea Shapiro to the position of Trustee of the Somerville Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

# COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

50. Officer's Request 207101 (ID:19829) Chief Assessor requesting to appear before this Board for the classification hearing on November 29, 2018.

Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 50, for the Board of Aldermen to take up at its Special Meeting on November 29. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

51. Officer's

City Solicitor responding to #205934 re: drone use regulations.

Communication 207102 (ID:19845)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

# **NEW BUSINESS**

52. License/Permit 207103

Renewing Automatic Amusement Devices License, Cuisine En Locale, 156 Highland Ave.

(ID:19874)

Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 52 through 66 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

53. License/Permit 207104

License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Arco Tire and Service, 16 Clarendon Ave.

20/104 (ID:19875)

54.	License/Permit 207105 (ID:19876)	Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Comicazi, 407 Highland Ave.			
		RESULT:	APPROVED		
55.	License/Permit	Renewing Outdoor	Seating License, Au Bon Pain, 40 Holland St.		
	207106 (ID:19877)	RESULT:	APPROVED		
56.	License/Permit 207107 (ID:19878)	Renewing Outdoor	Seating License, Reliable Market, 45 Union Sq.		
		RESULT:	APPROVED		
57.	License/Permit 207108 (ID:19879)	Renewing Outdoor	Seating License, La Brasa, 124 Broadway.		
		RESULT:	APPROVED		
58.	License/Permit 207109 (ID:19880)	Renewing Outdoor Seating License, When Pigs Fly, 241 Elm St.			
		RESULT:	APPROVED		
59.	License/Permit 207110 (ID:19881)	Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Pat's Enterprises, 308 McGrath Hwy.			
		RESULT:	APPROVED		
60.	License/Permit 207111 (ID:19882)	Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Tech Auto Body, 9 Union Sq.			
		RESULT:	APPROVED		
61.	License/Permit 207112 (ID:19883)	Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Motorcycles and More, 109 Bailey Rd.			
		RESULT:	APPROVED		
62.	License/Permit 207113 (ID:19884)	Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 3, Ed's Used Auto Parts, 516 Columbia St.			
		RESULT:	APPROVED		
63.	License/Permit 207114 (ID:19885)	Renewing Used Ca Columbia St.	ur Dealers License Class 3, Nissenbaum Auto Parts, 480		
		RESULT:	APPROVED		
64.	License/Permit 207115 (ID:19886)	Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 3, Nissenbaum Auto Parts, 0 Windsor St.			
		RESULT:	APPROVED		

65. 207116

License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 3, Joseph Talewsky and Son, 512 Columbia St.

(ID:19887)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

66. License/Permit 207117

Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 3, Joseph Talewsky and Son, 517 Columbia St.

(ID:19888)

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

67. Public 207118

(ID:19890)

Attorney Michael Corcoran submitting comments re: #206003, a proposed Communication Order of Taking of 90 Washington St.

> Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 67 and place it on file with a copy to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE **FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

### SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

68. Order 207119 By Ald. McLaughlin

(ID:19905)

That the Director of Veterans Services appear before the Committee on Veterans and Public Services to discuss the recent decision to move certain veterans memorials.

**APPROVED RESULT:** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Veterans and Public Services Committee

69. Mayor's Request 207120 (ID:19900) Requesting the appointment of Vikram Kanda to the position of Condominium Review Board member.

Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the readings of items 69 and 70 and refer them to the Confirmation of Appointments Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

70. Mayor's Request 207121 (ID:19901) Requesting the appointment Elizabeth Janiak to the position of Condominium Review Board member.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION RESULT:

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

71. Officer's 207122 (ID:19904)

Planning Director submitting an updated ordinance consistent with the Land Communication Use Committee's approval of #206489, regarding slope protection, at its meeting on 11/13/18.

For discussion of this item, see #206489.

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

Officer's 72. 207123 (ID:19902)

City Solicitor requesting that the Finance Committee convene in Executive Communication Session to discuss litigation strategy re: #206968 (an appropriation of \$450,000 to the Legal Services Account for outside counsel), and to provide an update on collective bargaining.

> Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 72 and refer it to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT: APPROVED FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

73. Public 207124 (ID:19906)

Representative Provost submitting comments re: #205244, a proposed zoning Communication ordinance to regulate the siting of certain facilities near heavily trafficked roadways.

> Alderman Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 73 and place it on file with a copy to the Committee on Land Use. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE Land Use Committee **FOLLOWUP:** 

## **LATE ITEMS**

74. Order 207125 (ID:19912) By Ald. Ballantyne

That this Board amend Rule 25 of the Board by increasing the membership of the Land Use Committee to five members, as of January 7, 2019.

For discussion of this item, see #207054 and #207055.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

75. Order 207126 (ID:19908) By Ald. Niedergang

That this Board discharge #206488 re: Globe Direct deliveries, from the Legislative Matters Committee and refer it to the Committee on Housing and Community Development for discussion.

Alderman Ewen-Campen, Chair of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, said the Committee would be discussing Globe Direct deliveries at its next meeting on Monday night.

76. Order By Ald. Ewen-Campen

207127 That the Director of SPCD work with the Ward 3 Alderman and residents of (ID:19909) Vinal Avenue to conduct a temporary "road narrowing" experiment using flex-

posts to slow vehicle speeds.

Alderman Ewen-Campen stated that speeding is a serious issue and an affordable way to deter it is by putting flex posts on both sides of the street, causing cars to drive slower.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

77. Order By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Director of SPCD identify for the Ward 3 Alderman the 5 highest-(ID:19910) speed residential streets in Ward 3 where a road-narrowing approach could be

tested during Spring, 2019.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

78. Officer's Planning Board conveying its recommendations re: #206489, a zoning Communication ordinance amendment for slope protection to require a Special Permit for 207129 developments on steeply-sloped parcels.

207129 dev (ID:19911)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

79. Order By Ald. Rossetti, Hirsch, White Jr.

206488 That this Board revisit the Assistant City Solicitor's 2014 language of the (ID:19320) attached Draft Ordinance relating to the discontinuance of Globe Direct

deliveries.

Discharged from the Legislative Matters Committee pursuant to #207126.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

# **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:50 PM.

# City of Somerville, Massachusetts Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen

# SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

November 29, 2018, 5:30 PM Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue \*\*\*\*\*\*\*

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# OPENING OF THE MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Ward Seven Alderman Katjana Ballantyne

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

Roll Call 1. 207130 (ID:19914) Call of the Roll.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

# **CITATIONS**

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

2. Officer's 207131 (ID:19913)

Chief Assessor's Classification Hearing Report regarding the adoption of Tax Communication Levy Percentages for FY 2019, including a minimum residential factor and a residential exemption.

> City Assessor Frank Golden began his presentation by outlining the two votes that he recommends the Board take.

He then described the types of housing in the City, including changes since the last tax classification. Ald. Scott, Rossetti, and Ballantyne asked for details on when and how the number of units is determined. He noted that the number of apartments increased significantly because of Assembly Row. There was also a significant increase in the value of commercial properties.

Ald. Ewen-Campen asked how the neighborhoods are defined, and the Assessor explained that he sets them based on historical borders and key secondary streets, and his work is reviewed and approved or recommended for revision by DOR. Neighborhoods should represent like properties and like values. He said the greatest increase in one-, two-, and three-family values all occurred in East Somerville. He noted that the next re-valuation year will be FY21, then, pursuant to DOR, re-vals will be done every 5 years.

Ald. Scott expressed concern about the rapid increase in values in the city, and Ald. Niedergang noted that this Board's adoption of the proposed Condominium Conversion Ordinance would have a cooling effect on the conversion of two- and three-family units into condominiums. Ald. White, Ewen-Campen, and Hirsch all expressed gratitude that the Assessor would consider abatement requests from property owners charging below-market rates. Ald. Rossetti asked if he would continue a strong education campaign with respect to abatement process, and he said a newsletter would go out to everyone in a timely manner.

Overall, the Assessor said, residential values increased more than commercial values over the past year. The tax levy for FY19 increased over FY18 by over \$11M. Ald. Rossetti expressed frustration that the tax burden always falls on the residents. The Assessor noted that the BOA could affect the ratio by pushing hard for commercial and industrial developments.

The Assessor closed by describing various tax scenarios and recommending 1) adopting classification with a minimum residential factor, and 2) adopting the residential exemption. The Board took a roll call vote on each of the two recommendations.

RESULT: APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

**AYES:** Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen,

Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne

**ABSENT:** McLaughlin, Davis

Two motions were approved unanimously by Roll Call votes as noted:

- 1. That this Board adopts a minimum residential factor of 88.0533, the legal minimum for the City of Somerville for FY2019.
- 2. That this Board accepts the provisions of Chapter 59, Section 5c approving a residential exemption of 35% of average assessed value for owner occupied properties for FY2019.

## ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** 

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

# COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

3. Mayor's Request 207132 (ID:19903) Requesting an appropriation of \$300,000 from the Overlay Surplus declared by the Board of Assessors to reduce the FY 2019 Tax Levy.

Ald. Rossetti asked why the overlay surplus was less than last year's surplus of \$1,000,000. City Assessor Frank Golden said that reserves had to be maintained for potential liabilities, including outstanding cases and unresolved abatement applications. Ald. White noted that the Overlay Surplus is determined solely by the Board of Assessors and is intended as a reserve fund.

RESULT: APPROVED

After #207131 and #207132 had been voted on, Ald. White moved Reconsideration. Reconsideration was approved, and with no members changing votes, the original votes were re-affirmed.

# COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

**NEW BUSINESS** 

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

LATE ITEMS

**ADJOURNMENT** 

The meeting was Adjourned at 7:15 PM.

# City of Somerville, Massachusetts Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen

# **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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# **OPENING OF THE MEETING**

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Jesse Clingan	Ward Four Alderman	Present	
Mark Niedergang	Ward Five Alderman	Present	
Lance L. Davis	Ward Six Alderman	Present	
Katjana Ballantyne	Ward Seven Alderman	Present	

1. Roll Call 207133 (ID:19934) Call of the Roll.

Aldermen Niedergang and Ballantyne sponsored a moment of silence for John Corsetti. Alderman Rossetti sponsored a moment of silence for Anthony Silvestri. Aldermen Rossetti and Davis and sponsored a moment of silence for Charles Breen, Sr. President Ballantyne sponsored a moment of silence for Julie Barber Green. Alderman Hirsch sponsored a moment of silence for Kelvin Youk-See. Alderman Ewen-Campen sponsored a moment of silence for Manuel Borges, and invited Mr. Borges' daughter, Sheila Borges Foley, to speak. She talked about creating a scholarship in her father's name for a high school student with a passion for cooking.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. Minutes 207134 (ID:19935)

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, November 8, 2018.

### **CITATIONS**

3. Citation 207135 (ID:19936)

By Ald. Ballantyne, the Entire Board and the Mayor Commending SheBoom, who have shared the joy in their music since 2010.

Before receiving their citation from Alderman Ballantyne, SheBoom performed before the Board and the audience.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

4. Citation 207136 (ID:20012)

By Ald. Ballantyne, the Entire Board and the Mayor Commending the Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinical Program, for the legal expertise it has selflessly provided to immigrant residents and families.

President Ballantyne presented the citation to HIRC for its immigrant legal services. On behalf of the Mayor, Communications Director Denise Taylor also expressed gratitude for their work.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

5. Citation 207137 (ID:20013)

By Ald. Ballantyne, the Entire Board and the Mayor

Commending the Political Asylum/Immigration Representation Project, for the legal expertise it has selflessly provided to immigrant residents and families.

President Ballantyne presented the citation to PAIR for its immigrant legal services. On behalf of the Mayor, Communications Director Denise Taylor also expressed gratitude for their work.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

6. Citation 207138 (ID:20015)

By Ald. Ballantyne, the Entire Board and the Mayor Commending Greater Boston Legal Services, for the legal expertise it has selflessly provided to immigrant residents and families.

President Ballantyne presented the citation to GBLS for its immigrant legal services. On behalf of the Mayor, Communications Director Denise Taylor also expressed gratitude for their work.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

7. Citation 207139 (ID:20016)

By Ald. Ballantyne, the Entire Board and the Mayor Commending Lawyers for Civil Rights, for the legal expertise it has selflessly provided to immigrant residents and families.

President Ballantyne presented the citation to LFCR for its immigrant legal services. On behalf of the Mayor, Communications Director Denise Taylor also expressed gratitude for their work.

8. Citation 207140 (ID:20014)

By Ald. Ballantyne, the Entire Board and the Mayor

Commending Kids in Need of Defense, for the legal expertise it has selflessly provided to immigrant students and families.

President Ballantyne presented the citation to KIND for its immigrant legal services. On behalf of the Mayor, Communications Director Denise Taylor also expressed gratitude for their work.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

9. Citation 207141 (ID:20017)

By Ald. Ballantyne, the Entire Board and the Mayor

Commending Centro Presente, for organizing numerous attorneys who have selflessly provided their legal expertise to immigrant residents and families.

President Ballantyne presented the citation to Centro for its immigrant legal services. On behalf of the Mayor, Communications Director Denise Taylor also expressed gratitude for their work.

RESULT: APPROVED

10. Citation 207142 (ID:19979)

By Ald. The Entire Board

Commending Alderman Katjana Ballantyne for her distinguished service as President of this Board in 2018.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

11. Citation 207143 (ID:19980)

By Ald. The Entire Board

Commending Alderman Matthew McLaughlin for his distinguished service as Vice President of this Board in 2018.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

12. Citation 207144 (ID:19981)

By Ald. The Entire Board

Commending Clerk of Committees Rositha Durham for her outstanding service to this Board and its Committees in 2018.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

13. Citation 207145 (ID:19982)

By Ald. The Entire Board

Commending Legislative Clerk Peter Forcellese for his outstanding service to this Board and its Committees in 2018.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE

**FOLLOWUP:** Board of Aldermen

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

14. Grant of Location 207146 (ID:19937) Submitted by Eversource to install 7 feet of conduit in Dane St from Pole 204/6 to a point of pickup at 34 Dane St.

The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy with Eversource discussed the work to be completed. Alderman Scott questioned the quantity of service, which seems large for this location. He requested it be double-checked. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: LAID ON THE TABLE FOLLOWUP: Board of Aldermen

15. Grant of Location 207147 (ID:19938)

Submitted by Eversource to install 35 feet of conduit in Mossland St from Pole 241/4 to a point of pickup at 54 Elm St.

The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy with Eversource discussed the work to be completed. Alderman Niedergang requested that construction be limited to 10 am to 3 pm. Ms. Duffy agreed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

**CONDITION**: The work must be performed between 10AM-3PM

only.

16. Grant of Location 207148 (ID:19939)

Submitted by Cambridge Network Solutions to install 119 feet of conduit in Medford St at Walnut St, from the communications manhole near 299 Medford Street to the communications manhole in the sidewalk at the intersection of the two streets.

The President opened the public hearing. Jeffrey Harrington with CNS requested to install a single four inch conduit underground from a City Traffic Bed to a communications manhole where CNS has cable. The conduit will extend the City's fiber network. One use will be for a homeland security circuit. Alderman Rossetti moved that the item go to the Licenses and Permits Committee, to learn the intent of the connection. Alderman Ewen-Campen supported the motion. Linda Calman, City of Boston/Homeland Security representative, and Robert DeStefano, Boston's Fiber Engineer, said the project is funded by Boston's Office of Emergency Management, which is funded by the Department of Homeland Security. The purpose is to run fiber between Somerville and Boston for public safety uses; it's up to Somerville and Boston to determine how they will use it. Alderman Rossetti did not recommend approval tonight. With 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

### 17. Communication By Ald. Rossetti

207149 (ID:19986) Reporting on the High School Building Committee meeting of December 10, 2018.

Alderman Rossetti stated that the Committee met on December 10, 2018 and received updates on the asbestos that has been discovered on the site. The original plan was to remove 1.5 tons of soil per day. But the work has stopped, and professionals are on site daily to create a report for the MA Department of Environmental Protection. A new schedule phasing is being developed as a result of this delay.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

# 18. Order 207150 (ID:19987)

By Ald. Mbah

That the Director of SPCD work with the DPW Commissioner to institute a curbside composting program.

Alderman Mbah stated the importance of composting, to reduce waste going to landfills. Up to 25% of trash can be composted. Cambridge instituted composting in April 2018 and in the first four months, more than a million pounds of food scraps were diverted from landfills. President Ballantyne said this has been discussed for a number of years, is very expensive to roll out, but remains under consideration.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

# 19. Resolution 207151 (ID:19989)

By Ald. Mbah

That the Administration create funding to help optimize the signage of local businesses.

#### **RESULT:** APPROVED

# 20. Resolution 207152 (ID:19988)

By Ald. Mbah

That the School Superintendent institute a community service requirement in the school system according to grade level.

President Ballantyne said this Board can't instruct the Superintendent of Schools on what to do, and suggested that Alderman Mbah contact the Superintendent or a School Committee member directly with his suggestion.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

# 21. Resolution 207153 (ID:19990)

By Ald. Hirsch

That the Administration consider creating sign-ups for Zoning Board, Planning Board, and Historic Preservation Commission meeting agendas.

22. Resolution 207154 (ID:19991)

By Ald. Hirsch

That the Administration share how the SomerVision 2040 process will be linked to the Somerville Learning 2030 City/District visioning process.

Alderman Hirsch requested the Administration share how SomerVision 2040 will be linked to Somerville Learning 2030.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Youth Services Committee

23. Order 207155 (ID:19992) By Ald. Hirsch

That this Board reduce the size of the Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee from 5 to 3 members.

Alderman Hirsch recommended reducing the Appointments Committee to 3 members, to cut the number of man hours spent on committee discussions. Alderman Davis responded that the Committee doesn't spend enough time discussing policy matters because of the need to confirm appointments of the Mayor, but, having 5 members allows more input and perspective. Alderman McLaughlin said reducing Committee would leave people's livelihoods up to 3 people, which wouldn't be wise. President Ballantyne said the Appointments Committee should stay at 5 members, but going forward, efficiencies could be made. Alderman Mbah shared Alderman Hirsch's frustration. Alderman White agreed that the Committee should not be reduced. Alderman Scott said the 5 members of the Appointments Committee devoted over 100 extra hours to Committee meetings, and, while it's been a difficult year, the Committee works best with 5 members.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

24. Order 207156 (ID:20006) By Ald. Hirsch, Mbah

That the Director of SPCD provide an updated list of all open space projects in the queue, with anticipated cost, funding, and timeline to completion.

Alderman Hirsch requested a running list from the Administration of the open space projects, with the cost and estimated time line.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

25. Order 207157 (ID:19994) By Ald. Niedergang, and the Entire Board

That the Director of SPCD report on the GLX station design process for the 7 new stations, including the timeline and opportunities for public input.

Alderman Niedergang reported that 3 members of the GLX Community Working Group told him they knew of no way for residents and future GLX users to have input on the GLX station designs. Members of the Administration were forced to sign nondisclosure agreements in order to even see the proposed designs. Some of these designs are going out to bid in the first or second quarter of next year. Alderman Niedergang also said he was told that the GLX team was planning a meeting, tentatively set for January 30, to present the proposed designs for public feedback.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

## 26. Communication By Ald. Niedergang

207158 (ID:19995)

Updating this Board on the work of the Master Planning Working Group, in advance of its joint presentation to this Board and the School Committee early next year.

Alderman Niedergang urged the Board to read the 3-page memo attached to this item on the agenda. He said the City would consolidate its departments on Central Hill, and the Recreation Department and Public Schools would locate at a redeveloped Edgerly School. The Scale Adult Learning Center would locate adjacent to the high school in a redeveloped 1895 Building. The plan would cost \$50 to \$60 million, and the City would leave the current Recreation Building, Tufts Administration Building, City Hall Annex and Cummings School.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

# 27. Resolution 207159 (ID:19996)

By Ald. Clingan

That the Administration explain why the Healey Schoolyard redevelopment plan was dropped from the Capital Projects plan list.

Alderman Clingan asked why the Healey Yard isn't on the capital projects list. President Ballantyne reported that it is on the list, but isn't scheduled. She said it appears that the Healey School is identified on its own line item and the other school yard renovations are lumped together.

RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

# 28. Resolution 207160 (ID:19997)

By Ald. Clingan

That the Administration prioritize the redevelopment of the Healey Schoolyard Tot Lot as soon as the 2019 school year.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

# 29. Order 207161 (ID:19998)

By Ald. Clingan

That the Director of Traffic and Parking address the cut-through traffic in Ten Hills caused by online traffic apps like Waze.

Alderman Clingan said cut-through traffic has become a public safety issue.

RESULT: APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

30. Order 207162 (ID:19999)

By Ald. Clingan, Hirsch

That the Director of Health and Human Services develop a resident checklist for emergency preparedness, including plans to help needy neighbors, and including the "Are You OK" Program.

Alderman Clingan requested a resident checklist, for neighbors to check on their neighbors in case of an emergency. Alderman White said that a few years ago he requested that the City implement the "Are You OK" program where seniors could sign up for a daily wellness phone call. He said it may have been implemented in some of the senior buildings but not throughout the City. The Board added the "Are You OK" component to the order.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Health and Public Safety Committee

31. Order 207163 (ID:20000)

By Ald. Clingan

That the Director of SPCD make lane markings on Broadway in Winter Hill a top priority for next year's construction season.

Alderman Clingan wanted lane markings on Broadway in Winter Hill to become a priority for next year's construction season.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

32. Order 207164 (ID:20001)

By Ald. Clingan

That the Director of SPCD work with the Housing Authority to enable wheelchair access from the Mystic View apartments to the Healey School.

Alderman Clingan requested to create wheelchair access from Mystic View to the Healey School.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

33. Order 207165 (ID:20002)

By Ald. Clingan

That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a STOP sign at the intersection of Temple Road and Governor Winthrop Road.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

34. Resolution 207166 (ID:20030)

By Ald. Ballantyne, McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Hirsch, Niedergang Supporting Tufts Student Action in their efforts to get Tufts University to build more student housing.

Alderman Ballantyne expressed support for Tufts Student Action's efforts for more student housing. She said Tufts needs more student housing.

35. Order 207167

(ID:20007)

By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Director of SPCD share biannual CIP progress reports for all new open space and parks projects.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

36. Resolution 207168 (ID:20009)

By Ald. Ballantyne, Clingan, Hirsch, Mbah, Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, White Jr.

That the Administration and Director of Finance implement opportunities for community participatory budgeting for FY20.

Alderman Ballantyne requested that the Administration and Director of Finance implement a community participatory budgeting for FY20, possibly creating a budget of perhaps \$500,000 for community input on specific projects: festivals, parks, the arts, etc.

**RESULT:** APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

37. Communication By Ald. Ballantyne

207169 (ID:20008) Reporting on recent School Committee activities.

Alderman Ballantyne reported on a number of school-related items. She said the Somerville Teacher's Association approved a new 3-year contract, including increased professional development, a greater work/life balance, and a 2.5% salary increase in FYs 19 and 20 and 2.75% in FY 21.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

38. Communication By Ald. Ewen-Campen

207170 (ID:20003) Reporting on the meetings of the High School Parking Changes Task Force.

Alderman Ewen-Campen reported on the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting on the loss of parking at the high school. This year, 61 parking spaces were removed; in June, another 89 will be taken away; and the following year 46 more will be lost. The City will soon put out RFPs to nearby parking lots which could provide some parking relief. Alderman Rossetti expressed concern that when complete, there will not be nearly enough parking, both during and after school, for sporting events, concerts, etc.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

39. Order 207171 (ID:20004)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen, Scott, Mbah, Davis, Ballantyne, White Jr. That the City Solicitor inform this Board in writing of its options for prohibiting the use of Non-Disclosure Agreements between the City and prospective developers or commercial tenants.

Alderman Ewen-Campen described how, responding to Alderman McLaughlin's request for details on the City's Amazon HQ2 bid, the Administration said a non-disclosure agreement with Amazon prohibited discussion, even in Executive Session. He said this was very concerning.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

40. Order 207172 (ID:20005)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board That the Director of SPCD work with this Board to create overlay districts or other policies for "Opportunity Zones" in order to maximize community benefits generated by developments in these areas.

**RESULT:** APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

41. Resolution 207173 (ID:19993)

By Ald. McLaughlin, Clingan, Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, Ballantyne That the Administration provide to this Board by its January 10, 2019 meeting a response to the attached petition of Foss Park stakeholders, which requests a schematic community design process and a plan for financing and managing the facility.

Alderman Hirsch reported that DCR has committed to install a rectangular synthetic turf field in Foss Park, and nothing else. She questioned how the Board could take control of everything outside of this rectangle.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Housing and Community Development Committee

42. Order 207174 (ID:20029)

By Ald. McLaughlin

That the City Engineer install crosswalks on Gilman and Cross Street.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

43. Order 207175 (ID:20028)

By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public works increase lighting on Cross Street between Pearl and Tufts Streets.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

44. Order 207176 (ID:20027)

By Ald. McLaughlin, Mbah

That the Planning Department finalize a neighborhood plan for East Broadway and update the Ward 1 Alderman in writing.

Alderman McLaughlin said the neighborhood plan for East Broadway was never completed. This is concerning, and it should be finished.

45. Order

207177 (ID:20026) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Director of Health and Human Services and the Director of Somerville Cares about Prevention update this Board on efforts to reduce vaping among young adults.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

46. Order

By Ald. McLaughlin

207178 (ID:20025) That this Board take steps to reduce the terms of the Planning and Zoning Board members from 5 to 3 years.

Alderman McLaughlin requested that the Board take steps to reduce terms to 3 years for Planning and Zoning Board Members.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Legislative Matters Committee

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

47. Order 207066 (ID:19867)

By Ald. Rossetti, Clingan, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Davis, Mbah, Niedergang, Ballantyne

That the Communications Department assist this Board with a separate e-blast for any Board-related public hearings.

Communications Director Denise Taylor suggested that public hearings be publicized as other community meetings, by forwarding their notices to the group email address events@somervillema.gov. They would then be listed on the Community eBulletin Board and the City Calendar, and be forwarded to the local media as well as Twitter, Facebook, and the monthly CTY, which reaches 52,000 subscribers. She recommended a minimum of 3 weeks' notice for these hearings. Mayor's Aide Tim Snyder said he would work with the Board, the Clerks, and the Communications Department to streamline the process. Alderman Rossetti recommended that all Committee Chairs be responsible for contacting him when public hearing notices need to be sent out.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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

A. Committee Report 207179 (ID:19970) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on November 28, 2018.

Alderman Scott reported that some of the appointees withdrew, and some were unable to attend. The Committee interviewed those who did attend, and all were recommended for approval.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

B. Mayor's Request 204912 (ID:17599) Requesting the re-appointment of Peter Forcellese, Sr. as Legislative Clerk.

C. Mayor's Request 204914 (ID:17601) Requesting the re-appointment of Michael Bertino as Treasurer/Collector of Taxes.

#### RESULT: WITHDRAWN

D. Mayor's Request 204915 (ID:17602) Requesting the re-appointment of Jill Lathan as Director of Parks and Recreation.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

E. Mayor's Request 204917 (ID:17604) Requesting the re-appointment of Christopher Hosman as Executive Director of the Women's Commission.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

F. Mayor's Request 204919 (ID:17607) Requesting the re-appointment of Nicholas Salerno as Elections Commissioner.

RESULT: APPROVED

## 49. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 207180 (ID:19972) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on December 3, 2018.

Alderman Scott reported that the Committee decided not to consider department heads at this time because of the Committee's recurring inability to receive information requested of the Administration. Even the most basic information like job descriptions had not always been supplied. Alderman Scott pointed out that as a result of the intense work of the Committee, the City was publishing data on sexual harassment incidents in the City, for the first time.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

B. Resolution 207181 (ID:20031) By Ald. Mbah

That the Administration create an anonymous form for employees to directly contact the Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee with concerns about appointees before the Committee.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

# 50. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 207182 (ID:19976) Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on December 10, 2018.

Alderman Scott reported that this meeting focused on Constables. There are a limited number of Constables as a result of the creation in 2015 of a residency requirement. Constables are basically Officers of the Court who have arrest powers related to civil processes, with zero supervision. Alderman Davis expressed concern about this last year, and unfortunately those concerns were not addressed by the Administration. The Committee voted to approve all the Constables who appeared before the Committee. Alderman Scott said he will take this lack of supervision up with the Mayor.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

B. Mayor's Request 206874 (ID:19632) Requesting the re-appointment of Berlin Haynes as Constable.

RESULT: APPROVED

C. Mayor's Request 206875 (ID:19633) Requesting the re-appointment of Alan Bishop as Constable.

RESULT: APPROVED

D. Mayor's Request 206876 (ID:19634) Requesting the re-appointment of Michael Browne as Constable.

RESULT: APPROVED

E. Mayor's Request 206877 (ID:19635) Requesting the re-appointment of Catello Battinelli II as Constable.

RESULT: APPROVED

F. Mayor's Request 206878 (ID:19636) Requesting the re-appointment of Mary Battinelli as Constable.

RESULT: APPROVED

G. Mayor's Request 207120 (ID:19900) Requesting the appointment of Vikram Kanda to the position of Condominium Review Board member.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

H. Mayor's Request 207121 (ID:19901) Requesting the appointment Elizabeth Janiak to the position of Condominium Review Board member.

#### 51. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 207183 (ID:19977)

Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on December 11, 2018.

Alderman White reported that the Committee discussed with Economic Development Director Tom Galligani a recently enacted change in the tax code to support opportunity zones, and how this change would affect the Union Square redevelopment and US2's profits. The Committee agreed that if developers receive additional tax benefits, then the City and residents should also benefit from those tax breaks. The Committee also heard an update on the Community Benefits Agreement negotiations between US 2 and the Union Square Neighborhood Council. The Committee addressed several other matters, including Fire Department salaries, a \$5 million settlement for the taking of a property by eminent domain, and a \$400,000 appropriation for a bus shuttle service to remediate the disruption caused by the closure of the Broadway Bridge at Ball Square.

RESULT: **APPROVED** 

B. Mayor's Request 205956 (ID:18564) Requesting acceptance of a rapid deployment vehicle, ballistics helmets, and sunglasses from OEM, with no match required, for the Police Department's Special Response Team.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

C. Officer's 206245

Special Counsel submitting Notice of a Settlement in the matter of Prospect Communication Iron v. the Somerville Redevelopment Authority.

(ID:18954)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

D. Mayor's Request 206968 (ID:19450) Requesting the appropriation of \$450,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance to the Law Department's Legal Services Account, to fund anticipated outside legal counsel invoices.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

E. Mayor's Request 206974 (ID:19710) Requesting acceptance of a \$17,216 grant with no new match required, from the Office of Justice Programs to the Police Department for Active Shooter Response Training in schools and public buildings.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

F. Mayor's Request 207086 (ID:19851) Requesting the appropriation of \$5,155,479.11 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Judgments & Settlements Account, to fund the settlement of Prospect Iron & Steel v. Somerville Redevelopment Authority.

**APPROVED RESULT:** 

G. Mayor's Request 207087 (ID:19849) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$400,000 to the SPCD Transportation and Infrastructure Special Items Account in order to fund a temporary GLX construction detour shuttle service.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

H. Mayor's Request 207090 (ID:19846) Requesting to appropriate \$227,459 from excess FY19 Community Preservation Act Fund revenue to the Community Preservation Act Fund Budgeted Reserve.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

I. Mayor's Request 207091 (ID:19891) Requesting the appropriation of \$162,439 from the Salary Contingency Account to various DPW School Custodian Personal Services Accounts to fund the FY2019 portion of the Agreement with the SEIU Local 3 School Custodians Union.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

J. Mayor's Request 207092 (ID:19889) Requesting the appropriation of \$72,095 from the Salary and Wage Stabilization Fund to the DPW School Custodians Other Lump Sum Benefits Account to fund the FY2018 portion of the agreement with the SEIU Local 3 School Custodians Union.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

**AYES:** Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

K. Mayor's Request 207094 (ID:19847) Requesting the transfer of \$644,489 from the CPA Fund Undesignated Fund Balance to various Reserve Accounts for certain CPA projects and expenses.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

L. Mayor's Request 207095 (ID:19848) Requesting the transfer of \$193,340 from the CPA Fund Budgeted Reserve to various Reserve Accounts for certain CPA projects and expenses.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

M. Officer's Communication 207123 (ID:19902)

City Solicitor requesting that the Finance Committee convene in Executive Session to discuss litigation strategy re: #206968 (an appropriation of \$450,000 to the Legal Services Account for outside counsel), and to provide an update on collective bargaining.

# 52. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 207184 (ID:19968) Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on November 26, 2018.

Alderman Ewen-Campen reported that there were about 50 Healey School community members at the meeting, half of them under the age of 10. They were there to bring attention to the overwhelming need to improve that site. The City has committed to make immediate improvements near the school, and to continue working on larger scale improvements. The Committee also heard an update on implementing a universal wait list for affordable housing, and had a lengthy discussion about snow parking.

RESULT: APPROVED

B. Resolution

By Ald. Davis

204794 (ID:17518) That the Administration revise the Snow Emergency policy to prohibit parking in school lots, so the School Department can make independent decisions regarding school closings and delays.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Public

Tufts University submitting its Spring 2018 University Accountability report.

Communication 205325 (ID:18079)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. Public Harvar Communication report.

Harvard University submitting its Spring 2018 University Accountability

205403 (ID:18091)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

E. Resolution 205428

By Ald. Davis, Hirsch

(ID:18185)

That the Administration update this Board on any plans to revise the Snow Emergency policy to prohibit parking in school lots, so the School Department can make independent decisions regarding school closings and delays.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

F. Resolution

By Ald. Davis

205429 (ID:18186) That the Administration advise this Board on what information sources are available and what sources are used to assess weather conditions in making both snow emergency and school cancellation decisions, in light of the attached email citing the forecasts of MEMA.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

G. Order 205664 (ID:18391) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Director of SPCD update this Board on the Healey-Mystic Master Plan, especially the redevelopment of the Healey schoolyard pavement to create green space, an outdoor performance space and a soccer field.

H. Public Tim Sackton submitting comments re: the city's snow policy.

Communication 205679 (ID:18423)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

I. Resolution 206269 (ID:19039)

By Ald. Davis

That the Administration work with the Ward 6 Alderman and the community to devise an accelerated plan to replace the brick sidewalks in Davis Square with something that ensures pedestrian safety while maintaining a connection to the familiar character of the bricks.

#### **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

J. Order 206304 (ID:19079)

By Ald. Hirsch, Clingan

That the Community Preservation Act Manager share information about how public access agreements get arranged with CPA fund recipients.

#### **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

K. Order 206369 (ID:19142) By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Director of SPCD immediately explore both short- and long-term strategies to increase pedestrian accessibility to the Central Library, particularly for seniors and others with mobility concerns.

#### **RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

L. Officer's

Community Preservation Manager responding to #206304 re: current practices Communication on public access agreements for CPA funded sites.

206456 (ID:19164)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

M. **Public** Communication 206890

Tufts University submitting its Fall 2018 University Accountability report.

(ID:19673)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

N. Public Communication 206914 (ID:19680)

Harvard University submitting its Fall 2018 University Accountability report.

#### 53. LAND USE COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 207185 (ID:19969) Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on November 27, 2018.

Alderman Davis reported on the items discussed at the November 27 and December 4 meetings together. The Committee discussed the zoning overhaul, open space requirements for high-rise buildings, and zoning to establish recreational adult-use cannabis establishments. Due to the proximity of Alderman Davis' home to the proposed establishments, he recused himself, and Alderman White led this discussion. Planning staff presented a new map and the Committee discussed other amendments to cannabis zoning, and ultimately recommended approval of amended language. On the proposed zoning overhaul, City Planner Dan Bartman presented slides that are available at somervillezoning.com.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

### LAND USE COMMITTEE 54.

A. Committee Report 207186 (ID:19973)

Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on December 4, 2018.

Alderman Davis reported on the items discussed at the November 27 and December 4 meetings together. The Committee discussed the zoning overhaul, open space requirements for high-rise buildings, and zoning to establish recreational adult-use cannabis establishments. Due to the proximity of Alderman Davis' home to the proposed establishments, he recused himself, and Alderman White led this discussion. Planning staff presented a new map and the Committee discussed other amendments to cannabis zoning, and ultimately recommended approval of amended language. On the proposed zoning overhaul, City Planner Dan Bartman presented slides that are available at somervillezoning.com.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

B. Officer's 207039

(ID:19820)

Planning Director submitting an updated amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Communication regarding adult-use marijuana establishments, with an updated map.

For the approved Ordained text of this item, see #207217.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

#### 55. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

Α. Committee Report 207187 (ID:19975) Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on December 6, 2018.

Alderman Niedergang reported that the Committee discussed two items: the Condo Conversion Ordinance and the Demolitions Review Ordinance. The Committee concluded preliminary discussion of the Condo Conversion Ordinance, and will conduct a public hearing and more in-depth review at subsequent meetings. The Committee continued discussing the Demolition Review Ordinance, noting that there was a public hearing on it last July.

RESULT: **APPROVED** 

#### LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE 56.

A. Committee Report 207188 (ID:19978) Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on December 12, 2018.

Alderman Rossetti reported that there was a public hearing on Lucky Strike's request to extend their hours. No one attended the hearing, and the item was kept in Committee. The Committee also discussed a new lodging house license application by Walnut Hill Properties at 97 Curtis Street, to house 6 graduate students. President Ballantyne and residents opposed it, and it was left in Committee. The Committee also discussed the City's enforcement of the wage theft ordinance. Mayor's Aide Annie Connor said she would determine with Assistant City Solicitor Jason Grossfield how the local ordinance could be made more effective, as it currently requires an admission of guilt, which State enforcement action does not require.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

В. 203441 (ID:16120)

License/Permit New Extended Operating Hours License, La Posada Restaurant, 505 Medford St, opening 7 days/week to 3AM for in-store, take-out, and delivery service.

> **RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

C. **Public** 

Tufts Director of Government and Community Relations submitting comments Communication re: a lodging house license application for 123 Packard Ave.

206563 (ID:19341)

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

D. License/Permit

Renewing Lodging House License, Theta Delta Chi, 123 Packard Ave.

206754 (ID:19528)

**RESULT:** 

PLACED ON FILE

E. Order 206801 (ID:19596) By Ald. Rossetti, White Jr., Scott

That the City Solicitor review the video of the 10/9/18 Licenses and Permits Committee meeting and advise the Committee how to proceed with #206754, a Lodging House License application from Theta Delta Chi, 123 Packard Ave.

**RESULT:** WORK COMPLETED

#### 57. PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 207189 (ID:19971)

Report of the Committee on Public Utilities and Public Works, meeting on November 29, 2018.

Alderman White reported that the Committee discussed with Water Superintendent John Deluca the rationale for treating multi-unit residences the same as single family residences for the volume-based escalation of water rates. The Committee also discussed Newport Construction's removal of trees on Beacon Street and the City's resulting lawsuit, and approved an ordinance for the management and elimination of natural gas leaks.

**APPROVED RESULT:** 

B. Ordinance 204486 (ID:17221) By Ald. White Jr., Davis, McWatters

Proposing an Ordinance for the management and elimination of natural gas leaks.

# RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

C. Order 206781 (ID:19567)

By Ald. Hirsch, Ballantyne, Rossetti, White Jr.

That gas leaks be a regular topic on any standing meetings with Eversource or National Grid.

## RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. Order 206826 (ID:19607) By Ald. Niedergang, Scott

That the Director of Engineering and/or the Commissioner of Public Works repair the pedestrian and bicycle ramp under the railroad bridge on Sacramento Street, and respond to this Board in writing before the next meeting of the Committee on Public Utilities and Works.

## RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

E. Order 206906 (ID:19694) By Ald. McLaughlin

That Commissioner of Public Works fill the sink holes along Gilman Street from Walnut to Cross Streets.

# RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

F. Order 206907 (ID:19695) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Director of Water and Sewer update this Board on a potential sewer main break under the Gilman Street bridge and any actions to remedy the problem.

### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

G. Order 206908 (ID:19696) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Director of Water and Sewer update this Board on a potential sewer main break on Webster Avenue and any actions to remedy the problem.

### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

H. Order 206909 (ID:19697) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Director of Water and Sewer update this Board on possible burst pipes on Wellington Street by Walnut Street.

### RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

I. Order 206911 (ID:19699) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the City Arborist determine if the leaning tree at 11 Melvin Street is in danger of falling and recommend an appropriate solution.

J. Order

By Ald. Clingan, Hirsch

206945 (ID:19751) That the Director of SPCD prioritize repaving Stickney Avenue in response to a residents' petition.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

K. Officer's Assistant City Sol. Communication natural gas leaks.

Assistant City Solicitor responding to #204486 with a proposed ordinance for natural gas leaks

207037 (ID:19818)

**RESULT:** 

ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]

**AYES:** Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott,

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

L. Order 207043

By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Commissioner of Public Works discuss with this Board, the

(ID:19824) community's desire to have snow plowing occur up to the curb on city streets.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

M. Resolution 207060

(ID:19859)

By Ald. Ewen-Campen, and the Entire Board

That the Administration delay the Somerville Avenue infrastructure-related detour until January, in order to support local businesses throughout the

holiday season.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

N. Order 207190 (ID:20020) By Ald. Davis

That the Director of Engineering report to this Board on his review of the process and algorithm use for the 5-year street paving plan and any revisions that may be considered.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

O. Resolution 207191 (ID:20021) By Ald. Scott

That the Administration update this Board on legal action against Newport Construction regarding the improper removal of trees on Beacon St.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

P. Order 207192 (ID:20022) By Ald. Davis

That the City Engineer advise this Board as to what use the city can make of the information received under the proposed gas leak ordinance, and what additional capacity would be needed to maximize that use.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

Q. Resolution 207193

(ID:20023)

By Ald. Scott

That the Administration, SPCD, and Arts Council host events to bring pedestrians to the affected Union Square and Ball Square areas during construction detours.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Public Utilities and Public Works Committee

# 58. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

A. Committee Report 207194

(ID:19974)

Report of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, meeting on December 5, 2018.

Alderman Niedergang reported that there was a 2 1/2 hour discussion on a broad range of traffic issues, including bridge closures and efforts to remediate the detours, Vision Zero, and pedestrian safety and traffic calming. The slides that Transportation Director Brad Rawson presented are available online.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

B. Resolution 200211

(ID:12836)

By Ald. Rossetti

That the Administration explain the process for exempting streets from next year's change in the Snow Emergency Parking plan.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C. Order 200435 (ID:13044) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Commissioner of Public Works place plowed snow on the non-permit parking side of Dana Street to ensure residents have parking.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D. Resolution 201126 (ID:13813)

By Ald. Rossetti, Lafuente, Davis, Niedergang

That the Administration explain the process for exempting streets from next year's change in the Snow Emergency Parking Plan. (2nd request)

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

E. Order 202346 (ID:15052) By Ald. McLaughlin

That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider adding Myrtle Street to the 20 MPH list through amendment of Article 14.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

F. Order 202872 (ID:15576) By Ald. Rossetti, Connolly, White Jr., Sullivan

That the Director of Traffic and Parking report the number of warnings and citations issued for snow covered vehicles following the 9AM lifting of the snow emergency on 2/13/17.

G. Order 204309

By Ald. Heuston

204309 That the Director of SPCD provide streetscape changes, such as painted (ID:17033) crosswalks, at points on the Webster Avenue bridge to facilitate pedestrian

crossings in that area.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

H. Order 204317

(ID:17041)

(ID:17068)

By Ald. Heuston

That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider installing a crossing signal across Calvin Street at Washington Street.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

I. Order 204348

By Ald. Heuston

That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Traffic and Parking review the traffic signal for left turns from Somerville Avenue onto Dane Street for safety concerns during rush hour.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

J. Order 204795 (ID:17533) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Director of Traffic and Parking install flashing YIELD TO PEDESTRIAN signs at the crosswalk by the Kennedy School on Elm Street.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

K. Order 204797 (ID:17535) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Director of SPCD consider painting crosswalks and speed bumps in the parking lot by the Kennedy School, and discuss these and other traffic-calming measures with the Ward 5 Alderman.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

L. Order 205285 (ID:18059) By Ald. Hirsch, Niedergang, and the Entire Board

That the Director of SPCD share plans, when available, for its upcoming Vision Zero planning process.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

M. Order 205352

(ID:18116)

By Ald. Niedergang

That the Director of SPCD report to the Ward 5 Alderman and this Board on the plans for closure of the Ball Square bridge and Broadway for GLX construction activity.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

N. Order 205449 (ID:18345) By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Director of SPCD provide traffic calming recommendations for School Street, from Highland Avenue to Summer Street.

O. Order 205450 (ID:18346) By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Director of SPCD provide traffic calming recommendations for Vinal Avenue.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

P. Order 205693 (ID:18505) By Ald. Niedergang

That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Traffic and Parking report to this Board on traffic calming options for Richardson Street.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

Q. Order 206169 (ID:18936)

By Ald. Clingan

That the Director of SPCD deploy traffic calming measures on Marshall Street.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

R. Resolution 206271 (ID:19041) By Ald. Davis

That the Administration and the Traffic Commission make any changes possible to the traffic patterns and signal timing at the Powderhouse Circle intersection in advance of the closing of the Broadway bridge at Ball Square.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

S. Order 206849 (ID:19649) By Ald. Niedergang, Clingan

That the Director of SPCD or the Director of Traffic and Parking explain to this Board why there are no lane markings or striping on Broadway between Temple Street and Magoun Square.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

T. Order 207067 (ID:19868) By Ald. Davis, Niedergang, Mbah, Ballantyne

That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on the possibility of installing containers of small flags at key pedestrian crossings to aid in pedestrian safety.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

U. Order 207127 (ID:19909) By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Director of SPCD work with the Ward 3 Alderman and residents of Vinal Avenue to conduct a temporary "road narrowing" experiment using flexposts to slow vehicle speeds.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

V. Order 207128 (ID:19910) By Ald. Ewen-Campen

That the Director of SPCD identify for the Ward 3 Alderman the 5 highest-speed residential streets in Ward 3 where a road-narrowing approach could be tested during Spring, 2019.

### COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

59. Mayor's Request 207195 (ID:19928) Requesting approval to create the Open Space Acquisition and Improvements Stabilization Fund for the purpose of acquiring and/or developing open space.

Alderman White requested to waive the reading of item 59 and refer it to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

60. Mayor's Request 207196 (ID:19915) Requesting the appropriation of \$2,421,924 from the Salary and Wage Stabilization Fund to the Fire Department Other Lump Sum Benefits Account to fund FY 2016, FY 2017, and FY2018 salary and benefit costs for the Firefighters Association Local 76 arbitration award.

Firefighters Union President Tom Ross personally thanked the Board for voting favorably on this item and item #61 tonight.

**RESULT:** APPROVED. [UNANIMOUS]

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

61. Mayor's Request 207197 (ID:19916) Requesting the appropriation of \$1,202,389 from the Salary Contingency Account to various Fire Department Personal Services Accounts to fund the FY 2019 salary and benefit costs for the Firefighters Association Local 76 arbitration award.

Firefighters Union President Tom Ross personally thanked the Board for voting favorably on this item and item #60 tonight.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

62. Mayor's Request 207198 (ID:20018) Requesting the appropriation of \$25,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Communications and Community Engagement Department Ordinary Maintenance Account to fund the citizenship efforts of the SomerViva Office of Immigrant Affairs.

Alderman White requested to waive the readings of items 62 through 66 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

63. Mayor's Request 207199 (ID:19924) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$3,692.26 using available funds in the Planning Division Ordinary Maintenance Account for prior year neighborhood planning invoice.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

64. Mayor's Request 207200 (ID:19926) Requesting acceptance of a \$224,099 grant with no new match required, from the State 911 Office to the Police Department to fund E911 personnel costs.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

65. Mayor's Request 207201 (ID:19907) Requesting acceptance of a \$49,091 grant that requires a match, from the Department of Homeland Security to the Fire Department for portable radios.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

66. Mayor's Request 207202 (ID:19921) Requesting acceptance of a grant of up to \$8,734, with no new match required, from National Grid to the Housing Residential Energy Efficiency programs.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

67. Mayor's Request 207203 (ID:19919) Requesting acceptance of a \$8,315 grant with no new match required, from the MA Board of Library Commissioners to the Public Library for an urban gardening initiative.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

68. Mayor's Request 207204 (ID:19922) Requesting acceptance of a \$1,332 grant with no new match required, from the Urban Directors Sustainability Network to the Housing Division Residential Energy Efficiency programs for a Peer Learning Exchange Program.

Alderman White requested to waive the reading of item 68 and refer it to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

69. Mayor's Request 207205 (ID:19929) Requesting the appointment of Dennis Moynihan to the position of Fire Fighter.

Alderman Scott requested to waive the readings of items 69 through 78 and refer them to the Confirmation of Appointments Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

70. Mayor's Request 207206 (ID:19930) Requesting the appointment of John Blake to the position of Fire Fighter.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

71.	Mayor's Request 207207 (ID:19931)	Requesting the appointment of John Driscoll to the position of Fire Fighter.		
		RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee	
72.	Mayor's Request 207208 (ID:19932)	Requesting the appointment of John Mucci to the position of Fire Fighter.		
		RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee	
73.	Mayor's Request 207209 (ID:19933)	Requesting the appointment of Rafael Flores to the position of Fire Fighter.		
		RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee	
74.	Mayor's Request 207210 (ID:19983)	Requesting the appointment of Laura Beretsky to the Community Preservation Committee.		
		RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION  Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters  Committee	
75.	Mayor's Request 207211 (ID:19984)	Requesting the appointment of Tatiana Shannon to the Community Preservation Committee.		
		RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION  Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters  Committee	
76.	Mayor's Request 207212 (ID:19920)	Requesting the appointment of Patrice Faulkner to the Fair Housing Commission.		
		RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee	
77.	Mayor's Request 207213 (ID:19917)	Requesting the re-appointment of Michael Fager as a member of the Conservation Commission.		
		RESULT: FOLLOWUP:	REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee	

78. Mayor's Request 207214 (ID:19918)

Requesting the re-appointment of David Turin as a member of the Conservation Commission.

**RESULT:** REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters

Committee

79. Mayor's Request 207215 (ID:19985) Requesting that the President of this Board appoint an Alderman to serve on the Open Space Task Force.

President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 79 and place it on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

80. Mayor's Request 207216 (ID:19925) Requesting that the President of this Board appoint an Alderman to serve on the Office of Housing Stability Advisory Board.

President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 80 and place it on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

# COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

81. Officer's 207217 (ID:20010)

Planning Director submitting an updated amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Communication regarding adult-use marijuana establishments, as approved by the Land Use Committee on 12/4/18.

For discussion of this item, see #207039.

RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]

**AYES:** Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr., McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen,

Clingan, Niedergang, Ballantyne

Rossetti, Scott, Davis **ABSENT:** 

82. Officer's 207218 (ID:20011)

Planning Director submitting a minor amendment to the recently-enacted Communication Ordinance for Adult Use Marijuana Licensing.

> This item was presented as a technical fix to an error in the wording of the Adult-Use Marijuana Licensing ordinance passed in November.

ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS] **RESULT:** 

Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott. AYES:

Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne

83. Officer's 207219

(ID:19923)

Legislative Liaison submitting the updated process for obtaining a Communication Neighborways Artistic Street Painting Permit.

> President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 83 and place it on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

PLACED ON FILE **RESULT:** 

### **NEW BUSINESS**

84. 207220

License/Permit Public Event License, Arts Council Illuminations Tour, City Hall Concourse and Citywide, Dec 15, 3-10:30PM (raindate Dec 16).

(ID:19940)

Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 84 and 85 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

85. License/Permit 207221 (ID:19942)

Transferring Taxi Medallion License, Medallion #65 from Alewife Transportation to VINL Transportation.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

License/Permit 86. 207222 (ID:19943)

New Outdoor Seating License, Tasting Counter, 14 Tyler St, placing an A-Frame sign at the corner of Somerville Ave and Properzi Way, and at the corner of Properzi Way and Tyler St.

Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the reading of item 86 and refer it to the Licenses and Permits Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION **RESULT:** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

87. License/Permit 207223

Sign/Awning Permit, Los Amigos Taquerira, 424 Highland Ave, channel letters and blade sign.

(ID:19944)

Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 87 through 90 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

88. License/Permit 207224 (ID:19945)

Renewing Automatic Amusement Devices License, Lucky Strike, 325 Revolution Dr.

**RESULT:** 

89. License/Permit

Renewing Dog Kennel License, Riverdog Daycare, 321 Somerville Ave.

207225 (ID:19946)

**RESULT:** APPROVED

90. 207226

License/Permit Renewing Garage License, Broadway Motor Cars, 161 Broadway.

(ID:19947)

**RESULT:** 

**APPROVED** 

**APPROVED** 

91. 207227 (ID:19948)

License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 1, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 259 McGrath Hwy.

> Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of this item and items 92 and 93, approve them, and refer them to the Licenses and Permits Committee for follow-up, so the Committee could address charges of wage theft. She said the Board could rescind the licenses in the future if needed. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**APPROVED** RESULT:

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

92. License/Permit 207228 (ID:19949)

Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 1, Smart Center Boston, 257 McGrath Hwy.

Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of this item and items 91 and 93, approve them, and refer them to the Licenses and Permits Committee for follow-up, so the Committee could address charges of wage theft. She said the Board could rescind the licenses in the future if needed. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

93. 207229 (ID:19950)

License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealer Class 1, Herb Chambers Mercedes Benz of Boston Commercial Vans, 161 Linwood St.

> Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of this item and items 91 and 92, approve them, and refer them to the Licenses and Permits Committee for follow-up, so the Committee could address charges of wage theft. She said the Board could rescind the licenses in the future if needed. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

**FOLLOWUP:** Licenses and Permits Committee

94. 207230

License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Green Automotive, 600 Windsor

(ID:19951)

Alderman Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 94 through 108 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

**RESULT: APPROVED** 

95. 207231

License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Broadway Auto Sales, 525 Broadway.

(ID:19952)

RESULT: **APPROVED** 

96. 207232 (ID:19953)

License/Permit Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Top Gear Motor Group, 24 Joy St.

> **RESULT: APPROVED**

97.	License/Permit 207233 (ID:19954)	Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Real Auto Shop, 463 McGrath Hwy.		
		RESULT:	APPROVED	
98.	License/Permit 207234 (ID:19955)	Renewing Used Ca St.	r Dealers License Class 2, Webster Auto Sales, 61 Prospect	
		RESULT:	APPROVED	
99.	License/Permit 207235 (ID:19956)	Renewing Used Ca 325 Alewife Brook	r Dealers License Class 2, William Doucette Auto Sales, Pkwy.	
		RESULT:	APPROVED	
100.	License/Permit 207236 (ID:19957)	Renewing Used Ca Broadway.	r Dealers License Class 2, Broadway Motor Cars, 161	
		RESULT:	APPROVED	
101.	License/Permit 207237 (ID:19958)	Renewing Used Ca	r Dealers License Class 2, Leins Auto Repair, 69 Bow St.	
		RESULT:	APPROVED	
102.	License/Permit 207238 (ID:19959)	Renewing Used Ca Washington St.	r Dealers License Class 2, Somerville Motors, 182	
		RESULT:	APPROVED	
103.	License/Permit 207239 (ID:19960)	Renewing Used Ca St.	r Dealers License Class 2, Master Used Cars, 121 Prospect	
		RESULT:	APPROVED	
104.	License/Permit 207240 (ID:19961)	Renewing Outdoor Perfect Dental.	Seating License, 130 Broadway LLC for Fat Hen and	
		RESULT:	APPROVED	
105.	License/Permit 207241 (ID:19962)	Renewing Outdoor	Seating License, Spoke Wine Bar, 89 Holland St.	
		RESULT:	APPROVED	
106.	License/Permit 207242 (ID:19963)	Renewing Outdoor	Seating License, Boston Burger Company, 37 Davis Sq.	
		RESULT:	APPROVED	
107.	License/Permit 207243 (ID:19964)	Renewing Outdoor	Seating License, PJ Ryans, 239 Holland St.	
		RESULT:	APPROVED	

108. License/Permit Renewing Outdoor Seating License, The Juice Union, 23A Bow St.

207244 (ID:19965)

**RESULT:** APPROVED

109. Officer's Planning Director submitting public comments received re: #206747, the Communication proposed zoning overhaul.

207245 (ID:19966)

President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 109 and place it on file with a copy to the Land Use Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

110. Public Public comments received re: #206747, the proposed zoning overhaul, since Communication the conclusion of the Planning Board's comment period.

207246 (ID:19967)

President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 110 and place it on file with a copy to the Land Use Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee

### SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

111. Citation By Ald. Ballantyne, the Entire Board and the Mayor

207247 Commending the Sanctuary City Steering Committee and Educators for (ID:20024) Sanctuary Schools, for the numerous services they have tirelessly organized for

immigrant residents, students and families.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

112. Resolution By Ald. Ballantyne, Hirsch

207248 (ID:20033) That the Administration and Director of Finance discuss the impact to the budget if the FCC redefines cable franchising.

Alderman Ballantyne wanted to learn the impact of a proposed FCC ruling on city finances, and on the Somerville Media Center.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

113. Order By Ald. Ballantyne

207249 (ID:20034)

That the Director of Inspectional Services share in writing with the Ward 7 Alderman the number of stop-work violations issued to Tufts University and Walnut Hill Properties.

RESULT: APPROVED

114. Order 207250 (ID:20035) By Ald. Ballantyne

That the Director of SPCD and the Chief of Police implement immediate safety and traffic dampening measures along Powderhouse Blvd from North St. to the West Somerville Neighborhood School, and assign a Police Officer to the School during drop-offs and pick-ups.

Alderman Ballantyne stated that traffic safety on Powderhouse Boulevard is a continual problem.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**FOLLOWUP:** Traffic and Parking Committee

115. Mayor's Request

Requesting approval to create the Jobs Creation Trust Fund

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

Request 207251 (ID:19927)

116. Mayor's Request 207252 (ID:20019) Requesting the appropriation and authorization of total project costs for the renovation of Prospect Hill Park, the rededication of the Park to park purposes in perpetuity, and the authorization to seek funding from the PARC Grant Program.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

**FOLLOWUP:** Finance Committee

117. Public

PERAC submitting the required FY 2020 retirement system appropriation.

Communication 207253 (ID:20032)

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

### LATE ITEMS

118. Citation

By Ald. The Entire Board

207254 (ID:20036) Commending City Clerk John Long for his outstanding work on behalf of this Board and the City.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

119. Mayor's Request 206871 (ID:19621) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoices totaling \$176,891.54 using available funds in various DPW General Fund Accounts.

Discharged from the Committee on Finance.

RESULT: APPROVED

### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 12:05 AM.